

**APRIL ROCK PARTY**

By Charles Wooldridge

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held a Rock/Grinding Party on April 23 at Jackie and "Wooly" Wooldridge's home in northeast Lincoln. Thirteen club members and two guests (from the North Central Kansas Rock Club) were in attendance. Wooly made a big pot of Bison Chili and many side dishes and delicious desserts graced the kitchen.

Three Genie cabbing machines, a slant cabber and a couple of trim saws ensured there was ample opportunity for creative lapidary expression.

A fire was lit in the backyard at which Jayne provided pyrotechnic oversight while turns were taken toasting, burning, and consuming delectable smores. It was nice to see new and old members alike sharing experiences, asking questions, and socializing around the mutually affected hobby. I was struck by the distances some traveled to the event; a couple of folks were from Beatrice, two from Fairbury, and one from Missouri.



Photo by Allan Gossman



Photo by Wooly

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It was interesting to see how nature left the agates for us to find.  
Photos by Jayne Beer.



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**MINERAL MONKEYS**

By Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Juniors.

With this being our last meeting before summer break and with field trip season upon us, I thought we would talk about field trip etiquette and the AFMS Code of Ethics. This will be a refresher for a lot of you as we have talked about this topic before, but with all the new junior members in our little group, we need to go over it again. It never hurts to review the material; it reminds us to be safe and respectful while out rock hunting.



Please remember to bring a mineral from home to this meeting. I have asked Jim Marburger to bring the fluorescent light. It is always fun to see what we might have in our collections that fluoresces. Some of the specimens you may want to bring (if you have them) are Calcite, Dolomite, Halite, Chalcedony, Barite, and Selenite, to name a few. Of course you can go through your collections to see what you have. You might be surprised at what does and does not fluoresce!

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, and examining your specimens under the black light.

Rock on!