

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

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

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***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

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## ***President's Message***

Happy New Year, Badgers!

Thank you again for your show of support in the election last month. I'd also like to welcome back our returning (and new) officers: vice president and field trip chairman Dan Trocke, secretary and newsletter editor Laurie Trocke, treasurer Daisy Peterson, and officer-at-large Marv Hanner. It's a pleasure to be able to work with such a fine and dedicated group of officers.

Unlike last year, we have a substantial amount of snow on the ground from the pre-Christmas storm that will likely remain with us for some time. Hopefully, it will begin to ease the widespread drought conditions that still affect much of our state.

Copies of the new BLGS mineral calendar, "Wonders of the Earth 2013," are still available and may be purchased at the upcoming meeting (at 10 a.m. on January 12). Cost is \$9.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. And if you have not already done so at the Christmas Party, please renew your dues for the coming year. The club's annual show (see ahead) is just one of many events and activities that are being planned for our future enjoyment.

As I write, the officers have not yet had their planning meeting, and so there is no scheduled program for the meeting. This would be an excellent time to watch one

or more of the videos that have been produced by the Midwest Federation.

Our most important event is the annual show, which will be held on Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10 at the Monroe High School. Please mark your calendars for those dates! Show chair Teri Marché will keep us informed about important milestones as the show date draws near. Because of the early dates of this year's show, there will be less-than-normal amounts of time to prepare for the usual tasks (e.g., the Fish Pond). Thus, it would be a good idea to start thinking (and working) upon any kind of exhibit that you wish to display. Currently, the show has no theme, but that situation may change. At least one guest speaker, Dr. Richard Slaughter, director of the UW-Madison Geology Museum, has agreed to present a very interesting talk at the show. Other speakers will be lined up in the coming month or so.

As we move ahead, I look forward to working with all of you again, not only upon the show but on our meeting programs and field trips as well. If you have suggestions to make, or wish to volunteer to help out in any particular way, then please let me (or one of the other officers) know. Thank you very much for your help.

*Jordan Marché*

BLGS President

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## **BLGS 2013 Calendar of Events**

January 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, Monroe Public Library,  
Mineral Identification

January 20<sup>th</sup>: Planning meeting, Details to  
follow

January 26<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip – Possibly Chicago –  
Details to follow soon.

February 9<sup>th</sup>: Meeting

February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Field Trip

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: BLGS Show – Monroe High  
School

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Field Trip

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

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

May 11<sup>th</sup>: Meeting

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

June 8<sup>th</sup>: BLGS Picnic

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Field Trip

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

July 27<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

August 10<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

September 14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting

September 28<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

October 12<sup>th</sup>: Meeting, Lapidary Day

October 26<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Meeting

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Party

## December Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was called to order by President Jordan Marche' at the World Buffet in Monroe, after everyone had enjoyed a wonderful dinner. The meeting minutes from November were approved after Daisy Peterson made a motion to approve and Dan Trocke seconded the motion.

Daisy then gave the Treasurer's report. She asked that everyone pay their share of the meal - kids meals are covered by the club and adults pay half which came to \$6. She also reminded everyone that dues for 2013 are due. Dues are \$15 for families and \$10 for individuals. Please get these payments to Daisy asap. She said that there seemed to be a discrepancy in the account balance, but after meeting with Donna Peterson, they figured out what had happened and determined that the balance was correct. Daisy also reminded everyone that 2013 calendars are available. The cost for the calendar is \$9 for members and \$12 for the general public.

We then moved on to old business. Dan said that Ken really liked the metal detector website and will be adding the links to the Badger site.

The next item to cover was new business. Dan suggested a theme for next year's calendar. He thought that micros would be great if we could get good pictures. He also said that he liked the format of this year's calendar without the black border.

We then moved on to Show business. Teri said that she had all 10 dealers lined up and just found out that one of them would be unable to make it. She has a couple of possibilities. Jack Hoxie said that he had been contacted by a dealer in Madison that would like to be in our show. He will get the information to Teri.

The homemakers are lined up to do the show this year, but may not be able to next year. Daisy suggested a group called 'Women of Green County in Agriculture.' She will talk to them and see if they might be interested. Any other suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Teri also asked for ideas for demonstrators as well as for club members to run the genie.

We then moved on to discuss Will Ward's saw that was donated to the club. Teri picked this up in November and said that it is the old trim saw that Will had replaced with the blue saw that is at the Trocke's. The saw had sat for a very long time and was quite rusted. It is a 10" saw, but had an 8" blade on it. The blade was rusted and needs to be replaced as well as needing new hardware. It has a good frame and a good motor. Mary Ward would like an estimate on the value of the saw for her records. Teri said that she would like to purchase the saw herself and wondered how much the club would sell it for. After some discussion, it was determined that the club was interested in selling the saw to Teri and that Jordan will send a letter to Mary, thanking her for her donation and giving her an estimate of the value.

John Peterson made a motion to sell the saw to Teri for \$75. Donna Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Teri abstaining.

The nominating committee then presented their nominations for officers for 2013. Teri suggested keeping everyone in their present office, with the exception of Secretary. She presented the following slate:

President:	Jordan Marche'
Vice President:	Dan Trocke
Treasurer:	Daisy Peterson
Officer at Large:	Marv Hanner
Secretary:	Laurie Trocke

Teri made a motion to accept the officers as a slate. Dave Reese seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Congratulations officers and thank you!!

Jack & Kim Hoxie offered to bring treats for the January meeting. The meeting was then adjourned so that everyone could enjoy the gold brick game.

*Laurie Trocke*  
*Secretary*

The January meeting will be held at the Monroe Public library, in the Downstairs Meeting Room - not upstairs as usual. It will be at 10:00 on January 12th. Hope to see you there

## Mineral Events

### January 1-31st - QUARTZSITE ARIZONA

Desert Gardens RV Park; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1055 Kuehn St.; Mon. 9-dusk, Sun. 9-dusk; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon (manager), 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346-2818, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

### January 4-6th-MESA, ARIZONA

41st annual show; Flagg Mineral Foundation; Mesa Community College; SW parking lot, US 60 and Dobson; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; Peralta Stone maps exhibit, fluorescent display, free children's activities, free samples for children and teachers, more than 100 dealers, crystals, minerals, fossils, club and museum booths; contact Lavone Archer, (480) 969-0483; e-mail: elabasol4@cox.net; Web site: www.flaggshow.info

### January 11-13th-LARGO, FLORIDA

Pinellas Geological Society; Largo Cultural Center; Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Dr.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; free admission; contact Hugh Sheffield, (727) 894-2440 or (727) 707-3236

### January 18-20th-GLOBE, ARIZONA

Gila County Gem & Mineral Society; Gila County Fairgrounds; 3 miles northeast of Junction U.S. 60-70; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$3; contact Roy Trobaugh, 738 South St., Globe, AZ 85501, (928) 200-1592; e-mail: splashcopper@yahoo.com; Web site: www.gilagem.com

### January 25-27th-TYLER, TEXAS

East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Tyler Rose Garden Center; 420 Rose Park Dr.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, students \$1, Scouts in uniform free; grand prize drawings, hourly door prizes, silent auction, Wheel of Fortune, showcases, 11 dealers, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, minerals, geodes, lapidary demonstrations; contact Keith Harmon, 8316 Oxford Dr., Tyler, TX 75703, (903) 581-4068; e-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com

**Then Tucson**  
**starts. Go to**  
**Tucson**  
**Arizona**  
**between**  
**January 31st**  
**and Feb 17th**

## Wisconsin Events

**12 Black Earth - Tiki Torch Toboggan.** Sled, snowshoe or hike along the snow covered trails. Warm up around a roaring campfire with a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy a treat in honor of Aldo Leopold's birthday. ALNC will have adult and child snowshoes available on a first come first serve basis for use at this event. Participants invited to bring dinner to cook over the campfire or eat in the cabin. Aldo Leopold Nature Center, 10648 Sutcliffe Rd. For more information call (608) 216-9374.

**12 La Farge - Winter Festival.** The KVR Winter Festival is a wonderful family event that highlights fun winter activities such as skating, sledding, skiing, archery, snow sculpture slide, ice cave hikes, birds of prey presentation, face painting, horse-drawn bobsled rides, snowshoe exhibit, Tri-state Malamute Club sled dog race, weight pull, and mutt race. La Farge Lions Club hosts an annual chili and bread contest for the public. A Kickapoo Quick Auction of goods and services produced in the Kickapoo Valley raises funds for the KVR Education Program. S3661 State Highway 131. For more information call (608) 625-2960.

**17 - 20 Eagle River - World Championship Snowmobile Derby.** The world's premier snowmobile racing event. 1400-plus entries compete for oval and sno-cross championships in front of 30,000 spectators. Eagle River Derby Track, 1311 N Railroad St. For more information call (715) 479-4424.

**18 - 19 Eau Claire - Silver Mine Invitational.** The Eau Claire Ski Club hosts this event, including two days of spectacular ski jumping competition. 124th Anniversary event. Silver Mine Ski Hill, 2900 Silver Mine Drive. For more information call (715) 831-2345.

**18 - 19 Prairie du Sac - Bald Eagle Watching Days.** Each year, dozens of eagles winter at Prairie du Sac to fish the open waters of the Wisconsin River. Enjoy Birds of Prey shows, guided bus tours, wildlife photography seminar, Native American legends, aerial antics, and family activities at this free, family-friendly event. River Arts Center-Sauk Prairie High School, 105 Ninth Street.. For more information call (608) 643-4168.

**19 Amery - Vinter Fest.** A Cross country ski event. At 9:45AM begins the childrens 2K, at 10:15AM middle and high school 6K, and at 11AM a 10K and 20K for adults. Warming station and refreshments available. D.D. Kennedy County Park. For more information call (715) 483-3979.

**19 Madison - Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest.** This Annual Beer & Cheese Fest sponsored by Isthmus is a great place to socialize and enjoy great food and drink. A limited number of tickets will be available on the website so get yours soon! Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way. Event starts at 2:00PM and ends at 6:00PM. For more information call (608) 267-3976.

**19 - 20 Statewide - Winter Free Fishing Weekend.** Fish anywhere in Wisconsin without a license or trout stamp. This includes all inland waters and Wisconsin's side of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. Other fishing rules apply, such as limits on the number and size of fish you can keep and any seasons when you must release certain fish species. All inland waters and Wisconsin's side of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River.. For more information call (888) 936-7463.

**20 Baraboo - Fisheree at Mirror Lake State Park.** First hour fish prizes at 7:00AM, prizes are given away every hour on the hour for the largest fish of each category until 3:00PM when the main raffle is drawn. The Main Raffle tickets are sold in advance and the day of the Fisheree. One Main Raffle ticket must be purchased in order to enter a fish. The Main Raffle prizes are all cash prizes, plus many other raffles and kids games taking place throughout the day. A food stand will be serving beverages and food during the event. Raffle \$1 each/6 for \$5 . Delton Sportsmen's Club. Mirror Lake State Park, E10320 Fern Dell Road. Event starts at 7:00AM and ends at 3:00PM. For more information call (608) 253-7559.



**Happy Holidays!**

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