



Food and family (photo by Jayne Beer)



Donitte and Corey (photo by Jayne Beer)



Lapidary class friend Thor (photo by John Moss)



Two pieces of petrified wood (photo by John Moss)

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT HIDDEN GEMS

By Jayne Beer

Here at our Hidden Gems rock shop we have established a tradition - our 2nd Annual "New Year's Eve Rocks" party! "What is that?" you say. It is a gathering of friends and family to celebrate rocks on the last night of the year!

There were fewer people than normal in attendance because several regulars were sick. One thing COVID taught us was to stay home when we don't feel well. Those folks were missed and I hope they are on the mend.

As people arrived, we were eating. Of course there was lots of good food, as we always have at LGMC events. Our food theme this year was "food from your past", hoping people would bring food that they grew up enjoying. We made goulash and hamburger casserole (some call it shepherds pie).

After we ate, Corey started up the rock grinding machines. We were thrilled to see everyone head back and do some sawing, grinding, and polishing. Most people left between 11:00 and 11:45. At midnight, those remaining were Brian, Corey, Ja-zeil, his friend EJ, and me. We counted down to midnight and raised a glass to bring in the new year.

This is a very relaxed and fun way to spend New Year's Eve. Think about joining us next year! Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope you make lots of time to get out and collect rocks!

CHEERS!



John, where are your safety glasses? (photo by Jayne Beer)



Lapidary class friend, Kim, and her specimen (photo by John Moss)



Mike (photo by John Moss)



Eddie, Donitte, and Corey (photo by John Moss)