

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

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

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

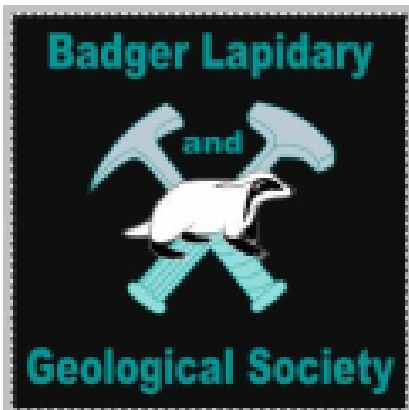
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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

2024 is going to be a great rock hunting year! If you have any questions about the club or club events, please contact an officer.

Rock On  
Debbie Lamb



## **March Events**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting & Show Prep**

**Meeting will be held at Mystic  
Moraine in Janesville.**

**10:30am**

**Badger Rock Show**

**Janesville**

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Set-Up Friday 3/15 late afternoon**

# 2024 Club Schedule

## March

9<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Show Prep

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Show

## April

13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Show Workshops recap

27<sup>th</sup> - Wausau Moonstone Trip

## May

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

25<sup>th</sup> – Janesville Quarry

## June

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

22<sup>nd</sup> – Iowa Quarry

## July

13<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Quarry

27<sup>th</sup> – Quarry Trip – Location TBD

## August

10<sup>th</sup> - UP Michigan Trip & Houghton Rock Show

24<sup>th</sup> – Eau Claire Jasper Hunting Trip

## September

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

28<sup>th</sup> – New York – New Jersey

## October

12<sup>th</sup> – Lapidary Days

26<sup>th</sup> – Keokuk Iowa GeodesTrip

## November

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

## December

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

**Meetings will be held at**

**Festival Foods  
2233 Humes Rd  
Janesville, WI  
at 10:30 am.**

**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.**

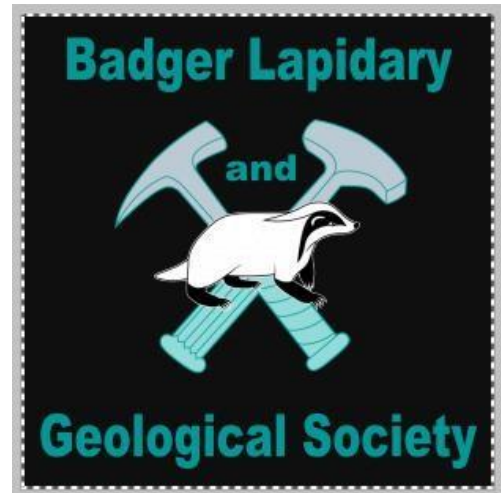
## 2024 Membership

Just a reminder that 2024 membership dues are due!

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

Dues can be sent to  
Treasurer - Penny Petranek  
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**



**Calendars \$20**

# Meeting Agenda

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** by Laurie Trocke

The February meeting of the Badger Lapidary & Geological Society was called to order in the Festival Foods Common Room at 10:30 on Saturday, February 10th. The following club members were in attendance: Dan & Laurie Trocke, Ken Schweitzer, David Cress, Jim & Wilma Lamont, Marge Manogue, Dee & Roger Ward, Christine & Jose Lopez, Herb Bunger, Laura Owsley, Gary Perkowitz, Mike Magnuson, Dawn Dennis, Terry Aitken, Bob & Laura Wesner, Penny Petranek, Colleen Kaiser, Marlene Sorenson, John, Daniel & Lex Norman, Darsha Olsen, Alysha Weigel, Ray Baird, Kim Schneider, Chuck & Lori Styles, Mark Wolf, Rena Hollwedel, Tim Hollwedel, Brian & Cherie Zahn.

The meeting activity was wire wrapping. It was decided to hold the meeting first and then proceed with the wire wrapping. Ken S. Made a motion to accept the January minutes, Laura W. seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

It was announced that the February field trip was changed due to the Cave of the Mounds visitor center being under construction. We will be going to the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum in Platteville for a museum & mine tour instead. There was also a reminder that 2024 calendars are available, as well as hats & t-shirts. Also, 2024 dues are due, please pay Penny Petranek, our treasures.

Penny presented the treasurer report and said that there were not any major changes to our balance. Laurie Trocke brought a number of checks from vendors, as well as dues payments and calendar purchases that she had received. The only expense was from Dan Trocke for wire wrapping supplies and the snacks purchased for the meeting.

Rena Hollwedal won the first door prize. She received a beautiful agate slab.

Moving on to old business, it was discussed that Johnny Fay has been battling cancer and has moved into hospice care. A separate email will be sent with his address in case anyone would like to send him a card.

We also discussed repairs to the trailer. Possibly taking it thru a car wash during the show to try and determine if it is leaking and if so, where. Also, some of the shelves collapsed and will need to be rebuilt.

The second door prize was awarded to Wilma Lamont. She wone a sand dollar.

For new business, Cheri Zahn discussed some of the things she has found in researching name tags for the club. She will get some quotes to bring to a future meeting Herb will also get a quote for leather name tags from his nephew.

Moving on to show business, Laurie gave us a run down of where we are for show planning. Sign-up sheets were sent around, please volunteer to help out if you can!! The Midwest Federation will be holding their annual meeting at our show on Saturday morning. Arrangements were made to make sure they have donuts and coffee. Laurie will email the sales slip template out to the group so that anyone planning to sell at the club table will have it. Please continue to spread the word regarding the show and the rover contest. Share over social media, hang flyers, send articles to your local paper/radio station, etc.

The last door prize was a unique quartz crystal, that was won by Brian Zahn.

Ken S. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Darsha O.

## SHOW NEWS from Laurie

Next up is the March meeting. We will meet at Festival Foods on Saturday, March 9th. The meeting activity is Show Prep!! We will be putting the fish pond bags together, so if you have any donations for the kids' games, bring them on Saturday or if you are not going to be at the meeting, let us know so we can arrange to get them from you. We will also be making signs, banners or posters that we need for the show, including a 'Welcome Midwest Federation' banner, so bring your artistic talents along!! We will be dropping the completed fish pond bags, banners/signs and any donations for the spinner game off in the club trailer at Mystic Moraine after the meeting. The other thing we are planning to do on Saturday is move the extra tables that we have stored in the basement of Mystic Moraine over to the Craig Center so that we have them for the show. Any help that we can get after the meeting to load the bins of fish pond bags and move tables would be highly appreciated!!!

Lastly we come to show prep!!

We still have sign-ups available.

For set-up on Friday, we could help with the following:

- 1) Someone to pick up the club trailer from Mystic Moraine and bring it to the fairgrounds.
- 2) Someone to pick up the crackinator from Mystic Moraine and bring it to the fairgrounds
- 3) Put out signs in the community
- 4) Tech set-up -- projector, mic, pa, etc.
- 5) General set-up

For working at the show on Saturday, we have the following spots open:

- Sales Table: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (2), 1 - 3 (1), 3 - 5 (2)  
Kids' Hands-on Activity: 9 - 11 (2), 11 - 1 (1), 3 - 5 (2)

Fish Pond & Spinner Games: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (1), 1 - 3 (1), 3 - 5 (1)  
Food Services: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (1), 3 - 5 (2)  
Facilities - Check bathrooms/garbage/etc: 11:00 (1), 2:00 (1), 4:30 (1)  
Geode Cracker: 11 - 1 (1), 1 - 3 (1), 3 - 5 (1)  
Rover Wrangler: All times open. No idea if we will need someone on this or not, but basically, I would like someone to help people set up their rover models on the tables, make sure we have a card w/their contact info and also tell them how cool they are for participating!!

For working the show on Sunday, we have the following spots open:

Admissions Table: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (1)  
Sales Table: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (2), 1 - 4 (2)  
Kid's Hands-on Activity: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (2), 1 - 4 (2)  
Fish Pond & Spinner Game: 9 - 11 (2), 11 - 1 (1), 1 - 4 (2)  
Food Service: 9 - 11 (2), 11 - 1 (1), 1 - 4 (2)  
Facilities: 11:00 (1), 2:00 (2)  
Geode Cracker: 9 - 11 (1), 11 - 1 (2), 1 - 4 (2)  
Rover Wrangler: All times open

Sunday Tear Down - After 4:00 on Sunday Afternoon. We could use help w/the following items

- 1) General help, putting away the tables, cleaning up, loading the trailer, etc
- 2) Return the club trailer to Mystic Moraine
- 3) Return the Geode Cracker to Mystic Moraine
- 4) Take down & pack up tech
- 5) Take down signs in the community

Please let me know if you have any questions on the different things that we have sign-ups for or if there is a spot you would like to volunteer for!!!

We also have 11 small display cases 2' x 2' x 6" and 3 large cases 2' x 4' x 20" open if you would like to do a display.

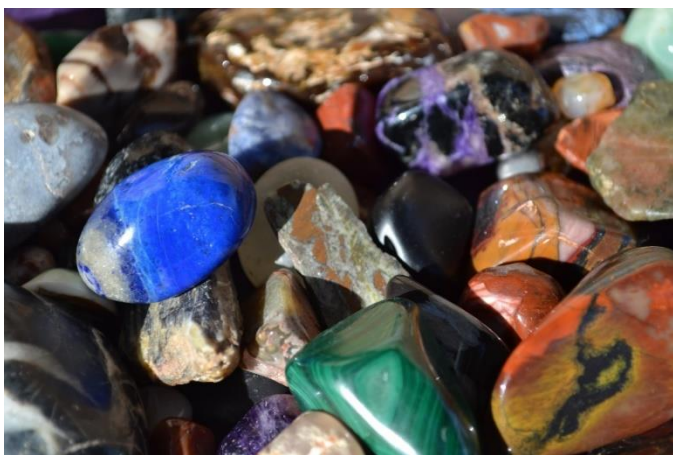
If you are planning to sell at the club table, please use the sales slips that I have included. We use these to determine how much you sold so that we can pay you!!!

Thanks so much for putting up with my long and rambling information and for all of your help. The show could not go on without all of you!!! Please continue to spread the word, hang up flyers, post it on social media, tell friends, etc. If you know any scouts, 4H kids, STEM kids, etc, tell them about the Model Rover competition!!!! The flyer is included in the email in case you need it. Huge shout-out to Darsha Olsen for putting this flyer together for us. It looks great!!

Thanks again,

Laurie  
BLGS Show Chair

**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.

## 2023 Officers Roster

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*If you have any questions, please contact a Club officer.*