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Left: Ed Ridge demonstrating hole drilling in rocks

Below: Sharing of information (club members Ed R., Ed & Pat D., Corey, Jayne, Vera)



Left: Corey & Jayne demonstrating lapidary
Below: Corey explains about making a cabochon



GRINDING PARTY

by Karen Messenger & Sharon Marburger

Greetings to all! Thanks to the hardy group who showed up in spite of the horrible heat. The heat index as 105° to 110° F. with a heat warning from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hot and sticky! That definitely affected attendance. Final numbers were 25 adults and 12 kids, totaling 37 attendees. The whole building attendance was not much better than our event total. Thanks to those who braved the heat! Karen M.

The 12th was a very hot July day. Pioneers Park was deserted. There were only seven cars at the picnic area that is usually crowded on a Sunday afternoon. It was kind of creepy, seeing the park deserted.

Only a few club members showed up to display and demonstrate. Charlie and Karen Messenger hosted the event on behalf of the Nature Center. Those displaying were Ed and Pat Dvorak, with Ed also demonstrating wire wrapping; Jim Marburger and Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge showed the two different ways to tumble polish stones and had free specimens for the kids; Ed Ridge displayed many different specimens, both rough and polished, and also demonstrated drilling holes in rocks; and Jayne Beer and Corey Beer demonstrated lapidary. Six other club members put in an appearance, but did not display or demonstrate.

It was obvious the high heat and humidity, along with the heat warning, kept the public from attending the event. It was unfortunate because the building was a comfortable cool with the air conditioning. Those who showed up had a good time, and were able to have plenty of one-on-one time with the presenters. Lots of questions were asked and answered. The hit of the event was Wooly's "pet" scorpion, found on a recent field trip.

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