

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

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

***Monroe, Wisconsin***

***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

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## ***President's Message***

Dear Badgers:

Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show is now only about a week away! As always, the show is our most visible expression within the Monroe community, and serves as our biggest fundraising event of the year. We need everyone's help to insure its success.

We will begin setting up for the show around 4 p.m. at the Monroe Middle School, on Friday, March 8. This year, a majority of the tables have had to be rented, on account of the change of venue. But because almost everything will be occurring in the school's gymnasium, this may make the setup somewhat easier. All of the dealers' exhibits will be along the right and left sides, while club displays and the club table will be located in the middle (coming out from the back and entrance walls, respectively. Please refer to Teri's map of the new setup that appeared in the February newsletter, although extra copies of it will also be available on site.

Even if you can't be there from the start, please volunteer to pitch in and help as much as you can, whether at setup, teardown (on Sunday night), or the various functions during the show itself (at the front desk, club table, kids activities, etc.).

We are grateful once again to have the kitchen services of the Green County Homemakers Society

and their dependable selection of hot lunch items, including wonderful desserts. Our four guest speakers will address a variety of exciting topics, including a special presentation for kids; geodes and thundereggs; the famous Rancho La Brea tar pit fossils; and bat surveys in Wisconsin caves. Several new club displays will make their appearances including one that will highlight fossil teeth and the animals to which they once belonged. Plus the usual children's activities such as the fishpond, spinner game, and gemstone panning will occur throughout the weekend.

I look forward to seeing and working with all of you, whether it is before, during, and after the show. Please join us for another weekend of work but also fun and socializing among ourselves as well as the public. As former show chair Dave Zimmerman was fond of saying, "It's [almost] showtime!"

*Jordan Marché*

BLGS president

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## **BLGS 2013 Calendar of Events**

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: BLGS Show – Monroe High School

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Field Trip – Bellvue & Graf, IA

April 13<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – Quarry Trip

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Mazon Creek

May 11<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – Soap Stone Carving

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Cave-in-Rock, IL

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - BLGS Picnic

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Field Trip – Ripon, WI

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Upper Michigan

July 27<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Cave Trip (tbd)

August 10<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Fennimore & Prairie du Chien

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Beloit, WI

September 14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – Show & Tell

September 28<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Savannah, IL

October 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – Chain mail/Jewelry making

October 26<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Lapidary Day

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Meeting – Presentation (tbd)

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting - Holiday Party

## ***February Meeting***

We did not have a meeting in February due to the Fish Pond bagging and show prep. Thanks to everyone that made the wintery drive out to the Trocke's, got stuck on the ice skating rink that is our driveway and pitched in and helped get things ready for the show!! A fun time was had by all and the help is truly appreciated!!!

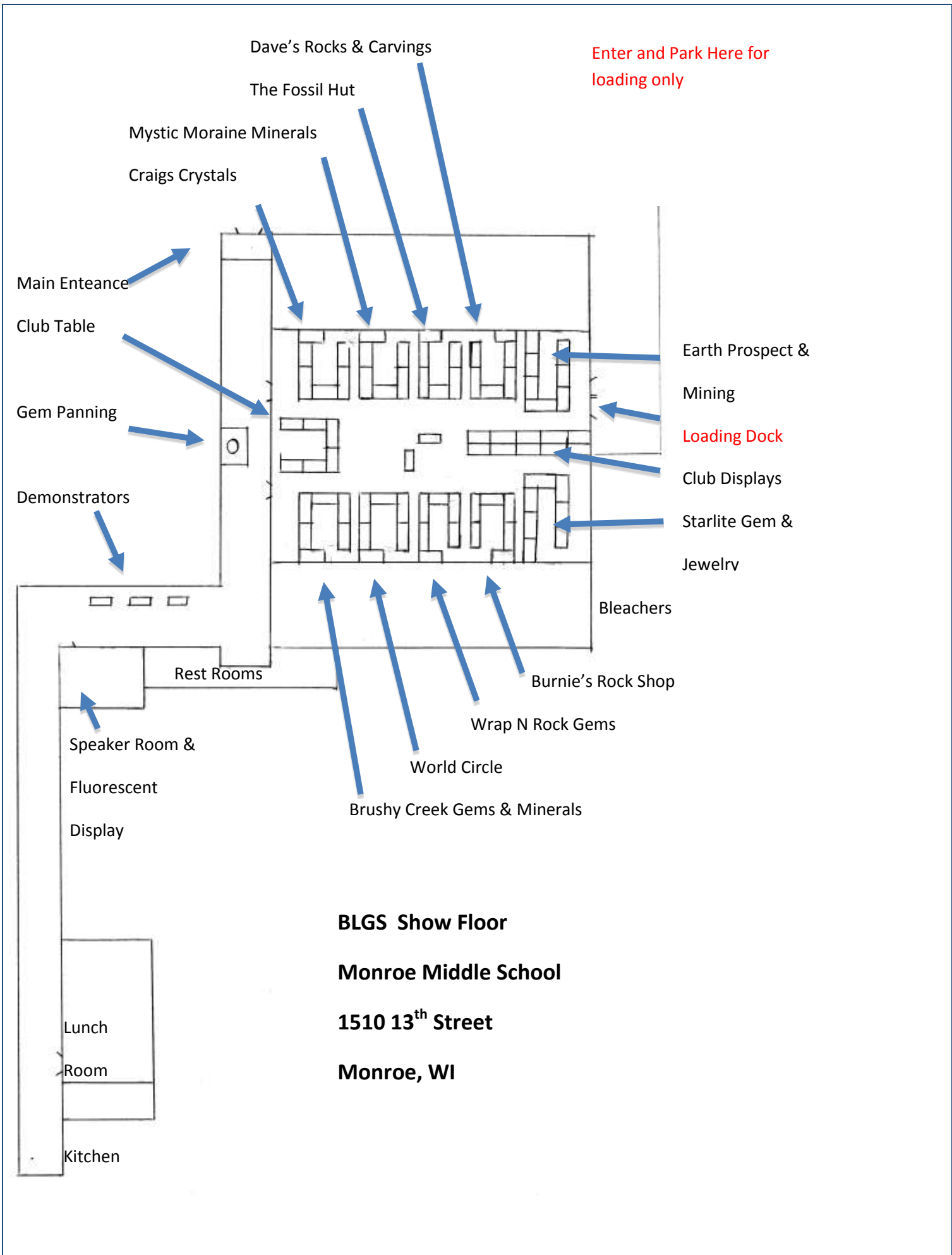


**The March meeting will be the Annual Gem & Mineral Show. It is always a great time, but it is also always a ton of work. We are really looking forward to an excellent show with some fantastic talks, interesting displays, good food & good friends. Hope to see everyone there!!**

## ***March Field Trip***

The March Field Trip will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be going to a road cut near Graf, IA to hunt for fossils and then on to Bellvue, IA to hunt for agates. This has been an extremely popular trip in the past. It is a great trip for family friendly trip. Pack a lunch and plenty to drink. Details with meeting times & places will be sent out closer to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hope you can join us!





# Mineral Events

## March 9-10-MONROE, WISCONSIN

Badger Lapidary & Geological Society; Monroe Senior High School; 1600 26th St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission, donations accepted; 10 dealers, speakers, club displays, fluorescent mineral tent, lapidary demonstrations, club sales, hourly door prizes, educational films, kids' activities, fish pond, spinner game, scavenger hunt, quarry quest, gem panning, roving rock wizard; contact Terri Marche, 5415 Lost Woods Ct., Oregon, WI 53575, (608) 835-2653; e-mail: tmarche@usnetizen.com; Web site: www.badgerrockclub.org

## March 9-10-WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

Kettle Moraine Geological Society; Waukesha County Expo Center South Hall; 1000 Northview Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2.50, children 50 cents; agates, minerals, fossils, lapidary, speakers, demonstrations, displays, fluorescence, sales; contact Richard Rosenberger, 245 Meadowside Court, Pewaukee, WI 53072; e-mail: rosenber.w@sbcglobal.net; Web site: fromtherockroom.com

## March 15-17-JACKSON, MICHIGAN:

niors \$2, students \$1, children (under 5), military personnel, police, firefighters, and Scouts in uniform free; junior activities, gems, minerals, meteorites, fossils, beads, jewelry, demonstrators, silent auctions, displays, gold panning, door prizes; contact Sally Hoskin, 10990 Phal Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240, (517) 522-3396; e-mail: saltoosal2@yahoo.com; Web site: www.mgmsrockclub.com

## March 15-17-KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Greater Kansas City Association of Earth Science Clubs; KCI Expo Center; 11730 NW Ambassador Dr.; Fri. 9-8, Sat. 10-7,

Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children (5-12) \$3; contact Mark Sherwood, PO Box 436, Oak Grove, MO 64075, (816) 690-8226; e-mail: kcgsinfo@yahoo.com; Web site: www.kcgemshow.org

## March 16-17-CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society; Hawkeye Downs Expo Center; 4400 6th St. SW; Sat. 8:30-6, Sun. 9:30-5; adults \$2, students (12-18) \$1, children (under 12) and youth groups with adult free; Iowa fossils, Tarbosaur Skeleton, 7-inch shark jaw, educational programs, demonstrations, dealers, children's activities, gem sluice; contact Marvin Houg, (319) 364-2868; e-mail: m\_houg@yahoo.com; Web site: www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org

## March 22-24-INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

15th Annual Spring Show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows; Indiana State Fairgrounds; Agriculture/Horticulture Bldg., 1202 E. 38th St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$5 (3 days), children (under 16) free; beads, pearls, gemstones, wire wrapping, wire sculpture, silversmiths and goldsmiths, custom work and repairs while you wait, door prizes, classes available; contact Van Wimmer Sr., 5273 Bradshaw Rd., Salem, VA 24153, (540) 384-6047; e-mail: van@toteshows.com; Web site: www.toteshows.com

## March 23-24-DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

48th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Fossil, Mineral & Lapidary Show; Des Plaines Valley Geological Society; Des Plaines Park District; 2222 Birch St.; Sat. 9:30-5; adults \$3, seniors \$2, students \$1, children (under 12) free with adult; kids' room, silent auction, demonstrations, raffles, dealers, fine gems and jewelry; contact Lois Zima, (847) 298-4659; e-mail: KSCHUSTER921@AOL.com



**Happy Easter!**

## Wisconsin Events

### 9 Milwaukee - Milwaukee St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The 140+ unit parade begins at noon and is about 1.5 hours long, running from 3rd and Wisconsin and finishing at Water and Highland. Post parade celebrations will feature live Irish music, food and dancing. This year marks the 47th anniversary of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin producing the parade. Downtown Milwaukee. For more information call (414) 276-6696.

**12 Madison - Madison Museum Series.** Event held at 7PM. "Explore Science on Campus: A Constellation of Science Venues". Like a starry constellation, the UW-Madison Science Constellation is an organization of programs and venues that help you see, find, navigate, connect with, and participate in the science enterprise on campus. Presenters include Tom Zinnen from the UW Biotechnology Center; Jessica McCarty, UW Visitor & Information Programming; Laura Halverson Monahan, UW Zoological Museum; Brooke Norsted, UW Geology Museum; and Kay Kriewald, UW Space Place. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. For more information call (608) 261-4000

**14 Madison - Tunes at Monona Terrace- Atlantic Wave.** This season's series is sponsored by the Friends of Monona Terrace and a grant from Dane Arts with additional funds from the W. Jerome Frautschi Foundation. A cash bar and light fare are available for purchase at 5PM. Ample seating available. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. For more information call (608) 261-4000.

**14 Madison - The Wright Design Series.** "On Imagination: Conversations with Architects" Presented by Merrill Elam of Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects, Atlanta. Event held at 7PM. Free and open to the public. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. For more information call (608) 261-4000

**15 Baraboo - Spring Brew Ha-Ha.** Taste fabulous micro-brews and other specialty beers as you wander through Downtown Baraboo. Participating merchants will each offer two unique beers for you to sample. Tickets go on sale at Bekah Kate's on February 15, 2013. Event starts at 5:00PM and ends at 8:00PM. For more information call (608) 356-3133.

**17 Madison - St. Patrick's Day Parade & Kids Craft Open House.** Come on inside and warm up with Hot Cocoa and the luck of the Irish. Kids can make their very own Four Leaf Clover Good Luck Charm to wear to the

parade. St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 1:30PM on Madison's Capitol Square. DreamBank by American Family Insurance. For more information call (608) 286-3150

**24 Monona - Maple Syrup Fest.** Explore the history and science behind maple syruping with hands-on activities for all ages. See demonstrations of methods Native Americans, pioneers, and people today use to tap trees for the production of maple syrup and sugar, boil sap over a roaring fire & enjoy a maple syrup sundae! Pre-registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Aldo Leopold Nature Center. For more information call (608) 221-0404.

**29 Wisconsin Dells - Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt.** Hey kids! Enjoy Easter crafts, egg dying, a bounce house and a glow in the dark Egg Hunt. There will be concessions available. Age 3 to 10 years old. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Dells Park & Rec Department, Knuckleheads and Holiday Wholesale. (Rain Date March 30th) Bowman Park. Event starts at 6:00PM. For more information call (608) 254-4818.

**30 De Pere - Glow In The Dark Easter Egg Hunt.** A free family fun event for ages 0-12 years-old. Egg Hunt, inflatables, Games, face painting, cookie decorating and more. Life Church, 1880 Southbridge Road. For more information call (920) 632-4343.

### Quote of the day:

**"And some run up hill and down dale,  
knapping the chucky stones  
to pieces wi' hammers, like so many  
road makers run daft.  
They say it is to see how the world  
was made."**

**Sir Walter Scott  
St. Ronan's Well 1824**



## February - Fish Pond & Kenosha Museums



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