

## NEW YEARS GATHERING AT HIDDEN GEMS

By Jayne Beer

This gathering has become an annual thing at the shop. We thoroughly enjoy hosting New Year's Eve at the shop! We hope others enjoy this laid back way to move forward into the new year.

We had all the lapidary and jewelry equipment at hand and ready for anyone to use. This year we had a puzzle going that several people enjoyed putting together. We didn't get the games out; I guess we were just too distracted. There was plenty of good homemade food for everyone.

We had a fantastic turnout of club members, friends, family, and customers! It seemed as if all people had a very enjoyable time. Some folks stopped by for a short visit and some stayed most of the evening. Either way, we loved seeing one and all!

I do want to let all of you know that we have to install a new policy regarding children. We love to see kids show up and use equipment and learn to cut stones or make simple jewelry or just hang around and look at rocks. We need to strictly enforce that kids be supervised at all times and not be allowed to run around the store and shop area. We have security cameras and there have been a few incidents where unsupervised kids were doing things in the shop that they shouldn't have been doing. Please supervise your kids! Thank you!

We will continue to have events here at the store. We truly enjoy hosting the club! We will also continue to host New Year's Eve at the shop, perhaps because we don't usually get invited to New Year's Eve things or those New Year's Eve gatherings are a little too crazy for my current tastes. Keep us in mind as you are thinking about your end of the year plans!

CHEERS FROM THE BEERS here at Hidden Gems Rock Shop!



Becky is a regular customer at the store. (photo by Jayne Beer)



Ja-zeil taking a break (photo by John Moss)



Judith & Jayne (photo by John Moss)