

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members enjoyed an early Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1st. The club provided fried chicken, with members bringing a large and plentiful assortment of side dishes and desserts. The food was tempting enough that no one seems to have taken a photo of the large spread. It was enough to cover three eight foot tables, with overflow on the counter. After the meal and a quick meeting, members enjoyed Rock Bingo called out by Wooly. Members who had brought a gift also participated in the gift exchange.

The Christmas Party has been a favorite of the editor's, with memories spanning back to my childhood. It was a great pleasure to see familiar faces, as well as new club members participating.



Wooly came dressed for the part. Photo by Jim Marburger.



Bingo winners had a wide variety of prizes to choose from, courtesy of club members. Photo by Sharon Marburger.

# 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 serveware.
- ◆ 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!

## NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Brett Jurgens

The Beer Family and Judith Bay hosted the November Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection on November 17. As always, there was plenty of food to be had. Rock parties are a great way to meet other members of the club, and to get to experience working with lapidary equipment. See the next page for pictures of rocks cut and polished, and some wire wrapping done, at the Rock Party.

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By Jayne Beer

I would like to say that I appreciate everyone who came to the November Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection. We had a great turnout! So much creativity in one space. It was so great and encouraging to see young club members taking advantage of the use of the equipment and getting together and talking about rocks. They put up with us old members so kindly, almost like they liked being around us, too. I believe

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NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY—CONTINUED

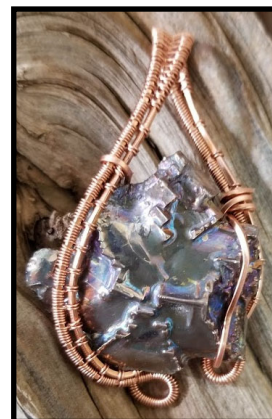
Attendees are captivated by Jim Marburger's knowledge



Jim, Jayne and Brian discuss how to rewire a motor (photo – Sharon Marburger)



Evan, Eddie, Nick, and Sampson enjoying the equipment at TJC. (photo– Sharon Marburger)



Nykky whipped out these two wire wraps for Evan in no time flat. Amazing! (photo– Sharon Marburger)



Evan's Aztec purple lace



Eddie's little tiger eye

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we had 13 people show up and they kept the machines in the back room humming the whole evening.

There was a great amount of food as always. We made Hot and Sour, Potato, and Chicken Noodle soups. There was KFC chicken and sides, corn bread, cookies, rolls, bars, and more. I don't think anyone went home hungry.

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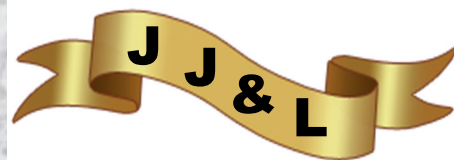
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