

Dear Badgers:

Welcome back from what was hopefully an exciting and productive summer of rock, mineral, and fossil collecting. As most of you know, our September meeting (on Saturday, the 8th, at 10 a.m. at the Monroe Public Library) is devoted to **show-and-tell**. So bring in some of your best samples for display and be ready to talk about how and where you collected them.

I know, for instance, that a successful club field trip was recently completed for copper specimens from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and that Teri and the Trockes recovered a partial mammoth or mastodon tusk from the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chien! Other club trips were taken to Utica, Illinois for pyrite specimens and to Door County, Wisconsin for Silurian-age coral fossils. So there should be plenty of material (and stories) to share.

Show Chair Teri Marché will also discuss the recently-announced dates for next year's BLGS show, plus the attendant changes that will be needed for having the show earlier than usual in March 2013.

If you have any particular concerns about upcoming club business or activities, please notify myself or another of the officers, so that we can begin to respond. In the meantime, we have a full schedule of activities planned for this fall, ranging from Lapidary Day in October to our annual holiday dinner in December.

I look forward to sharing these events with you during the final third of the year.

Jordan Marché
BLGS president