

SCIENCE FAIR 2016

by Carolyn Ashmore

I personally want to say a BIG, BIG thank you to all the adult volunteers and junior member volunteers for another successful Science Fair. As I've said many times before, we couldn't have done it without all of your help. This year ran like a well-oiled machine. Our junior and senior members were totally awesome working with the science fair participants, their parents, and the guests.

We arrived early and were set up on time. We got busy right away before the opening ceremonies. We had 13 adult members and 7 Junior members participate at our booth this year, and we stayed constantly busy the entire time. Many people stopped, watched our demonstrations, and asked us lots of questions about our hobby, our club, and our junior activities.

Everyone had a great time; we all had a chance to take a break, eat, and walk around the building and look at the other guest presenters' booths.

This yearly event helps us to get the word out in our community about our hobby and it is always a fun time for all who attend.

Thanks Again Rockhound Family!



The Gem Dig is always a popular activity.



Logan works on a cabochon (above) and Carolyn helps set up the Gem Dig (right).



MINERAL MONKEYS

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Greetings Juniors!

I have a lot of information to share with you this month, before our show April 2 and 3. At the March meeting, we will be painting seashells with your senior members, then displaying them at the Junior's Booth at the show. I will be bringing everything needed to complete this project. You will be able to take them home on Sunday, April 3 after the show. We've never done this project before and I'm excited to see what designs you come up with.

Again this year, we will have a sign-up sheet for the days and times you can volunteer at the show. Please sign up because this helps me to coordinate the schedules of who will be there, and make sure that we have someone working in the booth at all times during the show. Remember to wear your club t-shirt and show off those badges you have earned in the Future Rockhounds of America program.

I will be handing out your earned Monkey Bucks at the show. Just like at the January Swap, these can be used to purchase items at the show.

I have signed up the juniors for a couple of display cases at the show. I would love for you to each bring two items (rocks, minerals, or fossils) from your collection. On a 3x5 index card, explain what your specimen is, where it's from or where you found it, and what makes it special to you. We will put everything into the cases, which will be locked, and you will get your items and cards back at the end of show.

Lastly, if you have your MWF Poster done by the March meeting, please bring it. I will be collecting them up through the end of the show. I will mail the packet of posters no later than the 5th of April. If you don't have your poster to me by then, you'll have to mail it yourself to meet the April 15th deadline.

March is a busy time for all of us with the Science Fair, Geology Day, and our show right around the corner. If you have any questions about anything, please come see me.

Whew! I hope I remembered everything.

Rock on, Juniors!

