

AUGUST ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer (photos by Jayne)

We had a good evening at the Jewelry Connection for the August 22 rock party. Even without a theme announced, it turned out to be comfort food night. We made what we call hamburger casserole (others call it Shepherds pie), there were beanie weenies, goulash, kolaches, chips and dip (that yummy cheese dip that I can't buy because I will eat the whole thing), jalapeño & cream cheese dip, salad, lemon bars, peach cobbler, brownie muffins and the list goes on and on.

Once we were in comfort food heaven, we all went to work on our projects. We had three cutting machines ablaze with everyone's summer rock finds. There were some real beauties brought to life. Gene asked me to demonstrate a little jewelry-making so I put together a pendant made out of Ocean Breaker Jasper (as identified by Jim). Jim did much stone identifying - I hope he doesn't mind. Jim has much knowledge in the rock department and I very much appreciate him helping us learn what all these random finds are. We also looked at some cordless microphones that Susy acquired in her neverending quest to make us microphone users! Ja-zeil thought they were cool! (Sharon heard a little karaoke from Jaz. ☺)

We had a great group there. Of course I (Jayne), Brian, Corey, Ja-zeil, and Judith Bay hosted the event; others present included Jim and Sharon Marburger, Linda Guenther, Eddie Ridge, Carolyn and Paul Ashmore, Susy McMahan, and Gene Mulinex. I've said it before and I'll say it again: I think these rock parties are the heart of the group. It is so nice to get together and share our hobby interests.

Also - BY THE WAY - the grinding parties are fun and easy to host. We are needing a host for the month of October. Please think about it and let us know.



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Jayne,
stone by
Corey.
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Stones cut by Jayne.

