

MID-WINTER ROCK SWAP

by Sharon Marburger

The Mid-Winter Rock Swap took place the afternoon of January 24, 2015 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Approximately 13 swappers spent the afternoon sharing their love of the hobby with the lower-than-usual number of attendees. The smaller crowd was attributed to the very nice January weather. People were apparently spending the nice day in preparation for the big snow storm that was predicted to come - and it did come! However, the public who chose to visit the swap purchased many swapper-bucks and spent those same bucks with our swappers. It appeared to be a successful event.

Several rounds of Silent Auction were run in conjunction with the Swap. Many donations were received from club members and some of the swappers. One friend of the club, Nate, provided many cabochons to be auctioned off. As always, we thank him for his generosity. Carolyn Ashmore did a fantastic job of running the Silent Auction table, with help from Jim Marburger and Sharon Schleiger, throughout the event.

As usual, Vera Lyman greeted visitors at the door, asking them to sign our guest book and selling them swapper bucks. I helped with these duties, and also handled the Silent Auction sales. Several Mineral Monkeys made sure the snack table stayed stocked with the abundance of treats brought in by club members. Thanks to Jayden for heading this group. The swappers and club members did a swell job of setting up and taking down tables and chairs; many thanks to those folks. Everyone worked well together to contribute to a successful day.

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Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge talks with a customer



Swappers Brad Nielsen and Rowdy Cropp exchanging "fish" stories.



Oooooo! Look at that!



Charlie & Karen Messenger
"Decisions, decisions."



Connie McCartney takes a break from whittling.

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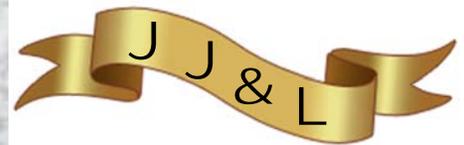
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MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Hello Again Juniors:

WOW! Two snow days in one week! That's awesome! I hope you all had a chance to enjoy your extra time out of school and have fun in the fluffy white stuff.

Our February meeting will be on unit #14, Stone Age Tools and Art. We will be starting our Navajo Sand Art project this month, so bring your cardboard drawings back, and remember the colors we will be using are red, blue, green, and yellow, with the white background. We will finish, seal, and frame them at our March meeting, so we can have them ready to display at our booth at the show.

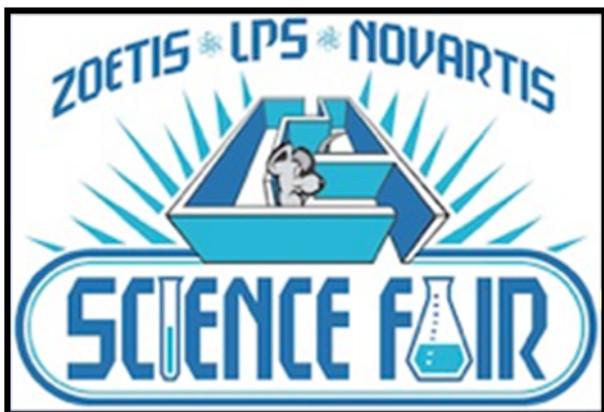
For those of you who just forgot, or I just gave you the papers at the last meeting, bring your reports back on the Famous Craters, and the paper on identifying our Solar System so we can finish up this unit.

JUST A REMINDER

Thursday, March 5th is Science Fair. We need to be there at 4:00 to set up. I will take everything we need to do our gem dig. We're usually there only 4 hours. I want to say thank you to the juniors and their parents and grandparents for volunteering again this year. What a great way to reach out in our community, and share our hobby with others.

Susy will be having shoulder surgery this month, so she won't be with us at this month's meeting, or the Science Fair. We all will miss her, and we want to wish her a speedy recovery!!!!

ROCK ON MY SNOWY FRIENDS!



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Swapper Dick Farlow takes a break from swapping and places some bids at the Silent Auction. Wife Donna looks on with anticipation. Paul Ashmore watches to ensure there are no "bid hoggers."

Sharon Schleiger assists Silent Auction chairman Carolyn Ashmore by setting out new items for auction.



photo by Judy Anson

Many thanks to Swap Chairman, Jayne Beer, and Treasurer, Vera Lyman, without whom there would have been no swap!



Happy Birthday LGMC