

## DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

Wow! Did we have a blowout for the December Rock Party held at the Marburgers' on December 14. I believe we had a Rock Party record of at least 21 people! Thank you to everyone who attended and made the party fun.

Jim showed the juniors who attended how to do an end polish on a stone. He dug into his personal stash of Lake Superior Agates and gave one to each kid to grind and polish. The kids were thrilled!

Some of the adults also went downstairs to the "rock room" to observe and then work on their own projects once the lesson was done. I was busy and did not get many photos of the gathering. I did manage to get this photo with some finished cabochons.



The attendees were well-fed with smoked chicken and a variety of other foods brought for the potluck. There were only a couple of pieces of chicken left over, but there was so much other food, no one went hungry.

I want to acknowledge and thank the group of new members who attended the party, in addition to the usual folks. It was very nice to get to know you better in a relaxed environment. I truly enjoyed visiting and sharing stories of club exploits.

# Dues are due!

See page 7 for rates

Pay your dues by January 31

A late fee will be assessed as of February 1



## HOST A ROCK PARTY

- ◆ Let the Board know if you would like to host February, March, April, or May.

### Hosting a party is easy!

- ◆ Pick a date and time.
- ◆ Determine what the theme or main dish will be.
- ◆ Provide plates and service ware.
- ◆ Have room (inside or outside) to set up equipment.
- ◆ You don't have to own your own equipment. Members will bring what they have.
- ◆ Rock Parties provide great opportunities to learn something new in the hobby.
- ◆ Don't worry if you think you don't know enough about the hobby. There is usually someone in attendance who knows stuff, or knows where to find the information.
- ◆ Rock Parties provide the opportunity to get to know your fellow hobbyists and new club members.
- ◆ That is pretty much it! Now, get ready to have some fun fellowship with other rock, mineral, and fossil enthusiasts!



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