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President's Message

Merry Christmas all you Badgers!

I hope to see many, if not all of you, in Monroe this Saturday evening for our annual Christmas party. It seems that we'll not need our snowshoes this year, but may want umbrellas. Bring lots of great gifts; I'm sure to win this year. Seriously, drive safely and enjoy yourselves.

Marv Hanner,

President, Badger Lapidary and Geological Society



The December Meeting will be held the Annual Christmas Party. This will be held at 6:00 at the World Buffet in Monroe. The meeting activity will be the election of officers, a delicious meal & the Gold Brick Game. Hope to see you there!!

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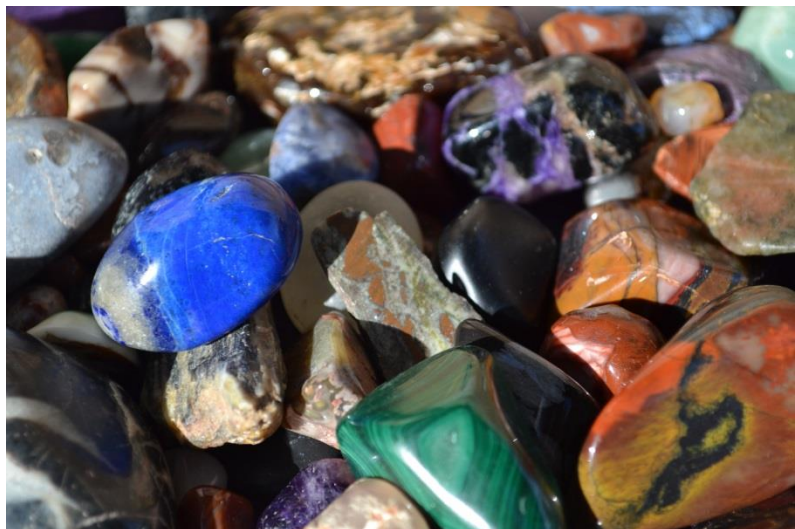
BLGS 2015 Calendar of Events

Dec 12: Meeting – Annual Christmas Party
6:00 at the International Buffet in Monroe, WI.
We will have a short meeting, elect officers for 2016 (if you are interested, be sure to get your name to the nominating committee); enjoy an excellent meal and then play the Gold Brick Game (the game shall be played calmly and quietly as always!) Hope to see you there!!

Jan 9: Meeting – Monroe Public Library at 10:00. The meeting program will likely be a video.

There is not a field trip in November or December due to the Holidays!! Field trips will resume in January. Any ideas, suggestions or requests should be passed on to an officer as soon as possible so that they can be considered for next year's field trip schedule!!!

We will be scheduling a planning meeting sometime early in the year to set up the field trips and meeting programs for 2016. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to volunteer to lead any of these, please let us know asap!



Minutes of the November Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Teri Marché, Secy.

President Marv Hanner called the meeting to order at 10:30. This meeting was rather “free-form” jumping around from one agenda item to another. I am reporting it as it should have gone had it followed the proper order, instead if chronologically (which made little sense).

Members present: Clay Schroll, Linda and Neal Trickel, Laurie, Erin, Conner, Jayden, and Dan Trocke, Robert Gilbert, Johnny Fay, Ken Schweitzer, Harold Carter, Marv Hanner, Jordan and Teri Marché

Program: Head down to Freeport for the Rock and Mineral Show

Minutes of the October meeting were approved, although a number of people reported not having received/read them. Aaaaargh!

Treasurer’s Report: Once again we are very solvent!

Old Business: Dan reported on the work done to the trailer on lapidary day. They put on a new spring, and Dan may pick up another for the other side. However, he may need a back-up truck to haul the trailer in April, since his truck is on the fritz, and too far gone to repair.

Also, for Lapidary Day, he cleaned out Tyrell’s saw and purchased a significant amount of oil to replace the sludge. Dan asked if he could be reimbursed for this. Jordan moved, and Neal seconded approval of Dan’s request, and the motion passed.

We again re-visited the question of whether or not to purchase new lapidary equipment for the club. Neal mentioned a used Lee Faceting Machine on the Kingsley-North website for \$350. He recommended it for anyone in the club as a starter machine. We also discussed the Wet Polisher for work on large, irregular material. Dan moved that the club purchase both, Teri seconded, and the motion passed. Neal also recommended that we get a set of wheels for

the faceter. Teri will pick up the machines to save shipping.

The Nominating Committee reported a slate of officers for the December election, they are: *President*, Clay Schroll, *Vice President*, Brian Green, *Secretary*, Teri Marché, *Treasurer*, Dan Trocke, *Officer At Large*, Marv Hanner. There followed a discussion of issues for Dan in becoming Treasurer, particularly since he will be unable to be at our show on the Saturday. We’ll work it out this year.

First Door Prize - Jayden Trocke won a lovely piece of Labradorite, probably from Madagascar.

New Business: Teri called for someone to take over the “What’s Rockin’” duties. After a bit of discussion, Connor Trocke volunteered. We should see his first installment in this newsletter.

Treats for the meetings. We need to get a list for the next several meetings. The list is as follows: January, Clay Schroll; February, Marché’s; March, open; April; Rock Show; May, open; June, Picnic.

If Dan is to be Treasurer, he will have to relinquish Field Trip Chair. Dan recommended moving more toward a committee structure, in which several people would each be responsible for lining up, organizing, and publicizing a field trip. He also suggested using the January meeting program to create a schedule of trips and meeting programs as we did last year.

Second Door Prize – Linda Trickle won a beautiful uncut Ammonite, probably from Madagascar

Show Business: None to report, since the show chair was absent.

Third Door Prize: Ken Schweitzer won a lovely piece of Moroccan Aragonite

Teri moved and Dan seconded a motion to adjourn. Marv closed the meeting at 12:30, and we all headed south!

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