

# ***THE BADGER DIGGIN'S***

***The Badger Lapidary and Geological Society, Inc.***

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

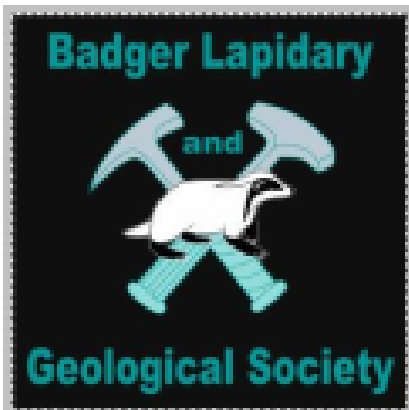
***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

2024 is going to be a great rock hunting year! If you have any questions about the club or club events, please contact an officer.

Rock On  
Debbie Lamb



## **January Events**

January 13<sup>th</sup>

10:30 Meeting & Recap of  
Past and Future Field Trips

Festival Foods - Janesville, WI

January 27<sup>th</sup>

Milwaukee Public Museum  
and Cedarburg Rock Shop

Email will be sent to all members with Field  
Trip details prior to trip.

# 2024 Club Schedule

## January

13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Recap of past and present  
Field Trips

27<sup>th</sup> – Milwaukee Museum - Cedarburg  
Rock Shop

## February

10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Wire Wrapping

24<sup>th</sup>- Cave of the Mounds

## March

9<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Show Prep

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Show

## April

13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Show Workshops recap

27<sup>th</sup>- Janesville Quarry

## May

11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Guest Speaker

25<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Quarry

## June

8<sup>th</sup> – Picnic – location TBD

22<sup>nd</sup> – Iowa Quarry

## July

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Herkimer Mine in New York

27<sup>th</sup> – Quarry Trip – Location TBD

## August

10<sup>th</sup> - UP Michigan Trip & Houghton Rock  
Show

24<sup>th</sup> – Eau Claire Jasper Hunting Trip

## September

14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting - Show & Tell

28<sup>th</sup> – Wausau Moonstone Trip

## October

12<sup>th</sup> – Lapidary Days

26<sup>th</sup> – Keokuk Iowa GeodesTrip

## November

9<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Guest Speaker

## December

14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – Location TBD

**Meetings will be held at**

**Festival Foods  
2233 Humes Rd  
Janesville, WI  
at 10:30 am.**

**Email will be sent to all members with  
Field Trip details prior to trip.**

**If meetings or field trips must be  
changed – all members will receive an  
email with updated information prior  
to the event.**

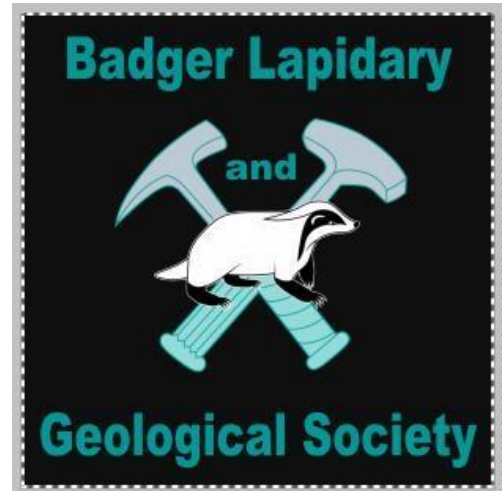
## 2024 Membership

Just a reminder that 2024 membership dues are due!

\$15 for Single and \$20 for Family.

Dues can be sent to  
Treasurer - Penny Petranek  
or paid at meetings. To participate in  
Field Trips - dues are required to be paid.

If you have paid your 2024 ~ Thank You



**Hats \$5, T-Shirts \$18**



**Calendars \$20**

## **Badger Lapidary and Geological Society Meeting Agenda December 9th, 2023**

The meeting was Called to Order and Introductions were made by our club President, Dan Trocke

Our meeting program today is a Holiday Party for the Club at the World Buffet in Madison WI.

Our minutes for the November meeting were accepted by Tammy Kay and seconded by John Norman

Announcements and reminders: Calendars (\$ 15), hats (\$ 5) and T-shirts (\$ 18) are for sale and available

Please be sure to pay Penny your 2024 dues

Penny Petronek, our treasurer reported we have about \$1100 dollars left in our account with bills to be paid for a report that was done, and we have incoming dollars for vendor fees for the show coming up on March 16th and 17th.

The first door prize was some Malachite won by Darsha Norman.

Old business:

Election of officers. The elected officials for 2024 are President Dan Trocke, Vice President Mark Wolf, Secretary Gwyn Padden Lechten, Member at large John Norman, and Treasurer Penny Petranek. Congratulations to all of our 2024 officers.

A wonderful meal was had by many club members, we played the gold brick game and had a sing along by Cherie Zahn and Dan Trocke. Nice job singers! A very social and

fun event. If you didn't make it this year, don't miss it next year.

The second door prize was some Polychrome Jasper won by Sebastian Lechten.

New Business:

There will be a planning meeting scheduled for new officers. Watch your emails for more information.

Show Business: 5 Speakers have been confirmed for the March show. 1) Ben Hartz, a speaker from the Geology Museum in Madison WI, John Dean on Fluorescent flashlights, Jim Varlega on Meteorites, and Dr. Becky Williams PSI(Planetary Science Institute). Looks like an outstanding group of speakers for the show.

Vendors have been confirmed or replaced for the show.

There will be a competition for entrants to build a mars moon rover. Rules: it must fit in a 2' X 2' space.

First place prize is a Meteorite and a signed poster. Other prizes haven't been announced yet.

Groups in the competition are 4 and under, 5-9 years, 10 and up That's going to be great fun. Everyone can get involved.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of our new Secretary, Gwyn Padden Lechten and seconded by Erin Trocke.

We wish you a bright and happy holiday followed by amazing adventures all throughout the new year.

*Sincerely, Secretary, Cherie Dowman Zahn  
on behalf of the Badger Lapidary and Rock Club - December, 9th 2023*

## Make sure to check out the Badger Rock Club Facebook Page!!



## Newsletter info:

- Members, please share your Rock adventures with Badger Members. I would love to add your adventures to our Badger monthly newsletter. Please email me ([dkaylamb@yahoo.com](mailto:dkaylamb@yahoo.com)) with your pictures and information.
- When placing a picture on Facebook members are giving BLGS permission to add pictures to monthly newsletter.

Have a Wonderful 2024!!!  
Debbie

## 2023 Officers Roster

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*If you have any questions, please contact a Club officer.*