

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

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

Greetings Badger Lapidary and Geological Society members,

Our annual Christmas party and officer's elections are the main thing for our agenda

on Saturday December the 13th. Be prepared for lots of excitement grabbing, tossing and losing gifts. Who knows, you may even win a gold brick prize! Someone has to. It seems as if we stand a shot at relatively good weather this year. Choose a good mineral or fossil reference book and become familiar with your favorite branch of the hobby. There is something new almost every day. I just saw my first reference to putnisite, a purpleish colored newly named mineral from Australia, in the Jan/Feb 2015 issue of Discover magazine which also documents several new fossils.

See you soon,  
Marv Hanner  
President,  
Badger Lapidary  
and Geological  
Society

*The December Meeting will be held  
on Saturday, December 13th at  
5:30 at the Chinese Buffet  
Restaurant in Monroe, WI. The  
activity for this meeting will be  
annual Christmas party. Hope to  
see you there!*

*Laurie Trocke  
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**BLGS 2013 Calendar of Events**

December 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Annual Christmas Party

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**Hope everyone has a very  
Merry Christmas and we'll  
see you in the New Year!!!**

## November Meeting Minutes

November 8<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting, 2014

Dan Trocke presented Spotting Fossil and Mineral Fakes

Marche's brought lunch/treats

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Party at 6:00pm at the World Buffet in Monroe. Children's meals will be covered and Adults will be half.

Approved October minutes with revisions:

Terri had asked for exhibits not flyers to be put in libraries

Calendars are for sale - \$12 each

1<sup>st</sup> Door Prize – Don Wehinger – petrified wood

New Business:

Daisy has the gold brick game

Treats for January – Clay Schroll

Treats for February – Wehingers

March will the fishpond – potluck at Trockes

Nominating Committee for Officers

Deb (sorry I don't know her last name), Jordan Marche and Don Wehinger

Same people elected

2<sup>nd</sup> Door Prize: Aaryn hears 904, but was really 914. Everyone kept looking around and asking and Aaryn looks at her ticket again and jumps up and down. It's Me! 😊 too cute. She picked venadomite on barite

Dan brought up the club lap and asked if he could research the cost of repairs

Terri Marche motioned Dan to get the lap going – all "ayed"

Sunday would be more sawing at Dan's – everyone was welcome

Show Business: Reminder – think of exhibits to do

Lost 2 vendors due to show conflicts – Scott Theban of Brushy Creek and (?) Bennell

3<sup>rd</sup> Door Prize: Arienne Wehinger – Knightio

Meeting Adjourned.

Most everyone headed for the Freeport Club's rock show

## Wisconsin December Events

- **Dec 1 - Mar 30 Mauston - Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Red Ridge Ranch.** Horse-drawn sleigh ride through Wisconsin's winter wonderland! 250 acres of rolling countryside on a 40 minute tour. Each sleigh holds 10-15 people. Reservations are required, call for prices and availability. Red Ridge Ranch, W4881 Wisconsin 82. For more information call (608) 847-2273.
- **Dec 17 - Jan 11 Manitowoc - Christmas in the Mansion.** The Vilas-Rahr Mansion is decked out for the Holidays. A stroll through the mansion can't help but put you in the holiday spirit. Free. Rahr-West Art Museum, 8th Street. For more information call (920) 686-3090 .
- **Dec 26 - Jan 2 Johnson Creek - What You Really Wanted Sale at JCPO.** Didn't get what you wanted for the holiday. Treat yourself during the What You Really Wanted Sale. Johnson Creek Premium Outlets will open early on Dec. 26. Enjoy extra savings on top of everyday savings of 25% to 65%. Johnson Creek Premium Outlets, 575 W. Linmar Lane. For more information call (920) 699-4112.
- **Dec 29 - Oct 2 Blue Mounds - Camp Brigham Family Fun Days.** Join the Camp Brigham staff and celebrate the winter season with fun indoor & outdoor activities. Children will enjoy arts and crafts, winter playtime, seasonal stories, camp songs and camp snacks in the visitor center. Cave of the Mounds, 2975 Cave of the Mounds Rd. For more information call (608) 437-3038.
- **29 Kenosha - Frost Fest - Surviving the Winter.** Free, Monday, December 29, 1-4pm, Surviving Winter: Learn about animal adaptations for surviving in the cold and keeping warm all winter. Discover how people are able to live in some of the coldest places on earth. 5500 1st Ave. For more information call (262) 653-4140.
- **29 - 30 St. Germain - Snowmobile Safety Class.** DNR / Bo-Boen sponsored. Pre-registration required. First class starts at 9:00



AM at the St. Germain Community Center.  
Lunch furnished by Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club.  
St. Germain Community Center. For more  
information call (715) 542-3548.

- **30 Kenosha - Frost Fest - Ringing In The New Year.** Tuesday, December 30, 1-4pm; Ringing in the New Year: Get ready to ring in 2015! Create decorations, hats and noisemakers for your New Year's celebration. 5500 1st Ave. For more information call (262) 653-4140.
- **Dec 31 - Jan 1 Plymouth - New Year's Eve Gathering & Big Cheese Drop.** Join us for free entertainment by the Jamies, Elizabeth Cramer, and Celeste Benzschawel and we get ready to ring in 2015 with the "Big Cheese Drop" at midnight. Guests are invited to bring a snack, dessert, dish to share. Complimentary Sartori Cheese Table is available and a Cash Bar. Plymouth Arts Center. For more information call (920) 892-8409.
- **31 Portage - New Year's Eve at Cascade Mountain.** Skiing and snow tubing until midnight. Fireworks and music will be provided by Cascade Mountain. Cascade Mountain, Cascade Mountain Rd. For more information call (608) 742-5588

## Planning Meeting for 2015

**There will be a planning meeting sometime near the end of December/beginning of January to set up the field trip schedule and the meeting programs for 2015. A separate email will be sent out with date and time. If you can't make it to the meeting, but have ideas you would like to share, please let us know asap! Thanks, Laurie**



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