

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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President's Message

Dear Badgers:

Once again, we will be meeting at the Trocke family farm, on Saturday, October 13, starting at 11 a.m., for the club's annual Lapidary Day event. Full details of the generous invitation have already been announced electronically and are reprinted in this newsletter. So I needn't repeat all of the possible hands-on activities that are planned.

However, I am announcing that at least one other important activity needs to be done that day, for which your participation is requested. As Dan reported at the last meeting, the inside of the trailer suffered some damage, due to the shifting of unbraced loads, when the trailer was brought to his farm after the last show. A minor amount of carpentry work needs to be done in order to repair the said damage. Unfortunately, I do not know the extent of the materials and/or tools that will be needed. [I am counting on Dan to provide at least the former.] But I am asking that a few of us pitch in with some free labor to help make these repairs, so that the trailer and show materials will be ready for transport to the 2013 show.

Another item concerns the new mineral calendar for 2013. As I had previously requested, please bring any rock, mineral, or fossil specimens to Lapidary Day that you wish to have photographed for possible inclusion in the calendar. John Peterson has agreed to bring his traveling macrophotography setup. Also, Jack Hoxie has informed me that he has a large number of digital photos of mineral specimens from which we may choose. Hopefully, we will decide upon at least a dozen images for the calendar, and can then finalize our plans for its printing (from WalMart or some other company) and sales. Jack has even agreed to help sell our calendar at the Madison show next month, and Brian Green has likewise agreed to do the same at the Freeport show.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our annual Lapidary Day event, for some fine hands-on activities, great food, fun, and yes, even a bit of work on the club's behalf. Thank you in advance for your help.

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Club Calendar

Oct 13th: Meeting: Trocke's Farm – Lapidary Day
Oct 27th: TBD
Nov 10th: Meeting: Monroe Library – Soap Stone Carving
Dec 8th: Meeting: Monroe, WI – Annual Christmas Party



Lapidary Day

The October meeting is Lapidary Day at the Trocke's house!! See the full invitation with directions later in the newsletter. Bring a dish to pass, your beverage of choice and folding chairs if you have them!! If you have not RSVP'd, please do so right away (lor3@netscape.com).

Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was held Saturday, September 8th in the Monroe Public Library. The meeting activity was the Annual Show & Tell. After that fun activity, the meeting got under way. We welcomed new member Andrea Montayne.

The first item on the agenda was announcements. Daisy said that the DVD's that we were planning to order at the last meeting have not been purchased yet. Brian & Cindy Green have some similar ones that we can view first and decide if we still want to purchase the ones from the Midwest Federation.

Our website domain name is paid up for three years. The site looks great!! Our bank balance was confirmed and the club is doing good this year.

Daisy Peterson will do a presentation to the Monroe Optimist Club Board. The last announcement came from Erin Trocke, she requested that Teri bring in the portion of the mammoth tusk that she has been working on so everyone could see the two together.

The first door prizes were handed out. Garret won a nice piece of Red Tigers Eye; Jordan won an Ammonite from Morocco and Neil won a piece of purple Fluorite from Cave in Rock, IL.

Moving on to old business, Dan confirmed that he had purchased a 10" saw blade from Kinsley North for the club saw. He also said that the trailer needed some work after the last show. Some tie downs and ways to secure all of the bins and show items need to be added so that things don't shift around.

Teri spoke to Mike Reisch about a possible alternate fieldtrip for September. He suggested a quarry in Ripon, WI that has Crinoids (ones with heads still attached!), Calcite, Cephalopods, etc. Mike is seeking permission and Teri will update.

Dan then explained that he had met a gentleman that is trying to sell a large rock collection that he currently has stored in a warehouse. Dan will set up a weekend to meet with him and let the club know

the details so that anyone interested can go shopping. The warehouse is located in Portage, WI.

Jordan requested that anyone that has mineral specimens that they would like to have photographed for the 2013 calendar to please get them to John Peterson or to himself. If you have nice photos that you would like to have considered, please send them, via email, to Daisy Peterson. They have to be high quality images. Andrea Montayne offered to help with the calendar this year.

The next topic was Show Business. Teri said that the show dates are set for March 9th & 10th. She has added a new fossil dealer to replace the Larsons as they are retiring. She also has Wrap & Rock Gems covering for Rock Biz. Rock Biz cannot make it that weekend. Teri has the school and the homemakers signed up and will get contracts out to the dealers. Advertising can start now. The February meeting will be a regular meeting, but the February field trip will be fish pond bagging. The show sign ups for working and for display cases will be at the February meeting. If you have donations for the fish pond, you can bring it out to the Trocke's during lapidary or bring it to the February meeting so that it is ready to go for the fish pond bagging.

Clay Schroll will bring the treats for the November meeting. The October meeting is a pot luck dinner at the Trocke's for Lapidary Day, please bring a dish to pass.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

Mineral Related Events

6-7: JEFFERSON, WI The Rock River Valley Geological Society Presents the 39th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm, at the Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N Jackson St., south of I-94 off of WI-26 & US-18, Jefferson, WI. Hourly Door Prizes, Children's Activities, Great Demonstrators and some of the Midwest's Finest Gem, Mineral and Fossil Dealers. Free Will Offering and Free Parking. Food Available. Contact: Bill Jeske at 608-757-1166 or imaginationboundless@yahoo.com Or contact Steven Streich @ 608-655-1011 between 1 & 5 pm.

12 - 14 Wausau - Wausau Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale. Show will feature top experts and vendors from across the Midwest displaying and selling an amazing variety of treasures. Items featured will include unique and rare mineral and fossil specimens, award winning jewelry from WI artists, dinosaur fossils, Wisconsin fossils and minerals, cut and raw gemstones, pearls, shells, materials for your own creations, and so much more! Free and open to the public. Friday: 12:00-5:00PM, Saturday: 9AM-5PM, Sunday: 10AM-4PM. East Gate Hall, Marathon Park, 2101 Stewart Ave. For more information call (715) 212-7080.

12-14: WARREN, MI Michigan Mineralogical Society's annual Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show, Macomb Sports & Expo Center on the South Macomb CC campus Building P, Hayes Rd. between 11 1/2 & 12 Mile. Fri. 11-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Contact: Stan Woollams-President, 3443 Daleview, Ann Arbor, Mi 48105, (734) 994-3048, wooll@comcast.net

13-14: ROSEVILLE, MN; Fall Show, Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club, Har Mar Mall, 2100 Snelling, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun Noon-5:00, Contact Martha Miss, 651-459-0343, info@rock-biz.biz

20-21: CHICAGO HTS, IL; 43rd Annual Show, South Suburban Earth Science Club, Prairie State

College, 202 S Halsted St, Sat & Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Jan Podbielski, PO Box 911, Peotone, IL 60450, 708-258-3791, ssescus@yahoo.com

20-21: CLIO, MI; 45th Annual Show, Flint Rock & Gem Club, Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr, Sat & Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Mary Poma, 806 Homedale, Saginaw. MI 48604, 989-771-3549, mbpoma@ameritech.net

20-21: COTTAGE GROVE, MN; Annual Show, Minnesota Mineral Club, National Guard Training & Community Ctr, 8180 Belden Blvd, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Sandy, info@minnesotamineralclub.org, or Phil 763-717-1641

20-21: DES MOINES, IA; Annual Show, Des Moines Lapidary Society, William Knapp Animal Learning Ctr, Iowa State Fairgrounds, E University Ave Gate, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Contact Steve Cunningham, 6752 SE 32nd Ave, Pleasant Hill, IA 5032, 515-262-4578, steverv@mchsi.com

20-21: OZARK, MO; Gem & Jewelry Show, Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society, Expo Center, Contact Eddie Maples, 417-725-3001

21: ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI; Jewel, Gem & Bead Blast, Mt Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Lakeshore K of C Hall, 25003 Little Mack Ave, Sat 9:00-4:00, Contact Sue Jansen, 313-527-7001 or Ron Rolfe, 586-726-1578, yrrdfe2@wowway.com

27-28: DAVENPORT, IA; Fall Show, Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Club, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 W Locust St, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-3:30, Contact 563-445-3034

27-28: EVANSVILLE, IN; 46th Annual Show, Evansville Lapidary Society, Washington Square Mall, 1138 Washington Square Mall, Contact Ruth Reisinger, 5012 Harvest Ct, Evansville, IN 47711 812-424-7618, rrdr@wowway.com

Wisconsin October Events

6 - 7 Beaver Dam - Fall Driving Art Tour. Second annual fall driving art tour of private art studios in Dodge, Columbia, Fond du Lac and Green Lake counties. Free maps at the Seippel arts center or any Dodge central credit union location. 1605 North Spring Street. For more information call (920) 885-3635.

6 - 7 Lake Geneva - 21st Annual Oktoberfest. Family Fall Festival includes music, magic, and the Great Pumpkin Giveaway. Food and craft booths, restaurant and shopping specials and wagon rides make this a memorable weekend for all ages! Downtown Lake Geneva. For more information call (262) 248-4416.

12 - 14 North Freedom - Autumn Color Trains at Mid-Continent Railway Museum. Don't miss our popular Autumn Color Trains. Trains depart 11:00AM, 1:00PM, and 3:00PM. The museum grounds are open from 9:30AM to 5:00PM. E8948 Museum Road. For more information call (800) 930-1385

13 Fort Atkinson - Fort Wine & Stein. An exclusive tasting of premium wines and craft beers from Wisconsin and hors d'oeuvres. Call for admission info. Koshkonong Mounds Country Club. For more information call (920) 563-3210.

13 Green Bay - The Great Pumpkin Train. October 13 & 20, 2012. Ride the train to the pumpkin patch and select your pumpkin. Enjoy family entertainment and children's activities. Call for ticket info. National Railroad Museum 2285 S. Broadway. For more information call (920) 437-7623.

13 - 14 Onalaska - Fall Gift and Craft Show. Over 100 vendors featuring different gifts and crafts, food vendors, concessions, free parking, free admission and 2 days to browse through all of the wonderful booths. Onalaska Omni Center 255 Riders Club Road. For more information call (608) 781-9566.

13 - 14 Waukesha - Fall Festival at Piala's Nursery. No charge for admission - bring the family! Local craft vendors, hot food, live entertainment, farmers, and community organizations are coming together to celebrate fall. Pick your pumpkin, enjoy hot cider, and have a great time. Family friendly for any age. S39W27833 Genesee Road. For more information call (262) 547-2677.

13 - 14 Wisconsin Dells - Autumn Harvest Festival. Featuring plenty of entertainment, arts & crafts, hayrides, live music, fun fall events, great food and so much more! Decorate a pumpkin, stuff a scarecrow or visit the farmer's market. Celebrate autumn and all of its glorious

colors! Festival includes Wisconsin Dells On Tap, featuring more than 25 Breweries from around Wisconsin! Downtown Wisconsin Dells. For more information call (800) 223-3557.

19 - 20 Madison - Isthmus Food and Wine Festival. An amazing range of food and drink in exhibits, demonstrations, shopping and sampling. This new celebration of food & drink is planned as a two-day marketplace for products both new and familiar, as well as a delicious learning experience. Alliant Energy Center. For more information call (608) 251-5627 .

Oct 19 - Dec 23 Milwaukee - Blues In The Night. The universal language of the blues speaks eloquently in this scorching, Tony-nominated musical! This dynamite revue features blues classics from Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Bessie Smith, and many more, packed into a larger-than-life score that'll bring down the house! Call for ticket info. Milwaukee Repertory Theater. For more information call (414) 224-9490.

26 - 28 Port Washington - Port Washington Ghost Walk. Celebrate Halloween by exploring Port Washington's rich haunted history. This popular ghost walk is in 2 parts - Historic downtown haunts & a candlelight exploration of the spooky necropolis. Fri, Oct 26, Sat, Oct 27, and Sun, Oct 28 - 6:30PM, 7PM, 7:30PM, 8PM, 8:45PM, 9:15PM & 9:45PM (except Sun). 218 E. Main Street. For more information call (262) 498-5777.

27 - 28 Baraboo - Fall Vendor & Craft Event. Lower Dells Room. Shop over 60 vendors! Free admission & parking. Door prizes given away every hour. Register for Grand door prize of a \$50 BP gas card drawn on Sunday (10/28) end of day. Childrens book signing by local budding author. Ho-Chunk Gaming & Convention Center - Hwy 12 & 16. For more information call (608) 547-5205.

27 Baraboo - Halloween Mystery Candlelight Hike. The Friends of Mirror Lake and Mirror Lake State Park will be hosting our annual Halloween Mystery Candlelight Hike. An easy 1 mile torch lit trail to hike. This family friendly event asks kids of all ages to help the Rangers figure out who our mystery guest is with clue stations along the way. Then join us at the Discovery Station along the way to meet our guest. The Friends will have food and beverages available for purchase and bonfires to relax by. All proceeds from the night go to support the Friends of Mirror Lake for projects to improve the park and educational opportunities. Mirror Lake State Park beach, E10320 Fern Dell Rd.. Event starts at 6:00PM and ends at 8:00PM. For more information call (608) 254-2333.

THORNHILL AUCTION

ROCKS SELL ON -- Tuesday night October 16, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

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Wednesday October 17, 2012 beginning at 9:45 A.M.

SALE SITE: Pike County Fairgrounds- #15884 Hwy 54, Bowling Green, MO 63334

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 61 to Bowling Green take the Mexico/Louisiana Hwy 54 Exit go East on Hwy 54 1.2 miles to Fairgrounds on left.

From Louisiana, MO take Hwy 54 West approx. 10 miles to Fairgrounds on the right.

Sells Tuesday night October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 4:00 p.m. for pre-viewing)

LARGE ROCK, GEM & ARTIFACT COLLECTION

- 100s & 100s of rocks and geodes of all kinds.
- 100s of pieces of jewelry made from rock
- Several very unusual rocks, special items
- Collection of Arrowheads approx. 100+ points

**There are 100's & 100's of boxes of rock, the sheds and house are full.

A ROCKHOUNDS DREAM! **



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EARTH SCIENCE CLUB'S

43rd ANNUAL FOSSIL, GEM, MINERAL

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Saturday & Sunday
October 20th & 21st

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Prairie State College

202 South Halsted St.

Chicago Heights, IL

Held in Prairie Rm. (**gym**)

Free Admission

TO: Badger Lapidary and Geological Club Members and good friends.

Dear Badgers,

Please accept our invitation to attend a Lapidary Party hosted at the Dan and Laurie Trocke family farm next Saturday, October 13th starting at **11:00 AM** till the coyotes howl (late).

Please **RSVP** how many will be coming in your party so we can be prepared for the turn out.

Please bring a side-dish or desert to pass and a folding chair if you have one that would be appreciated.

It takes about one hour and 10 minutes to drive from Monroe to our house, but it is a beautiful drive this time of year. The address is: **4771 County Road II, Highland, WI 53543**

Directions: From Madison take Hwy 18 / 151 to Dodgeville. Take the Hwy 18 Dodgeville exit #44. Stay on 18 through town. After going through Dodgeville, take your first right on County Hwy Q. Follow Q for about 8 miles then turn right on County Hwy II just before crossing the Otter Creek Bridge. Our Farm is the first house you will see on your right.

The Days Events:

- Hands on Lapidary Workshop – cutting, grinding, polishing, cracking, trimming, polishing, tumbling, etc... Please bring some rocks and your ideas. The free rock pile behind the barn can be mined as well.
- Lunch provided: Grilled chicken, brats, hamburgers and corn on the cob
- Soft drinks, juice, and milk
- Petting zoo on site. (Watch your step)
- *After lunch we can either take a trip to the Dodgeville Crystal and Mineral Museum (open Sat 9-4) or visit the Mellum Quarry to look for fossils.
- Dinner provided: Jambalaya stew.
- For those able to stay late we're planning to hang out around the camp fire once it gets dark and enjoy the great company and will provide Long Island Iced Teas and beer. Please plan to drink responsibly, car pool, designate a driver, or sleep it off in a tent, couch or floor J.

Lapidary Machines we will have available for you to use:

- 24" Diamond saw (Bring a big stone / boulder you've always wanted to cut)
- 18" Diamond saw (Bring a fist sized stone you've always wanted to cut)
- 16" Diamond saw (Bring a fist sized stone you've always wanted to cut)
- Belt sander on bench arbor
- Club 10" Diamond saw
- 10" Combination trim saw, grinding bench and polisher (old school bench set up)
- Club "Genie", 6 wheel, 6" grinder / polisher
- A rented "Genie", 6 wheel, 6" grinder / polisher
- 14 lb capacity vibratory tumbler (Do you have some quartz hardness agate or other similar hardness stones to be tumbled? Bring them with).
- Geode cracker
- Club Flat lap or vibratory lap?
- I also plan to have a box of geodes and agates for kids to pick out to cut and polish. (Kids must be assisted and supervised when learning to use the machines.)
- If you have a lapidary machine, tool, rock or project you would like to show or share please bring it.

Won't you hang out with us??

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