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President's Message

Happy New Year fellow badgers!

Those of us who attended the Christmas Party had a good time. We elected new officers and have since had our planning meeting. Lots of things to do at field trips and at our monthly meeting with different programs available.

Many of us paid our yearly dues while at the party. If you have not yet paid your dues I believe our new treasurer, Linda Trickel, will be available to accept payment at our next meeting, January 11.

Our BLGS calendar, Wonders Of The Earth 2014, is available at \$10.50 to members or \$12.00 to non-members.

Early this coming week we are going to see some very cold weather, the coldest for a number of years, but by Saturday the temperature is predicted to be near thawing at Monroe. I hope to see many of you there!

Your new president,

Marv Hanner

The January Meeting will be held at the Monroe Public Library on Saturday, January 11th at 10:00 am. Jordan Marche' will be sharing an excellent presentation on Edward Hitchcock and his discovery of Dinosaur footprints.



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BLGS 2013 Calendar of Events

January 11th Meeting: Dino Tracks Presentation by Jordan

January 25th Field Trip: Milwaukee Public Museum

February 8th Meeting: Clay Schroll Presentation

February 22nd Field Trip: Phil Burgess Collection in Prairie du Chien

March 8th Meeting: Fish Pond Bagging at the Trockes

March 29th & March 30th: Annual BLGS Show

April 12th Meeting: Gem Trees

April 26th Field Trip: Graf, IA & Bellville, IA

May 10th Meeting: Local Monroe Quarry

May 24th Field Trip: Door County

June 14th Meeting: Annual Picnic

June 28th Field Trip: Indiana

July 12th Field Trip: Keokuk, IA (Jacobs Geode Mine)

July 26th Field Trip: Casseville, WI

August 9th Field Trip: Utica, IL

August 23rd Field Trip: South Dakota

September 13 Meeting: Annual Show & Tell

September 27th Field Trip: Local Quarry (Tbd)

October 11th Meeting: Micro Day

October 25th Field Trip: Lapidary Day at the Trockes

November 8th Meeting: Fakes & Manmade Minerals

December 13th Meeting: Annual Christmas Party

Badger Fieldtrip: Milwaukee Public Museum



Date: Saturday January 25th, 2014

Time: Meet in front of the Triceratops skeleton at 10:00 AM (opens 9AM – 5PM) If running late just give me a call to meet (608-215-5307).

(This Triceratops skeleton specimen is the largest known in the world, so if you see a small one, you're at the wrong place!)

Address: 800 W. Wells St. Milwaukee, WI 53233 Phone: 414-278-2728

Cost: Non-member Adults \$21, Seniors/Children \$17

Lunch: Museum Café 11-1:30PM or bring sack lunch

After the Museum: depending on time of day and heart's desire the group can vote to:

Option 1 Join the Trocke's for Supper at Mader's German Restaurant, 1037 North Old World 3rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203 (half miles Northeast of the Museum) Ph:(414) 271-3377 madersrestaurant.com 4-10PM (I can make reservations if enough people think this is a good idea and RSVP or we can play it by ear and get seated maybe 15-20

minutes after we get there if busy. Nearby: Ussingers Butcher Shop, Deli 9-5PM; Wisconsin Cheese Market, etc. would make good places to visit right next to Mader's if we are done at the Museum early.

Option 2 Drive to The Gem Shop in Cedarburg W64 N723 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012 (21 miles North of the Museum) Open Sat: 9:30am-5pm.

Option 3 Supper at one of the following:

- **King and I, The** Thai 830 N Old World Third St Milwaukee, WI 53203 0.37 miles
- **Jake's Delicatessen** Deli, Hot Dogs, Sandwiches 275 W Wisconsin Ave Grand Avenue Mall Milwaukee, WI 0.41 miles
- **Real Chili** Late-Night Dining, Chili, Hot Dogs, Subs... 1625 W Wells St Milwaukee, WI 53233 0.59 miles
- **Water Street Brewery** Brewpub, Sandwiches, Burgers, American T... 1101 N Water St Milwaukee, WI 53202 0.6 miles or
- **Cubanitas Cuban, Brunch, Caribbean/Tropical, Late-...** 728 N Milwaukee St, Milwaukee, WI 53202 0.77 miles

Options 1 and 2 can ding your wallet ☺ , but Option 3 choices should be less expensive.

Please RSVP as there is a possibility of group rates if we have enough people that are going.

Hope to see you there,

Dan Trocke

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Show Report from Teri Marche'

I'll keep this short and sweet. All the ten dealers are under contract; the kitchen is settled; we have two of four speakers lined up; we have a special exhibit engaged; and we have an advertising campaign underway.

Food for the show will be provided by two groups from the High School: the Monroe FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and the Monroe SOS (Students of Service). Having the providers right in the high school, with faculty advisors who know the building and administration should be a really fine fit.

The special exhibit will feature the area's very first monster predator, and it lived hundreds of millions of years before T. rex ever flashed a toothy grin. The creature was an Orthoceras (cephalopod), in this case a specimen over eight feet long. This terror of the Ordovician seas that once covered Monroe 350 million years ago, will be loaned for exhibit by collector, Phil Burgess of Prairie du Chien.

Bob Leis will be coming down from northern Wisconsin on Saturday to speak on another large life form of the Ordovician seas, "Stromatolites." I'll reprise my talk on Sterling Hill Mine on Sunday. Jordan asks if anyone has any other speaker ideas to pass them along to him. We still need two more.

At the January meeting we will be drawing slots for the **sales table**. Remember that any one selling there is also expected to help with show set-up and tear-down.

I will also start having **sign-up sheets for work** at the show. I especially want to avoid having any one person tied up at a job for the whole day any day. I also want to have one adult to supervise whenever a child is signed up for a slot. Also, anyone with material for the **fish pond** bags can start bringing it at this meeting, and the February meeting. The March meeting program will consist of preparing 600 bags for the fish pond, with food and door prizes for those who come to help. More about that later.

Copper Rich Rock



This is a saw cut slab of rock from the Kenewa Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This copper rich rock formed from magmatized elemental native copper in quartz. This illustrates just one of many different ways copper was deposited in the U.P.

Submitted by Dan Trocke

January Mineral Events

January 17-26-QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds; 100 W. Kuehn St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; dealers from around the world on 25 acres; contact Kym Scott, PO Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: www.tysonwells.com

January 18-19-DELAND, FLORIDA:

43rd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show and Sale; Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society; Volusia County Fairgrounds; Tommy Lawrence Bldg., State Road 44, 1/2 mile east of I-4 Exit 118; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children (under 12) free with adult; "Wonderful World of Quartz": contact Rosemary van Wandelen, 3051 Keyport St., Deltona, FL 32738, (386) 860-5586; e-mail: rrborzoi@yahoo.com; Web site: tomokagms.org

January 18-19-EXETER, CALIFORNIA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society; Exeter Veterans Memorial Bldg.; 324 N. Kaweah Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; kids' Rock Treasure Hunt, Wheel of Fortune, prize drawing, door prizes; contact Pepper Okada, 5924 W. Iris Court, Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 733-5842; e-mail: pepperok@clearwire.net; Web site: tulegem.org

January 18-19-FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

45th annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park; Hwy. 16S; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; 26 dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, meteorites, jewelry, bulk material, demonstrations, identification experts; contact Jim Gedeon, 1156 Old Willow Rd., Fredericksburg, TX 78624, (830) 685-3342; e-mail: gedeonjim1@gmail.com

January 18-19-YACHATS, OREGON:

3rd Ever Yachats Agate Festival; Yachats Chamber of Commerce; Yachats Commons; 4th and Hwy. 101; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; free admission; minerals, gems, fossils, special displays, lectures, dealers, demonstrations; contact George Mazeika, PO Box 818, Yachats, OR 97498; e-mail: georgmaze@charter.net; Web site: www.coastagates.org/rock-gem-shows

January 25-26-PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

23rd annual show; Panama City Gem & Mineral Society; Central Panhandle Fairgrounds; 2230 E. 15th St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; gems, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, exhibits, lapidary arts; contact Steven Shipton, 5113 E. 13th Ct., Panama City, FL 32404, (850) 867-0586; e-mail: shipton3@comcast.net

January Events in Wisconsin

9 Baraboo - Full Moon Hike at Devil's Lake State Park. Enjoy a moon-lit hike through the grottos trail on the park's South shore. Bring your own snowshoes and flashlight. Trail distance is just under 2 miles. Devil's Lake State Park. Event starts at 7:00PM and ends at 8:30PM. For more information call (608) 356-8301.

11 Baraboo - Track Trek at Devil's Lake State Park. Hike through the beautiful-winter scenery of Devil's Lake State Park and see if you can identify the different species' of animal tracks in the snow. Snow shoes will be available weather permitting. Meet at the nature center. Devil's Lake State Park, Nature Center. Event starts at 11:00AM and ends at 12:30PM. For more information call (608) 356-8301.

11 La Farge - Winter Festival. The Kickapoo Valley Reserve Winter Festival is a wonderful family event that highlights fun winter activities. Activities include skating, sledding, skiing, archery, snow sculpture, ice cave hikes, face painting, horse-drawn bobsled rides, snowshoe exhibit, Tristate Malamute Club Sled Dog Race and weight pull, mutt race and much more. Kickapoo Valley Reserve. For more information call (608) 625-2960.

15 - 25 La Crosse - 28th Annual Winter Rec-Fest. The City of La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department is proud to offer the 28th Annual Winter Rec-Fest! Events include a medallion hunt, skate party, kickball tournament, torchlight ski/hike and fireworks, Sheepshead/Euchre tournaments, curling, hockey tournament, softball and volleyball tournaments, and much more! Various venues throughout La Crosse. For more information call (608) 789-7533.

18 Prairie du Sac - Sauk Prairie's 27th Bald Eagle Watching Days. Enjoy Wollersheim Winery's Eagle White wine while watching eagles soar over the Wollersheim Winery vineyard. There will also be other eagle watching sites in neighboring Sauk Prairie and along the Wisconsin River. Event is free and open to the public. Wollersheim Winery, 7876 Hwy 188. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 5:00PM. For more information call (800) 683-2453.

18 - 19 Waukesha - Waukesha Expo Market. Wisconsin's fastest growing flea market styled show/event featuring 80% Antiques and Collectibles with 20% Unique gift items you cannot get at a retail store. Including Art/Craft and Home Party Vendors. Event is Handicap accessible. Food concessions available parking is also free. 1000 Northview Road. For more information call (414) 587-8225.

19 Baraboo - Delton Sportsmen's Club Fisheree on Mirror Lake. Event will be located at the State Park Boat Launch and there will be no park admission fee for this day. There will be a raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 and numerous big fish and fish of the day prizes. There will also be food and beverages available. Mirror Lake State Park, E10320 Fern Dell Rd.. Event starts at 7:00AM and ends at 3:00PM. For more information call (608) 524-8685.

25 Prairie du Sac - Port Wine Celebration at Wollersheim Winery. Take a break from Wisconsin's winter! Join Wollersheim Winery to celebrate Port wines, Wollersheim Red Port 2012, plus White Port 2012. Take a behind-the-scenes look at the making of Wollersheim Port wines. Sample both Wollersheim Port wines, along with other Wollersheim wines available for tasting and by the glass. Enjoy live flamenco music, light food and insights on Port wine from Wollersheim Winery's winemaker, Philippe Coquard. Free event open to the public. Wollersheim Winery, 7876 Hwy 188. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. For more information call (800) 847-9463.



 **B6GS Holiday Party** 





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