

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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President's Message

Dear Badgers:

I'd like to begin by expressing my thanks to Dan and Laurie Trocke and their family for again hosting the club's annual Lapidary Day event. Although the weather proved colder than in some years past, there was plenty for everyone to do in terms of cutting or slabbing rock specimens, grinding and polishing lapidary materials, and as always, there was plenty to eat (with thanks to all the members for bringing delicious dishes to pass).

I'd also like to thank Dan for putting together the 'silver pickaxe' field trip (on short notice) to the Portage, Wisconsin area, where four families (the Trockes, Greens, Gruenwalds, and Marchés) got to unload and reload a storage shed full of rock, mineral, and fossil specimens that came from a former dealer who has passed away. The diversity of items present was pleasantly surprising, as much of it had come from still older collections. We were able to negotiate fair prices on our selections from the owner, Bill Hendrickson, whom it appears was happy to have the items looked over by knowledgeable rockhounds. Potentially another large portion of this collection, thus far unseen by anyone, may become available for inspection in the future. If that is the case, then you'll be kept informed via similar announcements.

As I write this, the mineral calendars have now been printed and are at the bindery. Therefore, they should

be available for sale at the upcoming meeting. Fifty calendars have been printed, at an expected cost of around eight dollars apiece. The final sale price of the calendar will be set by treasurer Daisy Peterson, but should be in the neighborhood of \$12 or slightly more. The number printed was chosen so that a portion of the calendars can hopefully be sold (courtesy of Brian Green and Jack Hoxie) at the upcoming Freeport and Madison club shows. John C. Peterson has again contributed some fine images to the calendar.

One other item of club business is of current interest. Our secretary, Ralph Burgener, has had to resign his position, and thus we need to find at least a temporary replacement for him (through the end of the year). But at the same time, a nominating committee needs to be appointed, and a slate of officers presented for next year (to be voted upon at the Christmas Party).

Because the Freeport Show occurs over the same weekend as our meeting (on Saturday, November 10, at 10 a.m.), we will simply have the business meeting first, followed by the 'program' of attending the Freeport show afterwards, for those who are interested. So we hope you'll be able to join us for one or both of these activities.

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Club Calendar

Nov 10th: Meeting: Monroe Library – Freeport Show

Dec 8th: Meeting: Monroe, WI – Annual Christmas Party

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held at the Monroe Public Library at 10:00 on Saturday, November 10th. Clay Shroll has volunteered to provide snacks for this meeting. For the meeting program, we will travel to the Freeport Gem & Mineral Show, immediately following the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this fun event!



Mineral Related Events

November 10-11: FREEPORT, ILLINOIS:

Northwest Illinois Rock Club; Highland College Student/Conference Center; 2998 W. Pearl City Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; donation requested; fossils, minerals, gemstones, beads, jewelry, gift items, club displays, lapidary demonstrations, children's area, geode opening, guest speakers; contact Brian Green, PO Box 396, Warren, IL 61087, (815) 745-2228; e-mail: bgreen57@hotmail.com; Web site: <http://nwilrockclubfrpt.blogspot.com>

November 12: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

Michigan Mineralogical Society's annual Auction & Sales Event, Cranbrook Institute of Science Auditorium (lower level), 39221 N. Woodward Ave., Mon. 6:30 PM Viewing & Table Sales, 7:00-8:30 Auction, Contact: Mildred Hurt, 1211 E. Maxlow, Hazel Park, Mi. 48030, (248) 398-6693 E-mail George at georgematyas@att.net

November 17-18—MADISON, WISCONSIN:

Madison Gem & Mineral Club; Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall; 1919 Alliant Energy Way; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children (12 and under) free; jewelry, crystals, rough rock, specimens, fossils, arrowhead knapping demonstration, gold and sapphire panning, crystal and jewelry exhibits; contact Richard Zweifel, 3633 Ice Age Dr., Madison, WI 53719, (608) 206-4981; e-mail: zweifel@chorus.net

Tuesday, November 6th



Wisconsin November Events

- **10 Black Earth - Wisconsin Heights Holiday Arts and Craft Fair.** 15th annual, featuring quality arts & crafts, authors, door prizes, raffles, baked goods, refreshments & child care available. Admission: Donations. Wisconsin Heights Middle and High School, Hwy 14. Event starts at 8:00AM and ends at 3:00PM. For more information call (608) 669-4423.
- **10 Fort Atkinson - Holiday Parade.** A lighted parade culminating with chili sampling at the Municipal Building and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Downtown Fort Atkinson. For more information call (920) 523-3210
- **10 Mount Horeb - Holiday Craft Bonanza.** Our kick-off to the Holiday Season in Mount Horeb with the Small Town Holidays event downtown. Experience Norwegian culture, quality crafters, door prizes, raffles, quilts, bake sales and refreshments. Food pantry donations welcome. Admission free. Middle School, 900 E. Garfield Street. Event starts at 9:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. For more information call 1-88TROLLWAY
- **10 - 11 Stoughton - Holiday Gift Fair.** Saturday, November 10, 9AM to 2PM; Sunday, November 11, 9AM to 1PM. Lots of great home-made items. Also many independent contractors attending (Avon, Tupperware, etc.) St. Ann's Catholic Church, 324 N. Harrison St.. For more information call (608) 873-7633.
- **10 Verona - 16th Annual Art and Craft Sale.** Proceeds from this sale go to the Verona Area Education Foundation. Hand crafted products are required. Badger Ridge Middle School, 740 N Main Street. For more information call (608) 332 0217
- **10 - 11 West Allis - Trainfest 2012.** America's largest operating model railroad show. Spend hours entertained by 60 intricately-detailed running railroads. Kids' highlights include racing trains on a dog-bone shaped track, face painting, crafts and coloring, a circus train ride, and more. Call for admission info. Exposition Center, Wisconsin State Fair Park, 8200 W. Greenfield Ave.. Event starts at 9:00AM and ends at 5:00PM. For more information call (262) 782-4637.
- **11 West Bend - Veterans' Day Free Admission.** Free admission all day to the Old Courthouse Museum after the Veterans' Day celebration on the Memorial Plaza! 320 S 5th Ave. For more information call (262) 335-4678
- **17 Lake Geneva - 8th Annual Turkey Trot .** A beautiful trail race through Big Foot Beach State Park. A Junior 1 mile race at 9AM and 5k/10k at 9:30AM. Proceeds go to benefit the Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park. Come run and stay for the fun. 1550 South Lake Shore Drive. For more information call (262) 348-2420.

- **18 - 19 Lake Geneva - Christmas in the Country.** Celebration begins with the illumination of a million lights across the resort's 1300 acres, one of the Midwest's largest lighting displays. Inside The Lodge at Grand Geneva features dozens of mechanical holiday displays, daily holiday teas, gingerbread house building contests, breakfast with Santa and Hooray for the Holidays, a Broadway style musical. Downtown Lake Geneva. For more information call (800) 558-3417
- **Nov 23 - Dec 2 Green Bay - Polar Express.** Nov. 23, 24, 25, 29 & 30, and Dec. 1 & 2, 2012. The classic Christmas tale comes alive in a dramatic reading and train ride. Tickets go on sale at the end of July. Get your tickets early as this event has sold out in previous years. National Railroad Museum 2285 S. Broadway. For more information call (920) 437-7623
- **23 - 24 Monroe - Christkindlmarkt - Old World Holiday Market.** Modeled after the historic holiday markets of Germany, enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of this unique market! Quality-crafted items, including European chip-carvings and scissors-cuttings and Swiss baked goods. Visits from Swiss Samichlaus and his gloomy sidekick, Schmutzli. Turner Hall of Monroe, 1217 17th Avenue. For more information call (608) 325-3461.
- **23 - 25 Wisconsin Dells - Thanksgiving Weekend Trains at the Riverside & Great Northern Railway.** Thanksgiving trains are a special treat for our younger train fans! Thanksgiving Weekend - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM. Trains run at 10AM, 11AM, Noon, 1PM, 2PM and 3PM. Please arrive at least 15 to 20 minutes before the hour to allow time for ticketing. N115 Highway N. For more information call (608) 254-6367.
- **24 Baraboo - A Native American Evening at Durward's Glen.** Program coordinator Sherman Funmaker, of the Ho-Chunk Nation, will design a program with Native American written and spoken word, story-telling, music, regalia, and youth poets. Admission Fee: Free Will Donation Durward's Glen Retreat & Educational Center, W11876 Mcleisch Rd. Event starts at 6:30PM and ends at 8:00PM. For more information call (608) 356-8113.
- **24 Burlington - "Crafts In The Woods" Arts and Crafts Show.** Over 50 crafters, concessions, a bake sale, Mrs. Clause's Coffee House and much more. Entrance is \$3.75 for guests 12 and older and \$1.00 for guests 6 to 11. All proceeds from this event go towards our camp scholarship program. Camp MacLean is located one mile east of Burlington on Durand

Avenue. Entrance for the craft fair will be a quarter mile east of McCanna parkway on the south side of Durand Avenue. YMCA Camp MacLean, 31401 Durand Ave. Event starts at 9:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. For more information call (262) 763-7742.

- **24 Janesville - A Civil War Holiday.** Staff reenact holiday traditions of the Civil War era in the 1850s restored mansion. Lincoln Tallman House; 440 S. Jackson Street. For more information call (608) 756-4509.
- **Nov 29 - Dec 24 Milwaukee - A Christmas Carol.** The ultimate holiday tradition returns again for its 37th year! Dickens classic masterpiece will delight and brighten your holiday season with beautiful carols and a timeless message of hope, peace, love, and the true meaning of the holidays. Bring the whole family and join in a tradition that has been delighting audiences for generations! Call for ticket info. Milwaukee Repertory Theater. For more information call (414) 224-9490.
- **30 Janesville - Taste of Chocolate Event.** 6-10PM. Enjoy an evening of chocolate decadence in the Parker Education Center, crowned by the premiere lighting of the Holiday Light Show throughout the Gardens. 5PM Social and cocktails; 6:15PM Waited Meal; 7PM Chocolate Overload; 8PM Premiere lighting of the Holiday Light Show. Live musical entertainment. Rotary Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive. For more information call (608) 752-3885.



ROCK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

The Christmas Party will be held at the World Buffet in Monroe, WI on Saturday, December 8th, starting at 5:30. We have the back room reserved again this year. We will have a short meeting, elect officers for the next year and play the Gold Brick Game. More details will follow in the next newsletter. Hope to see you there!



Lapidary Day

Thank you all for coming, it really is a treat,

To share great friends, good times and tasty food to eat.

It is always such a pleasure when friends can come and play.

To polish, grind & cut some stones on Lapidary Day.

The kids all had a grand time, with lots of things to do

Sword battles were fought and critters caught, to name just a few.

We've added some great memories to last throughout the year,

The barn was warm, the weather chilly, with plenty of good cheer.

We hope you had some fun and maybe learned a thing or two,

Lapidary Day is great for that, there is always something new.

Until next time, my friends, as we go our separate ways,

I wish you good cheer, rock on and Happy Holidays!

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