

NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

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The wall of rocks is just about the first thing to catch your eye when you walk into The Jewelry Connection. The beautiful wall of cabochons, polished slabs, and other specimens is in memory of the late Roger Pabian. Dr. Pabian was a member of LGMC for many, many years, and those of us who remain still miss his knowledge and friendship.

I chuckled as I took this photograph because I couldn't decide if a lesson was being given, or if the three "boys" were in a "time out" for some nefarious deed. It turns out that Jim and Corey were sharing their memories of Roger with Gene.

The Rock Party was held on November 20, with a variety of soups as the main course of the potluck. An assortment of cornbread, muffins, salads, chips, desserts, and other food items complemented the meal.

Members attending were Brian, Jayne, & Corey Beer, Judith Bay, Gene Mulinex, Ed Ridge, Andrew Tiedje, and Jim & Sharon Marburger. Three visitors also joined in the fun.

Gene brought his brand new Genie that had been in storage for over 30 years. He asked Jim to check it over and oil the pump. After the Genie was given a clean bill of health, Gene proceeded to give it a workout.

Eddie did some grinding and polishing using one of Jayne's machines. Corey also worked some stones. He was quite pleased with the outcome of a piece of kyanite he picked up at a sale.

Andrew and Jim spent a lot of time talking with one of the visitors, a man that Andrew met online. The gentleman was quite enthusiastic about the hobby, and seemed eager to share his collection. We may gain a new member!

