

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

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

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

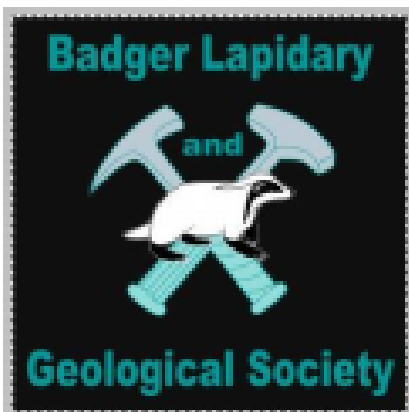
***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

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



## **May Events**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting & Tyrel Rouse Guest Speaker**

**10:30 am**

**Festival Foods**

**Janesville, WI**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Janesville Quarry**

**Members will receive an email with  
the information about the event**

# 2024 Club Schedule

**Meetings will be held at**

## 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

**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**

# April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

## Minutes by Laurie Trocke

The April meeting was held on Saturday, April 13th. In attendance were: Dan & Laurie Trocke, Ray Baird, Marge Manogne, Herb Bunger, David Cress, Kim Schn eider, Dale Nicholson, Mike Magnuson, Bryan & Jodi Brazee, Chuck & Lori Styles, Mark Wolf, Penny Petranek & Maryan Robin Stubbs.

Dan announced that we still have 2024 calendars available for \$10. Let Laurie know if you are interested. After the meeting, several members will be going to Mystic Moraine to put a tarp on the club trailer until it can be sealed. Dan asked for any volunteers. Herb & Mark offered to come help. He also reminded club members that we have lapidary tools available that members can borrow. Please contact him to make arrangements if you are interested.

Dan also invited everyone to attend the May meeting. We will be having Tyrel Rouse as a guest speaker talking about radioactive minerals. It should be an interesting and educational presentation!!

The March meeting minutes will be printed in a later newsletter.

Penny presented a fantastically detailed report for the income & expenses from our show. We brought in a little bit more in donations than last year and a little bit less on the kids' games. She also said that she had paid the rental fee for Beckman Mills County Park for the June picnic.

We then discussed possible expenses or purchases for this year and agreed to invest some money to fix up the trailer. It could use some new shelves on the inside and it needs to

be sealed to prevent it from leaking. We also discussed rebuilding some of the display cases and replacing the Plexiglas.

The first door prize was awarded to Mike Magnuson. He won a nice piece of Leopard Jasper.

Moving on to Old business, we determined that the April field trip was probably going to have to be changed as the Moonstone field was not yet open.

Dale asked if dogs were allowed on field trips. We explained that they were in some locations, but not others, depending on the quarry owners requirements. It is generally included in the field trip announcement.....if it is not in the announcement, please ask.

Moving on to New Business, Dan said that the June picnic location is going to be Beckman Mill County Park, which is located between Janesville & Beloit. There is a mill tour that you can go on at the park. Watch your email for more information.

The club is also invited to go to the Door County area for a field trip. Friends of the club, Mike & Ruth Reisch own the Earthaven Museum and have led the club on field trips in the past. Mike said he has a new location and would love to take us hunting. We are working on a date.

The May meeting will be on Saturday, May 11th with Tyrel Rouse as our guest speaker. The May field trip is to a quarry in Janesville. David Cress said that there is a chance we could partner with the Jefferson club and have access to 2 quarries that day.

Penny announced that she found a really cool place that might work for our Holiday Party. It is the Three Waters Reserve. It has a clubhouse with windows all around, catering for special events, a specific menu designed

for us, a sledding hill & hiking trails and more. Penny will get more information on food possibilities and cost.

The second door prize was won by Maryjann Robin Stubbs. She won a great piece of tiger iron.

Laurie then moved on to Show Business. She said we had 40 volunteers this year. We raised about the same amount of money as last year. She said special thank yous to: Herb Bunger, our grill master; John, Darsha & kids for helping all weekend; Ken Schweitzer for helping at the sales table and processing credit card transaction all weekend; Rowan Padden-Lechten for filming all of the speakers; Rowan & Sebastian Padden-Lechten for setting up the security cameras; Penny Petranek for taking care of the money; Gwyn Padden-Lechten for introducing and taking care of our speakers; Ray Baird for moving the club trailer and setting up signs; Dan Trocke for setting up and manning the fluorescent room and also moving all of the things & Mystic Moraine Minerals for the loan of the Crackinator & for storing the extra tables. Also, huge thanks to everyone that helped. We could not pull off all of the things that we do at the show without everyone's help and I really am so very grateful!!!

We are hoping to be able to post the videos of the speakers on our Facebook page.

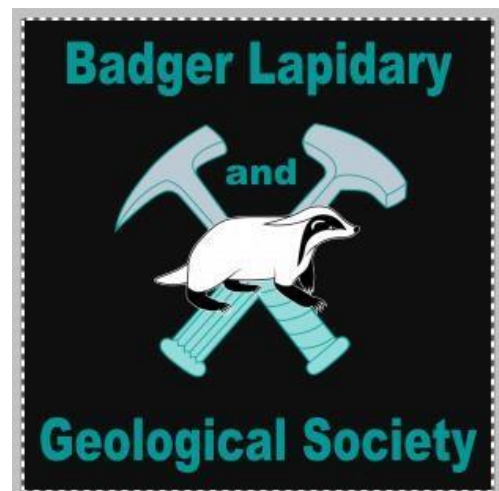
The dates for next year's show are March 15 & 16, 2024. Save the date and start making plans!! We would love help with advertising, ideas for kids' games, speaker suggestions and ways to draw more people in, especially on Sunday.

The final door prize was won by Jodi Brazee. She won a very nice piece of Pytrite.

Mark Wolf made a motion to adjourn, Marge Magnuson 2nd it. The motion carried and the



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



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*If you have any questions, please contact a  
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**Calendars \$10**

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



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BLGS permission to add pictures to monthly newsletter.