

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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President's Message

Well, we have had a swell 45th show. I do not remember a Saturday as filled as the 28th was. Thanks to everyone who helped make the show such a success, especially to Teri Marche. We are going to be hard pressed to find a replacement for her next year. Please consider now for the coming year if perhaps YOU might be our new show chair! I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as I did. I did not attend the moonstone trip, but I am looking forward to hearing tales of the collecting. Many thanks to Linda for the prompt returns concerning the member's sales.

Until May.

Marv Hanner,

President,

Badger Lapidary and Geological Society.

Club Membership Dues – Please remember to get your annual dues to our treasurer, Linda Trickel. We will be doing a clean up of our database and removing old email addresses from former members. If you have new contact information, please let me know! Laurie

The May Meeting will be held at the Monroe Public Library on Saturday May 9th at 10:00 am. The meeting activity will be either wire wrapping or a field trip to a local quarry. Hope to see you there!!

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BLGS 2015 Calendar of Events

- April 11th:** Field Trip – Moon Stone & Soapstone Wausau, WI
- April 25th:** Super Dig – Sterling Hill Mine, Sterling Hill NJ & Herkimer Diamond Mining in NY
- May 9th:** Meeting – Monroe Public Library
Local Monroe Quarry Trip after Meeting
- May 23rd:** Field Trip – Fossils & Agates -- Graf, IA & Bellville, IA
- June 21th:** Meeting – Annual Picnic – Tom Gitchell's House, Freeport, IL **(NOTE: Date is Changed to combine picnic w/other clubs)**
- June 27th:** Field Trip – Geodes – Keokuk, IA & Hamilton, IL
- July 11th:** Field Trip – Copper – Upper Michigan
- July 25th:** Field Trip – Fossils & (maybe) Agates -- Savannah, IL
- August 8th:** Field Trip – Agates & (maybe) a Cave -- Prairie du Chien, WI
- August 22nd:** Field Trip – Galena, Calcite, Shullsburg, IL
- Sept 12th:** Meeting – Monroe Public Library
Annual Show & Tell
- Sept 26th:** Field Trip – Fluorite – Cave-in-Rock, IL
- Oct 10th:** Meeting – Monroe Public Library
- Oct 24th:** Field Trip – Lapidary Day – Trocke's Farm
- Nov 14th:** Meeting – Monroe Public Library
Guest Speaker, Jerry Gunderson
- Dec 12:** Meeting – Annual Christmas Party

My Ultimate Showchair's Report

It is amazing that almost a month has passed since our most recent gem show. Once again a group of fine rock, mineral and fossil dealers, demonstrators and speakers were brought together with a dedicated group of rockhounds and their displays, games, and enthusiasms. And don't forget the kitchen! (Thank you Melody Loeffelholz and the students of Monroe High School FCCLA)

This year, due to conflicts with other clubs' shows, brought about by that doggone floating Easter holiday, we lost several dealers, but picked up some very good new ones: Todd Hall's *Earth's Hidden Treasures*, Cynthia Kelman's *Jewelry*, and Dave Mitkoff's *Sunshine Rock Company*. They added new zest to the show.

Of course the success of the entire show is ultimately due to those dedicated rockhounds who worked so hard to set up, run, and clean-up the show. I hesitate to start naming names, since I am sure to leave someone out, and I really do not want to do that! So, here's to everyone who set up tables (and took them down), unloaded the trailer (and loaded it up again), set up and filled the showcases, set out all the wonderful stuff in the sales table (and staffed that table, although we missed you, Brian!), gave out tickets and collected donations at the door, managed the games and kid's activities (way to go Ruth!). If you see yourself in any of that, here's a pat on the back. I do have to thank Dan, in particular, for getting the trailer to the show, despite a broken leaf spring, and for the black light display. This year we must have set a record for how quickly the show was set up, (dealers were well underway by 5:30) and how quickly it was cleaned up (we were last to leave at 8:30!). Bravo and thanks to everyone!!!

So show # 45 is added to our noteworthy history, and so is this showchair. Our show has gained a reputation in the area as one of the best. I have been chair for the last seven years, and it is getting to be old hat for me. The show deserves better than that, so I am ready to turn it over to someone with a fresh outlook, ideas and energy. Thanks to those

showchairs who preceded me, as well as my own few contributions, the process is very simple and straightforward, with much of it computerized (thanks to Dave Zimmerman). I will be here to help my successor learn the process, and will share absolutely everything I have to make the job easier.

Teri

April Mineral Events

April 21-23-IRVINE, KENTUCKY:

Annual Kentucky Agate Hunt; Mountain Mushroom Festival, Estell County School's Central Office Gym; 253 Main St.; Tue. 9-4, Wed. 9-4, Thu. 9-4; \$10 per day; all-day Kentucky agate hunt, easy- or rough-terrain trips each day; contact Francine Bonny, Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut St., Irvine, KY 40336, (606) 723-1233; e-mail: mushroomfestival@irvineonline.com;
Website

25 April 2015: *Sterling Hill Super Dig* - Ogdensburg, New Jersey

Sterling Hill Super Dig 2015

Organized by: [Sterling Hill Mining Museum](#) and [Delaware Valley Earth Science Society](#)

Sterling Hill Mining Museum (30 Plant Street, Ogdensburg)

25-26 April 2015: Franklin, New Jersey

43rd Annual New Jersey Earth Science Association Gem & Mineral Show

Organized by: Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society and the New Jersey Earth Science Association and [Sterling Hill Mining Museum](#)

[Franklin Borough School](#) (50 Washington Avenue, Franklin)

Indoor / outdoor

25-26 April 2015: Memphis, Tennessee

The Earth Wide Open - 36th Annual Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show

Organized by: [Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society](#)

Agricenter International Expo Center (7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis)

April 24-26-PORTLAND, OREGON:

MT. HOOD ROCK CLUB, 58TH ANNUAL ROCK AND GEM SHOW; Kliever Memorial NG Armory On 10000 NE 33rd Dr., Portland OR 97221 (just west of the PDX airport in between NE Marine Dr. & NE Columbia Blvd.) Fri. & Sat. from 10-5pm, Sun. from 10-4pm. Free Admission, and one free rock to each child. Donations appreciated. 25 Vendors will be selling: minerals, rocks, beads, jewelry, fossils, crafts, equipment, tools and more. Activities will include: Kid's corner with games, Door prizes, Raffle prizes, Demonstrations in lapidary & wire wrapping, Silent auction bargains, Oral auction on Sunday at 1pm. Many Displays and Exhibits. **Website.** For show or dealer information contact mhrshow@gmail.com

April 25-26-CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO:

Semi-annual show; Akron Mineral Society, Summit Lapidary Club, Emidio & Sons Expo Center; 48 E. Bath Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children (under 6) and Scouts in uniform free; 30 dealers, geodes, minerals, jewelry, beads, findings, slab material, lapidary equipment, silversmith work, gold findings, children's activities, gem tree making, gem mine, kaleidoscope, treasure hunt, demonstrations, gem ID, wire wrapping, cutting and polishing stones, faceting, displays, Ohio

flint, member projects, Geo Juniors displays, silent auction, door prizes; contact Joyce Kish, 3014 Clarkmill Rd., Norton, OH 44203, (330) 753-7081; e-mail: gemboree@outlook.com

April 25-26-TROY, OHIO

Annual show; Brukner Gem & Mineral Club, Miami County Fairgrounds; 650 N. Co. Road 25A; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students and children free; dealers, grab bags, demonstrations, gold panning demonstrations, gem sluice, crystals, jewelry, rocks, fossils, silent auction; contact Judy Burton, 912 Kent Lane, Troy, OH 45373, (937) 339-1966; e-mail: jleeburton@woh.rr.com; **Website**

May 1-3-Kalamazoo, Michigan:

56th Annual Rock, Gem, Fossil, Jewelry and Mineral Show. Organized by: Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society. Kalamazoo County Expo Center (2900 Lake Street). **Website**

May 2-3-PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA:

Treasures of the Earth: 12th Annual Show and Sale. Organized by: The Mineralogical Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Oblates of St. Joseph (1880 Highway 315). **Website**



Hope to see you at the May meeting!! Since the April meeting was turned into a field trip, we'll just move the snack providers up one month. Trickel's, if that doesn't work for the May meeting, please let me know!! Laurie

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Happy Spring!!



STERLING HILL Super Dig

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Rain or Shine!

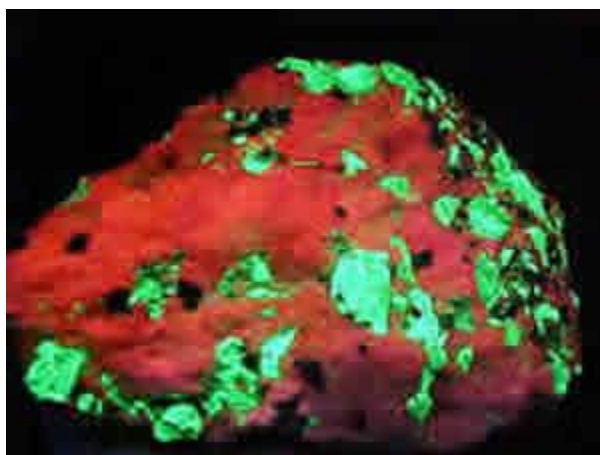
9 AM to 11 PM

The SUPER DIG is a *once a year* event at the mine!

What can club members experience?

- Take a [Tour of the Mine](#).
- Take a **Private Tour of the newly opened historic Trotter Tunnel**. Tours given by [Iron Miners](#) members.
- For this event ONLY, take a Tour of the **Upper Mine and Mill** where you will receive a “Last day of operation” ore specimen right off the conveyor belt (*certificate included*).
- The ever-popular **Blackout Tour of the Mine “Tunnel of Love”** (safety glasses required).
- See the nighttime illumination of the famous **“Fluorescent Wall” in the Fill Quarry**.
- And, **collect minerals in all 3 collection areas on the property**.

- See more at: <http://www.sterlinghillminingmuseum.org/superdig/index.php#sthash.3Ud5DmEk.dpuf>



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