

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

***The Badger Lapidary and Geological Society, Inc.***

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

If a member changes their email address – please email their new address to me at [dkaylamb@yahoo.com](mailto:dkaylamb@yahoo.com) .

If you have any questions about the club or club events, please contact an officer.

Rock On  
Debbie Lamb

Hey Badgers, hope you can join us on Saturday, February 8th at 10:30 for our February meeting. We will meet in the common room at Festival foods in Janesville.

Join us in welcoming our very own Brian Zahn. He has graciously offered to do a presentation/demonstration on cabbing for our meeting activity. It should be interesting, educational and entertaining!!

We'll also be discussing some show updates, the February field trip and the March meeting. Hope to see you there!!

**Laurie**

# **February**

**IMPORTANT Meeting- Field  
Trip Discussion**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am**

**Festival Foods Janesville**

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**February 22nd**

**Chicago Field Museum &  
Daves Rock Shop**

Herb is working at renting a 10 – 12 person vehicle. As soon as possible information will be shared with members.

# 2025 Club Schedule

## March

8<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – SHOW issues

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Kettle Moraine Geological Society Rock Show

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - SHOW

## April

12<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Chainmaille Keychain

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Missouri Field Trip

## May

10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting – Rock Game

24<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Quarry

## June

8<sup>th</sup> – Picnic – location TBD

28<sup>th</sup> – Nebraska Field Trip

## July

12<sup>th</sup> – Janesville Quarry

25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>- Thunder Bay Trip TBD

## August

13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show

28<sup>th</sup> – Shullsburg WI Field Trip

## September

13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting - Show & Tell

27<sup>th</sup> – Iowa Field Trip

## October

11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> – Lapidary Days

## November

8<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Guest Speaker

## December

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – Location TBD

**Meetings will be held at**

**Festival Foods**

**2233 Humes Rd  
Janesville, WI**

**Email will be sent to all members with Field Trip details prior to trip.**

**If meetings or field trips must be changed – all members will receive an email with updated information prior to the event.**

## **2025 Membership**

**Just a reminder that 2025 membership dues are due!**

**\$15 for Single and \$20 for Family.**

**Dues can be sent to Treasurer – Dan Troke or paid at meetings. To participate in Field Trips – dues are required to be paid.**

**If you have paid your 2024 ~ Thank You**



**Hats \$5, T-Shirts \$18**

## **T-Shirts**

Hey Badgers, we are planning to have T-shirts available to order again this year. Wondering how many people are interested?? The price would probably be in the \$18 to \$22 range again. Also looking at adding a hoodie as an option. Let Laurie know if you are interested in ordering!! Thanks!



**Calendars \$15**

## **2026 Planning Sub-Committee**

After the February meeting- Herb will be having the 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 Planning Sub-Committee. If you would like to be part of planning away trips for 2026 please plan to stay after for the sub-committee meeting.

## **Meeting Event**

On February 8th, 2025, Brian Zahn will be giving a presentation on making cabochons. It will be at Festival Foods in Janesville in the upstairs room. Dan Trocke will be bringing the clubs cabochon making machine for you to see and check out in the future to make your own Cabs. This is a good general presentation for those of you who want to learn to make cabs from your rock finds.

Brian will also be bringing some beautiful cabs that he's created for you to see.

# **Club Meeting – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Rock Club (BLGS) Business Meeting Notes

Call to order by Darsha

Roll Call with favorite place to collect rocks (18 people).

Minutes accepted from last Biz meeting (1. Debbie 2. Lori)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. POTOSI, MO trip 4/24 – 4/28/25 (5 -6 hour drive)

\*Debbie talked about lodging:

1. Bluff View Farms: primitive camping but have a “pick & stay” option.

2. Hawk’s Bluff (close to Haunted Ridge): \$30 hook-up fee for electric & water. Rock cleaning station

3. Twin Eagle Lake: \$55 hook-up/ \$65 -120 for cabins

4. Super 8 (Only hotel in town), \$70/night for 2 beds but prices will be going up soon.

\*Herb talked about more details:

Copper Valley Mine (about 1 hour from Potosi, newly opened in 2024): has Azurite, Malachite & Copper.

Was originally mined in 1900s and you walk back to mine dumps~ can not drive all the way in.

Other attractions: Elephant Rock State Park, Missouri Mine State Historic site in Mineral Point, Merrimac

Cave and Onandaga Cave State Park.

B. Send your favorite DIGITAL sites, used for anything rock or mineral related, to Debbie and she will

compile a LIST for the newsletter. (Darsha)

C. 2025 Meetings & trips SCHEDULE was published in the January newsletter.

D. CHICAGO, IL trip (2/22/25): Field Museum and Dave’s Rock Shop. Herb has reserved a 15-person van

to drive there and would cost around \$15/ person to ride there. 1 st come 1 st reserved. Museum is open

9 – 5 and Dave’s is open 10 – 5. Cost for field museum is \$30/ person.

E. Treasurer (Dan) totals are the same as December meetings’ numbers. Expense coming up this week

will be around \$600 for the Midwest Federation dues (covers 95 adults & 25 kids)

F. Rock Shop Hop (1/25/25) (Laurie) The Spring Green store is offering 10% off for club members.

G. SHOW BUSINESS (Laurie):

1. sign-up sheets are going around PLEASE sign up

2. 4 of the 5 speakers are confirmed; topics are: Flint knapping, Geodes, Florescence & Sodalite Hunter

3. needs donation rocks for gift bags & Spinner wheel (club will be filling bags at the March Meeting)

4. All can sell at the Club Table (10% fee to club)

H. T-SHIRTS (Laurie) working on order. Cheri suggested another source to check out: TShirts by Will.

#### Rock Club (BLGS) Business Meeting Notes

##### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Oil for Saws. (Dan) has a lot of mineral oil from transformers that he has been using for the club

saws. Would like club to reimburse him \$10/ gallon for this product. (accepted: 1. Debbie 2 Brian)

B. Name Tags (Cheri): lanyard option being implemented and will cost .35 per lanyard & holder and

printing tags expense (Laurie had Cheri send her bill to get paid with credit card)

C. 2026/27 Activity Planning committee (Herb): this group would work on planning details for larger trips

(Tucson, AZ Gem show?) Folks interested will meet after February club meeting.

Door Prize winners: 1. Cheri 2. Penny 3. Chuck

Motion to adjourn meeting (Darsha) (1. Cheri 2. Penny)

#### Members Rock Finds



Just off the saw...this beautiful piece of jasper with white quartz "blooms"! I have not seen anything similar from the area. Found in Rock County. Approximately 1.5 x 2.5 inches. - Shelly



An interesting Geode from our Keokuk trip. It glows under UV light. – Gary Perk



# 2025 Officers Roster

Member Rock find .....



One of the bonus finds from the Fox River on the geode trip. Silicified Mississippian age coral. Fluorescent green in LWUV, MWUV, and SWUV.

Kevin Ponzio

**Make sure to check out  
the Badger Rock Club  
Facebook Page!!**



When placing a picture on Facebook members are giving BLGS permission to add pictures to monthly newsletter.

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