

FEBRUARY ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The Rock Party was held on February 21 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Wooly's and Jackie's. There was a nice turnout of members, including: Judith Bay, Jayne Beer, Corey Beer, Andrew Tiedje, Allan Gossman, Brett Jurgens, Ed Ridge, Jim Marburger, and me. I apologize that I do not know the name of one woman who attended, and Rowdy Cropp was also in attendance.

After eating a wonderful array of foods at the potluck, we retired to the basement to check out the club library. The Board of Directors decided that it was time to eliminate the library because it had not been used in several years. With the advent of the Internet and all the readily available information, the paper library has become obsolete.

Members selected books and other publications they wanted for their personal libraries. There were many "oooohs" and "aaahhs" over what was available. Some items were selected for the youth group, and later given to Carolyn Ashmore for keeping. Several items were pulled out and set aside for putting on the Silent Auction at the show. I took several boxes of items to be added to the club history files. (As time permits, I will be scanning items and placing them on the website for member access.)

It was a successful rock party and everyone seemed to be pleased with their selections.



See how happy Judith and Jayne look? You can be this happy, too, by attending monthly rock parties!!

MINERAL MONKEYS

To earn the "Reaching Across Generations" badge in the Future Rockhounds of America program, the juniors were instructed to write an article about their senior mentor. The following is one such article.

MY GEM CLUB ELDER - JIM MARBURGER

by Ellie Lyman

Jim was born in Pawnee, Nebraska on March 17, 1952. His family was made up of his parents and 3 boys. His parents had a retail canvas manufacturing store in Humboldt when he was growing up. As a child his parents told all the kids they needed to have a hobby - his two brothers enjoyed photography or mechanics, but Jim was in to rocks! In fact, Jim joined the LGMC in 1970 when he was 18 years old.

Jim went to school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology with a minor in Industrial Technology. Jim has worked with the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Nebraska since 1972. In 1977 he also started a rock business with his partners.

In 1994 Jim met his wife Sharon at his job, and they got married in 1999. Sharon is also a member of LGMC and they both help out with all of the club activities. This year I have learned many things about rocks from Jim, and he has even given me a book that had been his! He really does know a lot about rocks.