

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

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President's Message

Hello Badgers!

I hope that everyone is having an enjoyable summer. Laurie is putting out a short newsletter to remind us of the club's upcoming field trips. We will have our annual Show and Tell at our next meeting in September.

Hope to see you all then

Clay

President

Badger Lapidary and Geological Society

There is not a meeting for August as there are 2 field trips. The first one is on 8/13 to the Bellevue, IA to collect agates.. The second one is on 8/27 and is still being planned. Hope you can make it to one or both of these awesome trips!!

Laurie Trocke

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BLGS 2016 Calendar of Events

- Aug 13:** Field Trip: Local Agate Collecting
Dan
- Aug 27:** Field Trip: TBD
- Sept 10:** Meeting: Community Room, First National Bank & Trust in Monroe at 10:00 – Annual Show & Tell & Intro to Lost Wax Carving
Dan
- Sept 24:** Field Trip: SW Wisconsin Mines
Marv
- Oct 8:** Meeting: Community Room, First National Bank & Trust in Monroe at 10:00 – Lost Wax Carving
Dan
- Oct 22:** Field Trip: Lapidary Day at the Trockes & Lost Wax Casting
Dan
- Nov 12:** Meeting: Monroe Public Library at 10:00 – Freeport Show
- Dec 10:** Meeting: Annual Christmas Party

There is not a field trip in November or December due to the Holidays

NOTE The venue for the meetings has been updated. Please note the changes! Thank you!

September 10th Meeting – Annual Show & Tell – Bring your treasures from this summer to share with the rest of the club. Also, Dan Trocke will be introducing Lost Wax Casting, which will be the meeting activity in October as well as a project for the Field Trip on Lapidary Day! Hope to see everyone there!!

August Mineral Related Events

11-14—BUENA VISTA, COLORADO: Annual show; Greg Tunnicliff, Buena Vista, CO; Rodeo Grounds; Thu. 9 -5 , Fri. 9 - 5 , Sat. 9 -5 , Sun. 9 -5 ; Free Admission; Over 100 dealers with gems, mineral specimens, beads, jewelry, cabochons, fossils, petrified wood, slabs, rough, tools, equipment. Buena Vista, CO Rodeo Grounds at Rodeo Drive and Gregg Drive. ; contact Greg Tunnicliff, (720)-491-0689; e-mail: gregtunnicliff@yahoo.com; Web site: <http://abqfallshow.wix.com/contin-tail>

12-14—DALTON, GEORGIA: Annual show; Mohammad Tahir, Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center; 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd.; Fri. 2-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$4, Free admission for children; There will be door prizes daily and a grand door prize of a 1/2 carat gold diamond ring! This will be the 25th year for our annual show! Many of the finest bead, pearl, fossil, mineral and jewelry merchants in the country will be there. Custom work and repairs will you wait. This show is fun for the kids and the whole family!; contact Mohammad Tahir, PO Box 4046, Alton, GA 30719, (706)-537-8960; e-mail: tahir1269@yahoo.com

12-14—PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON: annual show in conjunction with the Jefferson County Fair; Port Townsend Rock Club, Jefferson County Fair; 4907 Landers Street; Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-6; Adults \$8, Seniors \$6, Students \$6, children ages 6-12 \$2 / Children 5 and under free; contact Marge Roark, PO Box 1383, Port Townsend, WA 98368; e-mail: margejroark@gmail.com

13-14—RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN: Annual show; Northwest Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society, Youth Expo Building, Barron County Fairgrounds; Hwy 48 N.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission ; contact Roy Wickman, 1127 7th st, Almena, WI 54805, (715)-357-3223; e-mail: rktswick@chibardun.net

19-21—SOUTH BEND, INDIANA: Show and sale; Michiana Gem & Mineral Society, St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds, Ester Singer Building; 5117 South Ironwood Rd.; Fri. 12-7 , Sat. 10-6 , Sun. 10-5 ; Admission \$3.00, Children 6-12 \$1.00; Michiana Gem & Mineral Society 53rd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show and Sale and 76th Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies Convention. Attractions include gem, fossil, mineral and jewelry dealers, lapidary arts demonstrations, exhibits, Kid's Korner, and silent auction.; contact John Davis, (574)-232-8823; e-mail: sumu95@hotmail.com; Web site: www.michianagms.org

19-21—LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA: Wholesale and retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association, Lebanon Co Fairgrounds and Expo; 80 Rocherty Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4, Sun. -; Adults \$6, Children free; The Gem Miner's Jubilee is the Mid-Atlantic's premier Gem, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral and Fossil Show featuring some of the finest vendors in the country. There is an extensive wholesale

Trade section and outdoor Tailgate area. ; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301)-807-9745; e-mail: beadware@rcn.com; Web site: www.gem-show.com

20-21—BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Arklatex Gem & Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center; Old Benton Rd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4; 40th annual show, Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society. Custom and unique jewelry, gems and minerals, fossils, educational exhibits and demonstrations/speakers, and door prizes. ; contact Del Glasner; e-mail: larockclub@gmail.com; Web site: larockclub.com

20-21—CANTON, NEW YORK: Annual show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Show, Canton, NY Pavilion; 90 Lincoln St.; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; Friday August 19th at dusk - fluorescent mineral hunt for kids, free, lights provided. Presentation before hand 8:30 ; contact William deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315)-287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@gmail.com; Web site: www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org

27-28—PEORIA,, ILLINOIS: Annual show; Geology section of Peoria Academy of Science, Travel Lodge; 4400 N. Brandywine Drive; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; 53rd Annual Show. There will be displays, demonstrations, bead making, flint knapping, fossil preparation, fluorescent display, lapidary, gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewelry, slabs, fluorescents, carving, wire wrapping, beading, silent auction, door prizes, games, special interest area for children, and much more. ; contact Jim Travis, 2812 N. Peoria Ave., Peoria,, IL 61603, (309)-645-3609; e-mail: boatnick@aol.com; Web site: pasgeology.com

27-28—JASPER, TEXAS: Annual show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, The Event Center; 6258 Highway 190 West; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10 -5; Adults/Seniors \$3.00, Students/Children free; Lapidary demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, silent auction, grand prize raffle and spinning wheel featured. Vendors from across the country will offer rough rock, lapidary equipment and finished jewelry for sale.; contact Jonetta Nash, 737 FM 254 South, Jasper, TX 75951, (409)-384 3974; e-mail: jonetta.nash@yahoo.com; Web site: www.pinecountry-gms.org

Wisconsin August Events

IF TOMBSTONES COULD TALK
August 10, 2016 - August 11, 2016

Green Bay

Meet some of Green Bay's famous and not-so-famous departed citizens as they describe their lives on the Wisconsin frontier. Outdoor walking tour with costumed actors. Sponsored by the Brown County Historical Society. \$7 per person/\$14 for families with 2 adults and up to 4 children under the age of 17.

CRAZY DAZE
August 11, 2016

Merrill

Join the Merrill Area as we have a day of fun all around town. This year's theme is Roarin' 20's. Flipper Softball and much more fun to come your way. Activities, crafts, food and of

course, great bargains can be found on the East side, West side and Pine Ridge areas of Merrill. Don't miss the dance performances, Eating contests, and many more family fun events throughout the day and night.

CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE

August 12, 2016

Monroe

Live music on the lawn of the Historic Green County Courthouse, food and beverage stands, bring your lawn chair for an evening of family fun. Summer series (different music genre each concert) sponsored by Main Street Monroe in partnership with underwriter Colony Brands. Special intermission entertainment at every show.

LOBSTER BAKE

August 12, 2016

Green Lake

Fresh seafood and live music along the shores of Green Lake. Lobster Bake includes a live Maine Lobster of your choice (served boiled), fresh boiled clams, grilled shrimp, grilled sirloin steak, the soup and salad buffet (menu subject to change). Reservations required. Please visit website for more information or phone to reserve your spot today.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWERS NIGHT SKY EVENT

August 12, 2016

Ellison Bay

Join us in the picnic area at dusk to view this spectacular meteor shower in the darkest park of northern Door County. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

CLASSIC & WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

August 12, 2016 - August 13, 2016

Sturgeon Bay

Don't miss this action packed weekend that's fun for the whole family at the Door County Maritime Museum! Watch as two-person teams creatively build boats from scratch on Friday and race them on Saturday in the Sikaflex Challenge. Enjoy beautiful classic and wooden boats, children's activities, and watch as artists recreate Sturgeon Bay on canvas.

SUSIE THE DUCK DAY

August 13, 2016

Lodi

Come help us celebrate the 33rd Annual Susie the Duck Day. That's right, our town Mascot is a duck, a very cute duck that is the link to a wonderful family day that starts off at 9am with a Library Fun Run then at 10:30am the Lodi Rotary Parade then the "Duck Derby" where thousands of plastic ducks, each numbered, are released into Spring Creek from the bridge on Main Street and makes their way through the center of town traversing waterfalls and rapids where they race to the finish line at Goeres Park. You could be the lucky winner! The day continues with food, kids zone, car show, music and so much more fun! "A Taste of Lake Wisconsin & Lodi" that will give you a taste treat of the our local favorites.. So come join us, and shake hands with the Duck! Then around 7pm the the FFA Alumni Demolition Derby at the Fair Grounds down the street!

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

August 4, 2016 - August 14, 2016

West Allis

The annual Wisconsin State Fair is the state's largest agricultural showcase, offering endless family entertainment at an exceptional value. The State Fair features the exciting

SpinCity Amusement Ride and Game Area, 30 FREE stages, numerous educational exhibits, plenty of shopping and hundreds of food and beverage options. Ticket sales and fair entry cease one hour prior to park closure.

GREATER RACINE KENNEL CLUB ALL BREED DOG SHOW

August 14, 2016 - August 15, 2016

Caledonia

All breed dog show attracts dogs and owners from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Free admission. Parking \$5.

PAUL BUNYAN FEST

August 17, 2016

Eagle River

Family fun event with an arts & craft show, musical entertainment, chainsaw carving demos, Paul Bunyan-sized beef sandwiches and luncheon, and much more.

BALLOON GLOW

August 19, 2016

Manitowoc

Beautiful Hot Air Balloons light up the night along the river. Music by the Bourbon Cowboys, and concessions.

"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC - THE MANDATORY WORLD TOUR

August 20, 2016

Appleton

With his most recent album, Mandatory Fun, debuting at #1 Billboard Top 200 album chart, "Weird Al" Yankovic is as funny and talented as ever. The album features parodies of some of the biggest hits of the past year, including Pharrell Williams' "Happy" ("Tacky"), Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" ("Word Crimes"), Lorde's "Royals" ("Foil"), Iggy Azalea's "Fancy" ("Handy") and Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive" ("Inactive"). The album also features several inspired originals and pastiches ("Lame Claim to Fame," "Sports Song," "My Own Eyes," "Mission Statement," "First World Problems" and "Jackson Park Express") along with Al's latest accordion-fueled medley, "NOW That's What I Call Polka!" "Weird Al", along with his band of over three decades has performed thousands of live rock and comedy multimedia shows throughout the world and you will not want to miss this hilarious, clever and all-around entertaining "The Mandatory Tour" when it comes to the Fox Cities P.A.C.!

INDIAFEST MILWAUKEE

August 20, 2016

Milwaukee

IndiaFest Milwaukee brings the flavor, sights and sounds of India for a day of family fun. Sample delicious Indian food; see gorgeous costumes along with cultural displays, dancing, music, a fashion show and activities for kids. Shop our marketplace for clothing and art from India and learn how to tie a turban and sari. Event is free to the public.

MINOCQUA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

August 20, 2016

Minocqua

Businesses, organizations and service clubs will compete in this 2000 year old sport on Lake Minocqua. Teams of 20 paddlers in 45 foot long dragon boats will race a 300 meter straight, point-to-point course in front of Torpy Park. The day's activities will include an opening ceremony, parade of teams,

food & beverage sales, activities for children and the races!
Consider forming a team or just stop by to watch.

NEW GLARUS CAR SHOW

August 20, 2016

New Glarus

Antique and classic cars.

GRANT COUNTY FAIR

August 14, 2016 - August 21, 2016

Lancaster

4-H animal judging and exhibits, tractor and truck pulls, demolition derby, midway rides, jugglers/magicians, and musical entertainment.

DODGEVILLE DAYS

August 18, 2016 - August 21, 2016

Dodgeville

Thur kicks off with a Kiwanis Chicken Barbeque dinner at Ley Memorial Pavilion 4:30-7pm Time & Again Vintage Sale. Fri: Dodgeville sidewalk sales 9am-1pm, vendors, Emergency vehicles display, music downtown. 5-9pm Cosmic Bowling. Sat: Dodgeville Farmer's Market at UMC Parking Lot 8-11am. Fun Run/Walk at Harris Park (small pavilion) at 9am. Dodgeville sidewalk sales, vendors, Emergency Vehicles display, (fire/police/ambulance) face painting & music downtown. Sun: Lions Club Flea Market & Antique Sale at Ley Memorial Pavilion 8:30am-3:30pm.

IRISH FEST

August 18, 2016 - August 21, 2016

Milwaukee

Milwaukee Irish Fest, the world's largest celebration of Irish music and culture, is held annually on the third weekend in August on the shores of Lake Michigan.

WARBIRDS AND CLASSICS OVER THE MIDWEST

August 18, 2016 - August 21, 2016

Fond du Lac

Check out Fond du Lac's "Miniature EAA" and experience the biggest and best radio controlled airplanes from all over the US and Canada! Bring the family and see jets flying at 200 MPH! You'll also see GIANT scale models with wingspans over 15 feet flown by some of the best R/C pilots in the country. Win your own R/C airplane or other prizes in the raffle. \$10 per carload covers all 4-days. Reasonably priced food & drinks available.

BADGER STEAM AND GAS ENGINE SHOW

August 19, 2016 - August 21, 2016

Baraboo

Wisconsin's largest display of early American steam-powered and gas-powered equipment. Live demonstrations, 7 Acre flea market, arts & crafts, entertainment and food available on grounds. 2016 features: Cast Iron Seats and Implements (Various Makes).

CARS ON THE SQUARE

August 26, 2016

Monroe

Classic cars on display, prizes, food.

MAD GAEL IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 26, 2016 - August 27, 2016

Madison

Madison's own celebration of Irish and Scottish Culture. Hours of non-stop music and dancing over two days.

VILLA LOUIS BEHIND THE SCENES

August 26, 2016 - August 27, 2016

Prairie Du Chien

See Villa Louis from top to bottom. These extended tours of the mansion will give visitors a glimpse into the life of a historic house museum and will highlight the care and keeping of a unique object from the Dousman collection. Tours include visits to the nooks and crannies of this restored mansion.

TASTE OF ISLANDS

August 27, 2016

Milwaukee

This one-day celebration will focus on island culture with music, art and food from Jamaica. Local favorites UNITY The Band and Natty Nation will perform, plus artist vendors, kids activities, and more!

RUTABAGA FESTIVAL

August 25, 2016 - August 28, 2016

Cumberland

Since 1932, Cumberland has annually celebrated this oft-forgotten veggie. Enjoy live entertainment, a pedal tractor pull, pepper-eating contest, basketball shootout, craft show, morning bike tour, pancake breakfast, run/walk and grand parade.

CHEESE CITY CHALLENGE

August 28, 2016

Monroe

Tractor Pull sponsored by Green County Ag Society and Southern Wisconsin Tractor Pullers.

FIESTA ORGANICA

August 28, 2016

Janesville

Visit over 40 farmers and art "Marketeers" with fresh produce and local art, and enjoy live music at Oak Village Garden Center's Fiesta Organica. Try fresh organic & heirloom vegetables, sample homemade herb butter, herbal dips, and more! Live music and activities.

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