

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

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

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

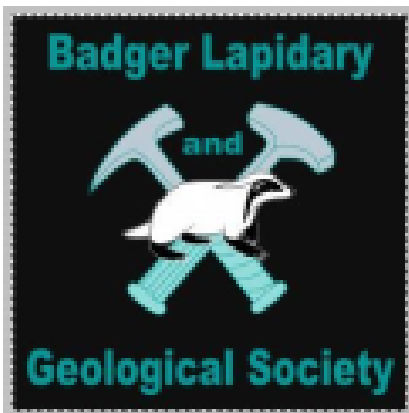
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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

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

Rock On  
Debbie Lamb



## **December Christmas Party**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 – 6:00pm**

**Music at 2:30**

**Food at 3pm**

**Three Waters Reserve**

**N3941 Golf Course Rd**

**Broadhead, WI**

**53520**

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# Christmas Party Information

Hey Badgers,

You are invited to join us for our 2024 Annual Holiday Party!!! The party will take place at a new location this year. We will meet at **Three Waters Reserve, N3941 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520**. This facility is owned by the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy. It has hiking trails, sledding hills and amazing views of a restored oak savanna. We have the facility from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and plan to eat around 3:00, so you can come early to check out the trails or go sledding (assuming we have snow by then). **Starting at 2:30, Cherie Zahn will be leading a Holiday sing along, so be sure to join in this fun activity!!**

The menu will consist of a build your own pasta bar with Penne pasta, sliced chicken, meatballs, marinara or alfredo sauce; roasted vegetables; tossed salad; garlic bread; water or coffee. **The club will pay for half of the meal, so your cost will be \$16**. In addition, there will be a cash bar where you can purchase beer, wine or soda as well as a Christmas dessert table provided by **Penny Petranek's family (her granddaughters are starting a baking business)**. The desserts will be free, but we will have a donation jar if anyone wants to contribute to their efforts!!

After we eat, we will hold our December meeting. The most important thing will be to elect officers for 2025. We generally try and keep the meeting pretty short & sweet so that we have plenty of time for the main event!! **The Fantastical Gold Brick Game!!** We have been playing this game at our Holiday party for something like 50 years! It is a wonderful tradition and lots of fun. We will read the rules and explain how the game works at the party. The main thing you need to remember is to **bring 2 - 3 inexpensive, well packaged and wrapped gifts per person**. These gifts will be part of the game. We always make sure that

everyone gets something. In addition to these presents, the club donates 4 nice gifts that you will have a chance to win.

The Holiday party is also a great time to pay annual dues -- \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family.

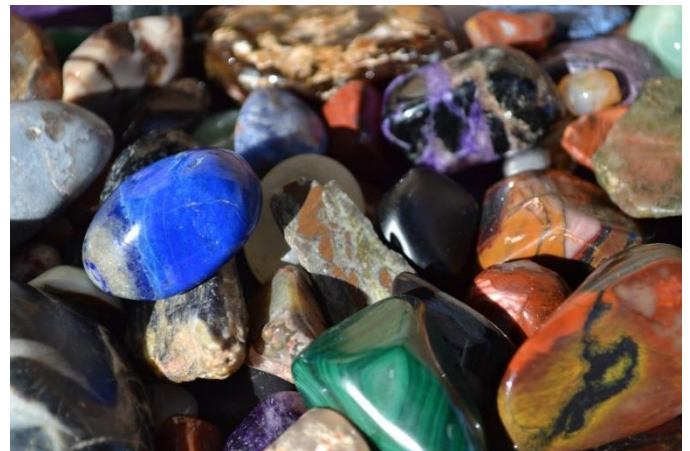
We'll also have 2025 calendars available for \$15 and hats for \$5.

**Please RSVP and let me know how many in your party will be attending as the facility would like a count!!**

Hope to see you there!

Laurie

**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.

# BLGS November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was held on Saturday, November 9th. We met in the Community Room at Festival Foods in Janesville. The following people were in attendance: Dan & Laurie Trocke; Becky & Glen Turner; Terry Aitken; Dawn Dennis; Joe & Irene Miller; Ray Baird; Gary Perkowitz; Laura Owsley; Kim Schneider; Penny Petranek; Cherie & Brian Zahn and Mark Wolf.

The meeting started off with a presentation by Dan Trocke on Fake or altered minerals and fossils.

After the presentation, the meeting was called to order. Dan ran through the announcements, letting people know that the Freeport Show was taking place that weekend. Also, the 2025 calendars will be available at the Holiday Party and that there are still 2024 calendars available.

After announcements, Penny Petranek shared the treasurer's report. She had a summary of expenses and deposits for 2024, as well as the current balance. She said that there will be additional expenses for 2024, the main one being the Holiday Party, as well as show expenses for 2025. She also reminded everyone that 2025 dues are due.

The first door prize was a geode, won by Cherie Zahn.

Moving on to Old Business, Dan thanked everyone for their help in repairing the trailer. We had a great crew that got together at Herb Bunger's place and sealed the roof of the trailer as well as rebuilt the shelves in the back of the trailer and reorganized everything. Please see Dan's Thank you letter, regarding this fun and productive day!

Also for Old Business, Penny shared an update on the Holiday Party. She said that it will be held at Three Waters Reserve. It used to be a golf course and has been reclaimed. The Reserve is located between Albany and Brodhead. It has hiking trails, a sledding hills and a beautiful Oak Savanna. We

have the facility reserved between 2:00 & 6:00 and are planning to eat at 3:00. Cherie Zahn will be hosting a holiday sing-a-long at 2:30, so be sure to get there early to check out the trails and then join in the sing-a-long!! Penny shared the menu options – there was a Mexican option or an Italian Option. We voted to go with the Italian option and to have them add a side salad. We also determined that the club would pay the \$300 to reserve the facility as well as half the meal, so your cost for the meal will be \$16. We will also hold a short meeting and play the Gold Brick Game at the party. Watch your emails for more details!!

The last part of Old Business was a discussion on officers for 2025. Our officers serve for 2 years and then have to step down. We have the following people that have volunteered for officers in 2025:

President – Darsha Norman  
Vice President – Brian Zahn  
Treasurer – Dan Trocke  
Secretary – Dawn Dennis  
Officer at Large – Herb Bunger

We will vote on officers at the Holiday Party.

The second door prize was also a geode and was won by Irene Miller.

Mark Wolf asked about t-shirts, but we didn't have an update. We should have more info at the December meeting.

For New Business, we discussed the need to schedule a planning meeting to set the 2025 agenda. It was decided to hold the meeting on January 4th, at Festival Foods in Janesville at 11:00. We will plan to go out to a local restaurant after the meeting.

The third door prize was won by Joe Miller. He also won a geode.

Moving on to Show Business. Laurie said that most of the vendors have confirmed and that contracts would be mailed soon. The material for the spinner game & fish pond was inventoried. We will need

around 300 additional bags for fish pond at the March Show. Also, save the date flyers are complete and printed for people to take home. There will be more at the December meeting. The next steps are securing speakers and to start advertising.

The last door prize was won by Laura Owsley. She also won a geode. After the meeting adjourned all of the door prize winners were able to crack their geodes and see what was inside. They were pretty cool!!

After the drawing, Gary Perkowitz made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Cherie Zahn.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## **Planning Meeting**

### **Festival Foods – Janesville, WI**

Hey Badgers, join us on Saturday, January 4th at 11:00 for our annual planning meeting. We will be setting the agenda for meeting activities and field trips for the 2025 season. We are looking for your ideas on places to go and things to do.

We are looking for volunteers to do presentations, demonstrations or lead hands on activities at the meetings as well as Field Trip leaders. So, if you have a fun idea that you would like to share or a collecting location that you are familiar with and would like to lead the group, let us know!!

Hope to see you there! Laurie

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