

MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Wow! What a great show we had! You all worked so hard, and Susy and I couldn't ask for a better bunch of kids and adults, all working together as one big happy family (the rockhound way). A BIG thank you to Linda Guenter, Breanna Suhr, Sharon Schleiger, Marcia Eddy-Hamilton, and Philip Ashmore for giving their time, allowing everyone to get a chance to look around the show.



photo by Carolyn Ashmore

With summer right around the corner, and May 15th our last meeting for 3 months, IT'S FIELD TRIP SEASON!!!!

For some the Senior Monkeys our lesson for May will be a review, but it is something we can never hear enough. "Safety In The Field," the dos and don'ts for when you are out on a field trip. We will also discuss the "AFMS Code of Ethics" which is every rockhound's GOLDEN RULE.

With the field trip season upon us, another thing I want to cover is how to store and label your collection. By now, you all know how to collect, but storing that collection sometimes becomes a problem! We're going to show you several ways of storing what you collect. Using egg cartons, shoe boxes, and other containers, you can store all your collections: neatly, labeled, and organized.

Remind your parents about the May 24 field trip to Jesup, Iowa; and watch the P&S for information about the field trip to Ashfalls State Park this summer.

See you at the meeting!

APRIL ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

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.



photo by Jayne Beer

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



photo by Sharon Marburger

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.

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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!!

photos on this page by Jayne Beer and Sharon Marburger



above: Sharon's treasures from the Easter Egg Hunt



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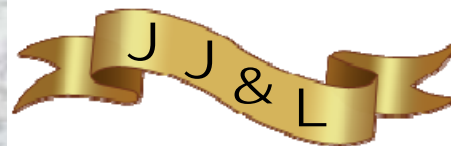
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