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President's Message

Greetings Badgers,

Well, this will be our last regular meeting before September as June will be our club picnic (June 21st) at Tom Gitchell's home which will be combined with other area clubs. Summer seems to be on its way, not to say that there will not be cooler days twixt now and then. We will be hosting a field trip to a local quarry after the meeting. Be sure to bring hard hats and sturdy shoes. Later in May we will be hosting a trip to Iowa for fossils and agates. Lots of activities this summer and fall!

See you soon,

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 a field trip to a local quarry. Hope to see you there!!

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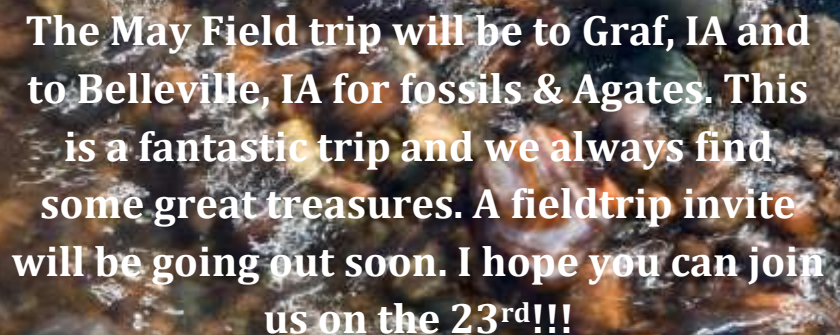
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BLGS 2015 Calendar of Events

- 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



The May Field trip will be to Graf, IA and to Belleville, IA for fossils & Agates. This is a fantastic trip and we always find some great treasures. A fieldtrip invite will be going out soon. I hope you can join us on the 23rd!!!

May Mineral Events

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 15-17-MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA:

Annual show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, National Guard Armory; 315 Commonwealth Blvd. W., across from Liberty Fair Mall; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; free admission; beads, pearls, gemstones, gem trees, wire wrapping, wire sculpture, silversmiths and goldsmiths, custom work and repairs while you wait, door prizes, classes available; contact Van Wimmer, Show Director, 5273 Bradshaw Rd., Salem, VA 24112, (540) 384-6047; e-mail: van@toteshows.com; **Website**

May 16-17-LEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

247th Annual World of Gems and Minerals: Gemstone, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral and Fossil Show. Organized by: Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farmer's Market (Route 61)

May 16-17-WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN:

Show and sale; Wisconsin Geological Society, Mueller Building - Hart Park; 72nd and State St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3 (two for \$5), children free; more than 20 dealers, exhibits, children's activities, door prizes; contact Paul Schmidt, 8213 Red Arrow Ct., Wauwatosa, WI 53213, (414) 7721-8668; e-mail: pvs@wi.rr.com; **Website**

May 16-17-MAYS LANDING, NJ:

Cape-Atlantic Rock Hounds Annual Spring Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral and Fossil Show. Located at 2641 Cologne Ave. Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Free Parking & Admission, with food on site. Saturday and Sundays show hours are from 9am to 5pm (rain or shine). For more information or to become a dealer please visit our **website** or call Billie Brockhum (show chair & VP) at (609)879-1179.

May 16-17-ZAGREB, CROATIA:

Mineral Expo's 17th International Fair of precious and semiprecious stones. This is the 17th year that we are organizing a fair in Zagreb, the capital town of Croatia. At the fair we have around 100 exhibitors and more than 5000 visitors. Location: Zagreb, Croatia in Dom sportova on Trg sportova 1. Ticket price is 20 kuna (2.6 eur). For children up to 14 years and organized visits of students, admission is free. For more information click **here**

May 29-31-WAUSEON, OHIO:

The State Line Gem and Mineral Society proudly presents its 54th annual Jewelry, Rock, Gem and Mineral Show on May 29, 30, & 31, 2015 located at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building in Wauseon, Ohio. Show hours are noon to 7 PM on Friday, 10 AM to 7 PM on Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Show admission is \$3.00, children under 12 free.. We will have displays, high quality dealers, live demonstrations and ongoing silent auctions where you can get some spectacular deals. The show is held in air conditioned comfort and boasts of wonderful desserts with good food and snacks available from our on site kitchen. Bring the whole family to the Fulton County Fairgrounds at 8514 State Route 108, exit 34 off the Ohio Turnpike. For more information call Doris at (517) 263-1669. **Website**

Wisconsin May Events

7 - 10 Chippewa Falls - The Past Passed Here.

Hands on activities highlighting the historic sights and sounds of early Chippewa Falls. 1800s style food, traders, and live entertainment. Thurs & Fri 3pm-6pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sunday 9-Noon. Allen Park. For more information call (715) 723-0619.

8 - 10 Gays Mills - Gays Mills Spring Festival.

Gays Mills is one of Wisconsin's prime apple growing areas. Tour orchards in bloom, a flea market, food stands, and the annual Festival of Folk Music and Dance. Downtown and area Orchards. For more information call (608) 735-4031.

9 Baraboo - Fair on the Square.

Semi-annual arts and crafts show. Food, Farmer's Market, Children's Activities, and Entertainment. Courthouse Square. Event starts at 9:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. For more information call (608) 448-3490.

9 Cambridge - Touch-a-Truck and Bike Rodeo.

Tour a firetruck, police car, semi-truck, race car, bouncy house, face painting, balloons, and more! Cambridge High School. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 12:00PM. For more information call (608) 423-8108.

9 Green Bay - FUNdue Wine Festival.

FUNdue Wine Festival. This is the 8 year anniversary party with live music by Men in Suites. Enjoy cheese and chocolate fondue and great award-winning wines. Admission is free! Captain's Walk Winery 345 Adams Street. Event starts at 2:00PM and ends at 6:00PM. For more information call (920) 431-9255.

9 Monona - Wildflower Wander. Bring your mother or other for an easy stroll to see some of Wisconsin's spectacular spring wildflowers. Learn the folklore behind the names, and color & take home a field guide of your favorite spring wildflowers. Pre-registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Aldo Leopold Nature Center, 330 Femrite Drive. For more information call (608) 221-0404.

9 - 10 North Freedom - Mother's Day Weekend at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum. Coach trains run at 11am, 1pm and 3pm on both days. Treat mom to a first class service at 11am or 1pm (Saturday only). Dinner train on Saturday at 5:30pm, and Mother's Day Sunday Brunch trains at 10:30am and 12:45pm. Reservations required. Mid-Continent Railway Museum, E8948 Diamond Hill Rd. For more information call 1(800) 930-1385.

10 Milwaukee - Mother's Day Brunch and Free H-D Museum Admission . Celebrate the most important woman in your life, MOM. Your mother has always been there for you, now it's your turn to return the favor. Give her an unforgettable day at the Harley-Davidson Museum and MOTOR Bar & Restaurant with brunch at MOTOR and free Museum admission. 400 W. Canal St.. For more information call (414) 287-2789.

10 Prairie du Sac - Salute to Mothers at Wollersheim Winery. Wollersheim Winery will be open for tours and tastings. Mothers receive a complimentary tour when accompanied by family. Wollersheim Winery, 7876 Wisconsin 188. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 5:00PM. For more information call 1(800) VIP-WINE.

16 - 17 Janesville - Janesville Renaissance Faire. We would like to invite you to come out and have fun watching and interacting with the many performers as well as shopping at the exotic vendors during this exciting two day trip into an old world experience! Traxler Park. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 6:00PM. For more information call (608) 295-6709.

16 Phillips - Heritage Days: Get Hooked on History. Enjoy history stations for the kids, tools used by Early European settlements in our area, an authentic Fur-Trade Era re-enactors camp, ethnic food booths, stage performances with 5 hours of continuous traditional music, singers, musical instrument makers, story-tellers, and working

blacksmith. N8236 S. Hwy. 13. For more information call (715) 339-7282.

16 - 17 Sauk City - Madison Magazine BBQ Festival. Free Admission! The Madison Magazine BBQ Festival is a Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) sanctioned contest. It will feature 30 BBQ pros to entertain and delight, two days of live music, delicious food, beer and wine, children's activities, demos, a bicycle race and so much more! Meyer Oak Grove Park. For more information call (608) 270-3632.

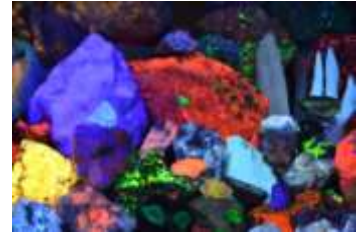
16 West Bend - ArtWalk Grand Opening. A celebration of the arts! Art vendors, live music, wine, beer, food and more! 215 N Main St. For more information call (262) 338-3909.

16 - 17 Wisconsin Dells - Automotion 2015. You know that spring has arrived in Wisconsin Dells when over 1,200 beautifully restored classic cars roll into town. Whether you're displaying the love of your life, a 1989 or older classic car, selling items in the Swap Meet or simply taking in the sights & sounds of the event, you won't be disappointed! Free spectator admission! Noah's Ark Waterpark Site, 1410 Wisconsin Dells Parkway.

22 - 25 Madison - The World's Largest Brat Fest. The World's Largest Brat Fest! Beer, Brats, Live Music. Activities for all ages! 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, Wisconsin 53713.

30 - 31 Kenosha - Train Lovers, All Aboard a Two Day Exhibit Train. Train Lovers, All Aboard a Two Day Exhibit May 30th & 31st, 2015 Train Extravaganza Weekend, Two Days, Two Museums, Two Exhibits and one great discussion on the history of the U.S. Military Railroad. Kids & Adults Join on the museum campus overlooking Lake Michigan. 5500 1st Ave. For more information call (262) 653-4140.

31 Madison - Isthmus Food Cart Fest. Grab a taste of the best food cart fare Madison has to offer, listen to live music from Oshkosh folk/bluegrass band, Dead Horses, and enjoy a selection of craft beer in the sun. Olin Park - 1156 Olin-Turville Court. For more information call (608) 251-5627.



Monroe Rock Show

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Monroe Quarry Trip
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