

## GRINDING PARTY AT PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER

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Another Grinding Party has ground to a halt! It was not as busy as Geology Day was. As of 4:05 p.m., the count was 58 adults and 55 kids, for a total of 113. At least we broke 100!

There were 11 displayers and a mostly steady but slow attendance. Maybe the heat and humidity had something to do with it - - - or not.

Thanks to all the "Old Faithfuls," and the two new contributors, for all their work and educational interactions.

Mark your calendars now for 2015! Geology Day will be March 8 and the Grinding Party will be July 12.

Thanks, again, to all.

At the grinding party, I met Hal and his daughter, who were trying to sell some of their wife's/mom's rocks. After talking to them for quite a while, I asked what her name was. It was Bobbie Allen! Bobbie was in Lapidary Class when I started long ago. I had been to her house a couple times and she had commissioned me to make this belt buckle long ago for her husband. It was sad to learn that she had passed away earlier this year. She had been a club member in the late '70s and early '80s. I was always happy to see her at the gem and mineral shows that she rarely missed.



Corey organizing his specimens before starting his demonstration

photos by the Marburgers

**BELOW:**  
Thanks to Charlie & Karen Messenger for organizing and setting up for the Grinding Party every year!



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New Mineral Monkey, Ruby, explaining items in her display

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