

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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President's Message

Dear Badgers:

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that Jack Hoxie has been released from the hospital, following his accident. He claims to be doing well, despite nursing several broken ribs and a broken shoulder (scapula) on his left side that will take weeks or months to heal completely. All things considered, he is staying remarkably upbeat, and even fulfilled the contract to operate his booth at the Jefferson club show last weekend. Of course, he's gotten help from family and friends in the days since his accident. We are thankful that Jack is recovering and look forward to the time when he will be able to attend some of our meetings and activities again. Please join me in wishing Jack and his family the best during these difficult times.

During spare moments on field trips or at meetings during this past year, you may have seen Conner or Jayden Trocke at work on pieces of chain-mail clothing that they are fashioning for themselves. They've been doing a remarkable job of relearning this long-lost skill! At our next meeting (on October 12), we will be in for a special treat, when they (along with Erin Trocke) will show off their skills during a hands-on program about the making of chain-mail (and related jewelry) items. Travel back in time to the Medieval or Renaissance periods and see how these once-common crafts were practiced!

In two more weeks (October 26), we will again converge on the Trocke's farm in Highland for our annual Lapidary Day festivities. There, all manner of cutting, grinding, and polishing machines (with saws up to 24 inches diameter!) will be available for your use. If you've had a really BIG rock or geode sitting around your house, then that will be the time to bring it out for cutting or cracking open. A potluck lunch is usually arranged, and a dinner of gumbo soup will be provided. An evening campfire is almost always started, around which conversations can last for hours. Dan and Laurie will soon furnish details on how to get there, and give a complete list of the kinds of activities that will be available. Short of the Christmas party or summer picnic, this is one of the key social events that everyone looks forward to each year. We hope you'll be able to join us at the next meeting and/or Lapidary Day.

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BLGS 2013 Calendar of Events

October 12th: Meeting – Chain mail/Jewelry making

October 26th: Field Trip – Lapidary Day

November 9th: Meeting – Presentation (tbd)

December 14th: Meeting - Holiday Party



Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was held in the Monroe Public library on Saturday, September 14th. It started with the annual Show & Tell. Many members brought beautiful, interesting, and unique items to share, check out the What's Rockin' report to see what everyone brought!

After everyone was done telling about their treasures, Jordan called the meeting to order. He said there were no minutes as the last meeting was the Spring picnic. The first two door prizes were given out. Jordan won a nice fossil piece with Trilobites from Delta Utah. Garret Gruenwald won a very nice copper specimen from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Next on the agenda was Old Business, which started with a discussion of the calendar for next year. Deb offered to check the prices at Shutterfly and Dan offered to check with American Printing. Teri made a motion to sell the calendars for \$10 and to have them printed by the December meeting. The motion passed. If you have any pictures that would work well in the calendar, please send them to Jordan.

The next door prize drawings would have gone to Steve Holmes, but sadly he had to leave about 1 minute before the drawing : (Marv Hanner won the next prize, it was a nice piece of Ruby in Zoesite from Tanzania. A pretty Orcho geode was then won by Deb Gurenwald.

Dan Trocke then talked a bit about the upcoming Lapidary festivities that will be held on October 26th at the Trocke Farm. There will be an invitation with complete details later in the newsletter.

Teri then gave the Show Report for 2014. She has contracted for the High School for March 29th & 30th. There are 5 dealers lined up so far. Food is a concern. We need a group to do a lunch type menu. The club asks for \$250 for the venue and then all other proceeds go to the food vendor. There are generally around 1500 to 2000 visitors to the show, so it would be a great fund raiser for a group. Dan Trocke needs to update the Rock & Gem and the MWF Websites with the dates for next year's show.

Thanks to Teri for the treats. Deb G. will bring the October treats and Deb Wehinger will bring treats in

November. The Trockes will provide the snacks in January.

The last two door prizes were won by Arienne & Don Wehinger. Arienne won a Tampa Bay fossil and Don won a polished agate heart.

What's Rockin'

Since it was the Annual Show & Tell meeting, the What's Rockin' table was loaded with great stuff. We went around the table so that everyone had a chance to tell about the great treasures that they brought to share.

Teri Marche' brought Agate from the St. Louis Mine, in the Keweenaw Peninsula in the UP (as seen in the current issue of Rock & Mineral Magazine). She also brought some great Amazonite & Smoky Quartz that she collected with Mike Reisch & Dave Zimmerman in Colorado.

Jordan Marche' shared a tray full of fossil bugs collected on their Colorado trip, including a Preying Mantis. He also had a fossil flower that might be a new find. It may also contain fossil pollen!

Clay Schroll brought Copper Specimens, one of them quite large that he 'collected' at the S&G Mine in Michigan.

Garrett & Deb Gruenwald found a boulder with a ton of Cephalopod fossils in Graf, IA that they brought for everyone to enjoy.

Deb, Don & Arienne Wehringer brought fossil specimens in limestone that they collected in a quarry, including an impressive Cephalopod and what appeared to be a curved Cephalopod.

Steve Holmes borrowed a mystery rock from that a neighbor kid had found in Rockton, WI. It appeared to be a glacial erratic. It looked like Iron ore with chalcopyrite and was also riddled with a green mineral that could have been either Malachite or Prehnite. There was also an unknown grey mineral.

Marv Hanner brought in an interesting piece that he collected in Bila County, Arizona in 1974. He then recently 'mined' a barn to rediscover specimens that he had stored 15 years ago. Marv gave the piece of Baleite on Matrix to Dan Trocke. This piece has a wide variety of colorful & rare minerals. It had Hemimorphite, Manganese Oxide (black), Rozacite (green dots), and possibly Cerussite.

Neil Trickle brought in specimens of fluorescing Urano Nitrate and a black light to view them.

Dan Trocke shared his collection of geodized fossils that he collected in Indiana; Mary Ellen Jasper – which is one of the most interesting forms of Stromatolite – from Minnesota; three egg cartons of Lake Superior Agates that were collected on club trips this summer; a huge fossil Cephalopod collected by Connor at a road cut in Wisconsin; a very cool fossil of a Horsetail species from Mazon Creek collected by Jayden and a number of Micro mounts that people could view through a 100 year old brass microscope. The general consensus was that the Cuperite was by far the best.....a very cool, castle shaped micro!

October Mineral Events

11-13: WARREN, MI 2013 Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show, Fri 9-6; Sat 10-7; Sun 11-5; Macomb Community College Expo Center Contact: Stan Woollems, (734) 994-3048; wwool@comcast.net

19-20: CLIO, MI Flint Rock & Gem Club's Earth's Natural Wonders, 10-5 both days Carter Middle School, Rogers Lane Dr. Contact: Ed Hearn, (810) 687-2339, edleo324@att.net

19-20 Des Moines, IA Des Moines Lapidary Society in participation with the Central Iowa Mineral Society, Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 10-4 Paul R Knapp Animal Learning Center, Iowa State Fairgrounds, East University Ave. Gate Contact: Steve Cunningham, 515-262-4578 stevery@mchsi.com

18-20: FORT WAYNE, IN Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society 52nd Annual Rock, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry and Lapidary Show and Sale and **MWF Fall Meeting** Allen County Fairgrounds, Fort Wayne. 2726 Carroll Road. 10/18: 10-7; 10:19: 10-6; 10/20: 11-5. Contact: Michele Yamanaka, (260) 427-2196, yamanakam@cs.com Website: http://members.tripod.com/3riversgem_mineral/annualshow-sale/

25-27: MASON, MI Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society 48th Annual Show, Fri 6-9, Sat 10-7, Sun 11-5 "Main Arena", Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St. Contact: Roger Laylin, (517) 349-3249, l.r.laylin@gmail.com

26-27: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH Summit Lapidary Club/Akron Mineral Society Gemboree, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5, Emidio's Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Rd. Contact: Evelyn Tryon, (330) 673-9664, gemboree76@yahoo.com

26-27: EVANSVILLE, IN Evansville Lapidary Society 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Sat 10-9, Sun 12-5 Washington Square Mall, Green River Road Contact: Sara Rappee, (812) 589-3079, saranappee@yahoo.com

26-27: DAVENPORT, IA Black Hawk Fall How, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 W. Locust St., Davenport; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-3:30 Contact: Kellie Moore, (563) 445-3034; kalsinean1@aol.com

October Events in Wisconsin

4 - 13 North Freedom - Autumn Color Weekends at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum. Come and ride the train and enjoy the beautiful hues of autumn in scenic Sauk County. Take the 55 minute ride in vintage cars built in 1915. Trains depart at 11:30am and 1:00pm on Friday and at 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm on Saturday. Dinner Trains run Saturday evenings at 6:15pm. Mid-Continent Railway Museum, E8948 Diamond Hill Rd. For more information call (800) 930-1385.

4 - 13 Reedsburg - Fermentation Fest. Come to Reedsburg Fermentation Fest, a fun-filled festival featuring food and farming with a focus on fermentation. The festival will include a bike tour, farm/art tour, classes, tastings, artist presentations and much more! Downtown Reedsburg.

11 - 26 Spring Green - The Dark Side of the House on the Rock. Special Halloween themed tours through the World-Famous Wisconsin attraction. Featuring a journey down the Devil's throat, zombie bridegrooms, terrifying clowns and much more! The House on the Rock, 5754 State Rd 23. Event starts at 6:30PM and ends at 9:00PM. For more information call (608) 935-3639.

11 - 13 Wausau - Wausau Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. We will have some of the best vendors in the Midwest featuring: Fossils, Minerals, Jewelry and jewelry making supplies, Rough Rock, Faceted stones, Regional fossils and minerals, and so much more! Event scheduled as following Friday 12-5, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. There will also be a silent auction featuring 1500 items. Free event. 2101 Stewart Ave. For more information call (715) 212-7080.

12 - 13 Necedah - 2nd Annual Art Show at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. 9AM-3PM. Admission free. Artists are required to have nature related items for sale, preferable images that relate to the refuge and the wildlife that is present. Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center and Buildings, N11385 Headquarters Road. For more information call (608) 565-2551.

12 - 13 Sturtevant - Family Fun Weekend-Borzynski's Farm & Floral Market. Family Fun Weekend featuring stuff a scarecrow, fall crafts/games, bounce house, 8 acre corn maze, hayrides, make your own caramel apple, pumpkin picking, petting zoo, giant corn box, story theater, children's play area, and much more. Borzynski's Farm & Floral Market. Event starts at 11:00AM and ends at 5:00PM. For more information call (262) 886-2235.

19 Baraboo - Halloween Mystery Candlelight Hike. The Friends of Mirror Lake & Mirror Lake State Park host an easy 1 mile torch lit trail to hike & a mystery guest. Food and beverages available for purchase and bonfires to relax by. Costumes are welcome. Free admission. WI State Park sticker required. 10320 Fern Dell Rd. Event starts at 6:00PM and ends at 8:00PM. For more information call (608) 254-2333.

19 Green Bay - The Great Pumpkin Train. Ride the train to the pumpkin patch and select your very own pumpkin. Enjoy family entertainment, children's activities and the big coloring contest. No advance registration is needed. 2285 S. Broadway. For more information call (920) 437-7623.

19 - 20 Green Lake - From the Land Folk Art Festival. Sat 10AM-4PM, Sun 10AM-3PM, Admission: \$1. Demonstrations on broom making, spinning, felting, carving, basket making, blacksmithing, and weaving. About 100 artists, refreshments, European bakery, organic produce and meat, tractor show, voyageur canoe and tepee. Folk singer, Jim Anger performs both days. W1648 County Hwy J. For more information call (920) 216-1729.

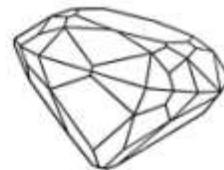
19 - 20 North Freedom - Pumpkin Special at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum. Take a 55 minute train ride to the pumpkin patch and pick out your own pumpkin. Large selection of small, medium and large pumpkins. Price of pumpkins not included in train fair. Trains will run on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Dinner train will run Saturday at 6:15pm. Mid-Continent Railway Museum, E8948 Diamond Hill Rd. For more information call (800) 930-1385.

23 Madison - Family Concert. Treat yourself to an unforgettable evening with the 1st Brigade Band - the oldest re-created Civil War brass band. This free concert marks the beginning of the annual Wisconsin State Music Conference. 7:00pm in the Madison Ballroom. Monona Terrace; One John Nolen Drive. For more information call (608) 261-4011.

26 Menomonie - Howl-O-Ween for Dogs. Costume Contests, howling contest, bob for hot dogs, pumpkin carving and decorating (pet theme) contests. Proceeds go to Stepping Stones Pet Food Program and Dunn County Humane Society. Prizes, snacks and beverages. Participants required to bring pet food, 4 jugs of bleach, or 6 pack of paper towels. Each donation earns a ticket for entry for great door prizes. Waggin' Tails Training Company, Hwy 25 South. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 12:00PM. For more information call (715) 235-3188.

7th
Annual

Wausau Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show



Come and enjoy a day of amazing displays, unique treasures and fascinating presentations that the whole family can enjoy!

Where: The East Gate Hall @ Marathon Park
(directions on website listed below)

When: October 11-13, 2013

Friday: 12:00-5:00pm (Youth Day)

Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

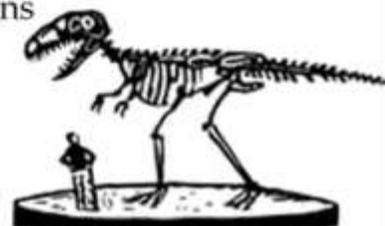
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