

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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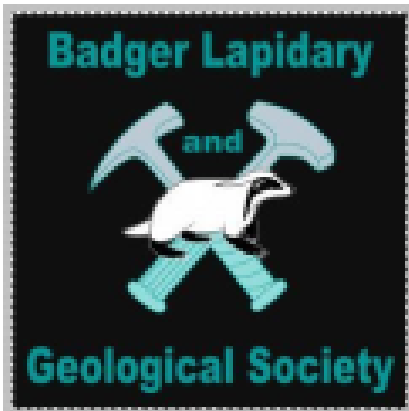
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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

Rock On
Debbie Lamb



November 9th Meeting

10:30 am

Dan will speak on Fakes

Festival Foods 2233 Humes Rd

Janesville, WI

Hey Badgers, join us on Saturday, November 11th for the November meeting. Our meeting activity this month will be a fun/interesting presentation by Dan Trocke on Fakes. How to spot them, how they are made, are they cool and interesting?? Join us in November and find out. If you have any fakes of your own that you would like to share, bring them along!! Hope to see you there.

2024 Club Schedule

December

14th – Christmas Party – Location to be announced

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.



Hats \$5, T-Shirts \$18

2025 Membership

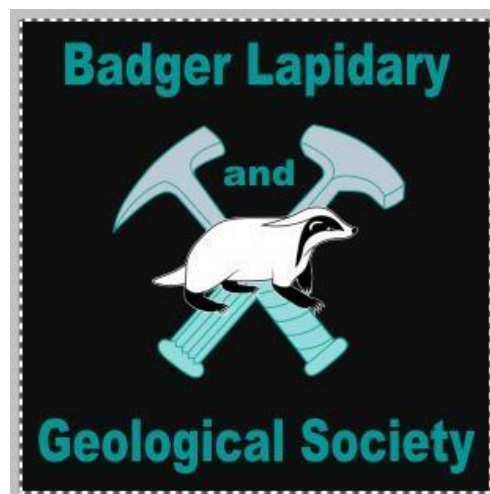
Just a reminder that 2025 membership dues are due in January.

It is not too early to pay for 2025 dues!

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

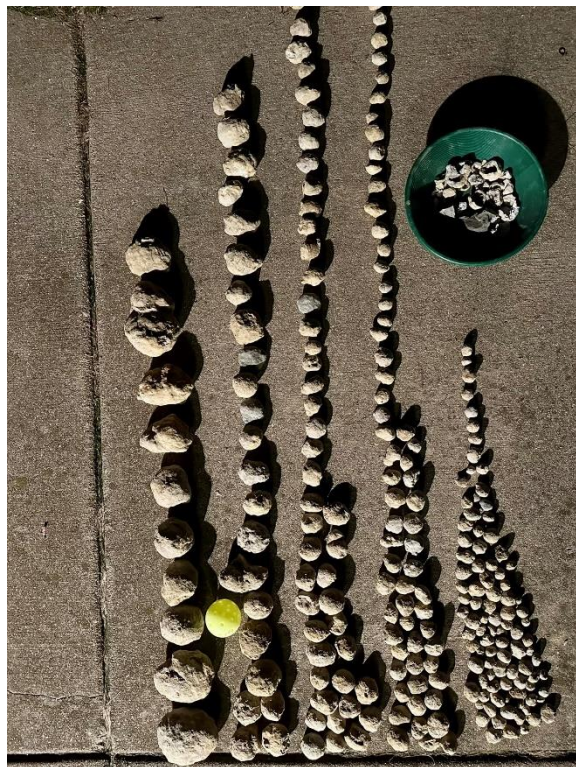
2025 Dues can be sent to
Treasurer - Penny Petranek

or paid at meetings. To participate in Field Trips – dues are required to be paid.



A few pics from the Keokuk Field Trip!!!

A bar chart of my haul. Pickleball for scale – Jerry Zhu



The geode trip had a surprise for us. Geodes littered the ditch along a recent road construction site. Most were solid but the hollow ones yielded nice quartz and, or chalcedony centers. A few had quartz twinning with a thin coating of chalcedony - Kevin Ponzio

Two naturally opened geodes from Hamilton IL. The top one has white botryoidal chalcedony and minor banding. The bottom one has tiny pyrite cubes – Jerry Zhu



The Fox River had more than geodes. Beautiful fall colors, winding river views, and some insects enjoying the last of summer. I took in the view while celebrating my 40th anniversary of collecting Keokuk Geodes – Kevin Ponzio



One of my most exciting finds on the geode dig this last weekend. A 'Dew Drop Diamond Geode'. White chalcedony lined geode with di-pyramidal quartz crystals. Reported to be "one in ten thousand" Keokuk Geodes! More to open yet. Fingers crossed - Kevin Ponzio



We opened a couple with the 'assistance' of our little neighbor girl. She got to keep what she opened. Was excited to see the crystal (?) inside!
– Jeanette Edwards



We had a lovely weekend in keokuk iowa. Saturday we went to Jacob's geodes and collected, it was hard work and we're both still sore from hammering, but we filled a bucket to slightly over flowing and only spent 35.00. We had a great time with a lovely group of people! Saturday night we all met up for dinner at a local restaurant, good food and again, great company! Then we went to woody's rock shop and spent a little \$ on a couple sparklys, lol! Thanks Herb for getting us in there!

Sunday we were all heading to meet up for another fun day of geode hunting, Herb also connected us up with this site, He was on a roll with great ideas and connections this weekend! Jose and I were on our way to the meeting spot, going through a construction area along the road we noticed a guy picking up geodes along the road, we stopped across the street at a gas station to have a look, they were everywhere. I called Herb to let the club know where to find this spot and we went to work. In a spot about a city block long we filled 4 buckets and didn't pick up half of them. We just couldn't carry any more in our car! The single bucket is from Jacob's, the other 4 from along the road and the open 1 was also from the road. We hope you all made it over there to get a load of these because they look great! Thanks for putting this field trip together, we appreciate it.

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My van really said aawww when I unloaded it this morning. Made it home with 4 buckets of geodes and one big un. 2 from Jacob's 1 from Coopers along with the big un and 1 overflowing from the Wayland roadside work. Along with some fantastic specimens and slabs from Woody's Rock shop / [KeokukGeodes](#) Geodes. Thank-you Woody and his wife for opening up not just once on Friday but a second time at 8:30-10:30 pm on Saturday for the [Badger Rock Club](#) to check out his great store. It was great meeting you. I would also like thank Kirk Brandenberger at the Keokuk Tourism Bureau who led Marge and on a tour of the Lock and Dam no 19 museum. He also got us in touch with Coopers for our Sunday hunt. Overall it turned into a fantastic weekend even though a few muscles were screaming - Herb Bunger



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Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday

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