

MINERAL MONKEYS

By Carolyn Ashmore

I first want to thank Susy McMahan for bringing some of her collection to the last meeting, showing many examples of the three rock types. The big chunk of pumice was a big hit, and the kids couldn't believe just how light weight such a big chunk of rock really was. Everyone had lots of questions for Susy about her collection.



At November's meeting, we are going to continue with Unit 1, Rocks and Minerals, taking a look at Nebraska's state rock, mineral, and gemstone. We will also take a look at crystal shapes. I have some fun handouts on how to draw crystal shapes, and how to grow your own crystals at home. If you have already made crystals at home or at school, bring them to this meeting. They are always fun to look at and hear how they were made.

I want to thank Olive for wearing her wonderful Halloween costume this year; she came as Obsidian. Olive and her mother couldn't stay for the rest of the Halloween meeting, so I will be bringing her prize with me this month. Congrats, Olive! Well done.

ROCK ON!



OCTOBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

The October Rock Party was hosted by Ed and Pat Dvorak at their Dorchester home on Saturday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m. Always looking for a good rock time, the Marburgers showed up promptly at 3; and others slowly trickled in as the afternoon wore on. I was able to get some good lapidary time, cutting 5 stones while at the party.

Ed and Pat provided hamburger soup, chili, and pie. Some other foods were chips, finger sandwiches, rolls, more pie, apple pudding, and salad. I know I have forgotten some items, but it was all delicious!

After eating, some worked on lapidary and some watched the painful Nebraska football game. Those of us working on lapidary had a great time—I can't say the same for the others.



Corey giving Jaz a lesson on the Genie. The end product was amazing!

If you get the chance, try attending a rock party. They are lots of fun and you might just learn something new.



Two of the stones Sharon cut
Montana Agate

J J & L Rocks & Minerals

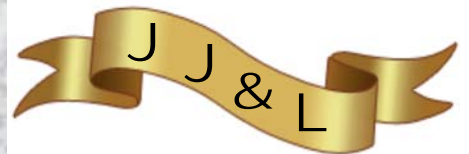
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