

MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Whew! What a night at Science Fair, huh?

Linda and I want to give all you volunteers a BIG Thank You. This is a wonderful event for our club year after year, and we stay busy pretty much the entire evening. We are so glad everyone had a chance to go and look around, as there were plenty of interesting things to see and participate in.

At this month's meeting on the 16th, we are getting ready for the 59th annual show. We will be working on customizing our paper balloons for the junior booth, as well as getting your displays together for the two junior cases we have reserved. If you plan on bringing your displays to the meeting, PLEASE NOTE: They need to be bagged separately with their index cards with them. The cards should contain the information of what the specimen is, where you found it, or how you acquired it. Don't forget to include your first name. This process will make it easier for Linda and me to arrange them in the cases.

If you are not ready yet and you need some additional time, we must absolutely have them at the Event Center no later than Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. I am sure you want to display something from your collection at this special event, and this will be the last chance to get them in cases before the show opens.

We will also discuss the volunteer schedule for working the booth at the show. We are going to have a wonderful time!



FEBRUARY ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger (photos by Jim Marburger)

The Rock Party was hosted by Judith Bay and Jayne Beer at The Jewelry Connection on February 18. Lots of people showed up, but it was very exciting to have several of the newer members there. The theme was Mexican food, of which there was plenty, and all of it delicious.

Corey showed several people how to grind stones on the Genie and other genie-type machine. Ends were polished and cabochon cutting demonstrated, with successful end products. Eddie and Sharon shared a Genie while Jayne worked on a silver smith project. Others watched the goings-on or sat around talking hobby stuff. As always, it was a fun evening.

Pictured below left is a malachite cab that Teresa made under Corey's tutelage and (below right) is Corey with a rapt group of students.



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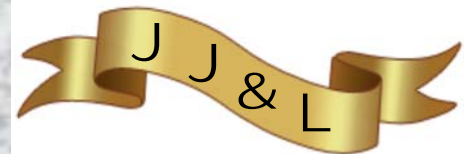
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