

MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Juniors.

I attended this year's Swap and I saw some of you there. I hope you all got some good stuff to add to your collections. Our Swap and our Show are both great places to acquire things you may want from different countries; for example, Kambaba Jasper from Madagascar or Malachite from Mexico, Africa, or Russia.



This year's Swap brought us two new juniors members, sisters Jackie and Kendra. Welcome girls! It is nice to have you both as members.

At the February meeting, we are going to talk about what you want to do for the two display cases at the show, and the Junior Booth display. We talked a little about it at the last meeting, but need to make an official decision.

I looked at your folders and a lot of you haven't completed Unit 3: "Fossils". I want you to bring your fossils from home to this month's meeting. We will discuss what is a fossil, and take a look at some of Nebraska's famous fossils.

Linda and I want to take this time to THANK everyone again for volunteering at this year's 2017 Zoetis-LPS-GSK Science Fair. This event is always a good time and fun for all. As a reminder, it will be held in Pavilion #1 at the Lancaster Event Center on Thursday, March 2 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Try to come early so we can do shifts for dinner.



Plesiosaur at the Nebraska State Museum. LGMC members helped to excavate this specimen.

JANUARY ROCK PARTY

By Charles Wooldridge

Wooly hosted the LGMC January "rock party" on Saturday the 14th. Attending the gathering were: Brian, Jayne, Corey, Kelly, Ja-Zeil, Judith, Susie, Carolyn, Paul, Ed, and two guests A.J., and Barry. There was lots of delicious food, including bison chili, venison sausage, several pies, cheeses, crackers, salad, desserts, and breads. Three Genies and a slabbing saw were set up in the basement for everyone's use while Mineral Explorer videos played upstairs. The usual rock hound tales dominated the various discussions, with crystal structures, lapidary techniques, gem locations, best finds, and the relationship between petrified wood and agates being among them. Several folks discussed how valuable these informal gatherings are for developing ongoing interest and lasting friendships within the hobby.



Picture jasper cabochon made by Jayne



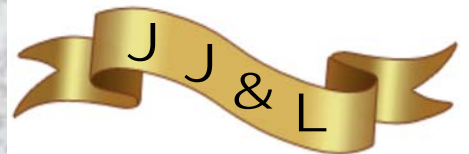
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