

APRIL ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger (photos by Jayne Beer and Sharon M.)

The Rock Party was hosted by Ed Ridge on April 19th. Eddie planned a fantastic party, complete with food and a geological Easter egg hunt! It was a glorious Saturday evening; perfect temperature and no bugs!! We gathered in Eddie's back yard where we had a lovely sandwich picnic with all the trimmings.

Because it was Easter weekend, the party had a slow start. Soon enough, though, members began trickling in. Those in attendance were Sharon Marburger; Ed Dvorak; Brian Beer; Jayne Beer; Corey Beer; Jayne's nephew, Jake; Charles Wooldridge; Jackie Barnhardt; and, of course, Ed Ridge. We had a fun time eating and hunting for Easter eggs.

Eddie went all-out with the Easter eggs. He "planted" 60+ eggs filled with small stones and minerals, and many with slips of numbered paper. The numbers corresponded with a larger specimen, rough, or slabs. The numbered items were found in Eddie's basement, living room, or garage. It seemed like quite a labor-intensive effort on Eddie's part, but I think he enjoyed it as much as we who hunted. All of the treasures were donated by Eddie, from his personal collection.

The hunters combed Eddie's front, back, and side yards, and the garage, for eggs. I always find great pleasure in teasing Corey when he misses a specimen, and I was not to be disappointed during this endeavor. Corey did not realize that two eggs were hidden in the same spot; he got one, I the other.

At the end of it all, Eddie said he located a few of the eggs that we missed, and one is still missing. At least the specimens won't decompose and make a big stench like real eggs!!



