

MSSC: OUR DAY AT PREHISTORIC OC FAMILY FESTIVAL



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On Saturday, October 14, 2017, MSSC members participated in The Cooper Center Prehistoric OC Family Festival. An annual Family Festival celebrating local Archaeology, Paleontology, History, Culture, Science, Cabbing and Wire Wrapping.

MSSC had the ideal location in the center of the entire event and located at the main entrance of the museum. We certainly attracted a lot of attention.

We had cabbing demonstrations, with Angie Guzman and Rudy Lopez shaping rocks that were used in the wire wrapping classes. Renee Krause headed the wire wrapping classes with Leslie Ogg, Cheryl Lopez, and Angie Guzman assisting.

We got a good early start, scouted out our location not really knowing where or how we were going to set up. Once we checked out our spot, we had to setup the cabbing and wire

wrapping areas. I had to concede to the ladies on how to set up the wire wrapping location. I set up my cabbing equipment in a corner, so people could get a good view of what we were cutting and cabbing. We all pitched in and we were setup within an hour. Everyone knew what they had to do and the set up was easy.



The Crew

Leslie Ogg, Renee Krause, Rudy & Cheryl Lopez and Angie Guzman



We had to make a change at the wire wrapping location after the signup sheet was put out. With the overwhelming response for the wire wrapping, we needed another table and more chairs.



The new setup allowed the wire wrapping to accommodate 6 to 10 wrappers at one time. Renee and Cheryl started setting up the wire wrapping table while Angie and Leslie got the display case and give away table ready.



Renee & Cheryl setting up the wrapping area.



Leslie & Angie working on the display case and give away table.

Don't think I wasn't doing anything, someone had to take the pictures and that is hard work!



Once the event opened you can see we were all busy. Renee is giving help on her wrapping class, while Cheryl is trying her first attempt at wire wrapping. Leslie is at the giveaway table and Rudy is at the cabbng area. Angie is missing, but it is her turn on the camera.

The main attraction at our booth and the event was the Wire Wrapping classes. The event staff told us our booth was the busiest the whole day. The Festival was from 10:00am - 3:00pm and we had the signup sheet full for the day by 11:00am. We had hoped to be finished by 2:00pm so we could start cleaning up, but we had so many that came later; we had to add more classes.



The start of the wire wrapping classes.



Images of the classes given throughout the day.



Happy faces and one happy family that learned how to wire wrap and went home with a new necklace that they created.

The cabbing demonstrations that were done by Angie and Rudy went well. We had to explain what we were doing and how it tied into the wrapping classes.



Angie Guzman busy on the cabbing machines. Angie is working on two CABKING machines that have 9 wheels that shape and polish and a saw attachment that will cut rocks to shape.



Rudy cutting a stone to work for shaping.



Rudy showing Angie how to use the machines.



Angie working on her stone.



Angie's finished stone which she wire wrapped.



At our give away table we gave over 350 bags of minerals and seashells.

More pictures of the festival.





I want to thank the Cooper Center & OC Parks for inviting us again to participate in their event. I also want to thank Renee Krause for her great wire wrapping class, which was one of the biggest attractions of the event. Thanks to Leslie, Angie, and Cheryl for working on the giveaway table and Angie for doing a fantastic job on the cabbng machine. We all did a great job as usual representing MSSC at the event we attended.