

## DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

By Sharon Marburger

The Marburgers hosted the December Rock Party at their home on December 10. The party started earlier than usual, at 3:00 p.m., so those with other holiday-related obligations could attend the party and still be able to go to other functions in the evening. Although it was a good idea in theory, we soon discovered that 5:00 gatherings are probably the best.

Those who joined Jim and Sharon were Ed & Pat Dvorak; Carolyn & Paul Ashmore; Andrew Tiedje; Nick Lytle & Nykky Chrastil; Ed Ridge; Jayne, Brian, and Corey Beer; Charles Wooldridge; Judith Bay; and Susy & Elayna McMahan.

For the main dish, Sharon made a filling for chicken pot pie with biscuits on the side. There was ham and cheese for sandwiches, crackers, rolls, potato salad, chips, fruit, veggie tray, some desserts, and other yummy things.

Two Genies were available, one with the saw attachment set up. It was nice to see the lapidaries jump right in and use the equipment.

Nick cut and polished a beautiful piece of petrified wood.



Andrew worked on a thunderegg that had even those who don't care for

thundereggs, drooling over.

Nykky had an audience looking over her wonderful copper-wrapped pieces. She does a fabulous job of filigree and wire weaving. I understand she will be teaching a class over at The Jewelry Connection. Check in with her if you are interested in learning her intricate craft.



lessons were taught and learned, and lots of fun was had.



Judith and Jayne helped Sharon out with a stubborn silver piece. After hours of Sharon fighting with it, Jayne picked it up, lit the torch, and Voila!, it was all fixed. Judith and Sharon looked at one another and just shook their heads. Jayne always makes it look so easy!



These were just a few of the stones worked on at the party. As you can see, we do have a great time!



Everyone left well-fed, happy with their projects, and off to other endeavors. It was a merry Christmas Rock Party!

As always, stories and information were shared,