

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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May

**May 10th – Meeting & Rock
Game**

**Please read the May Meeting
Information in this newsletter.**

Festival Foods

**2233 Humes Rd
Janesville, WI**

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May 31st – Janesville Field Trip

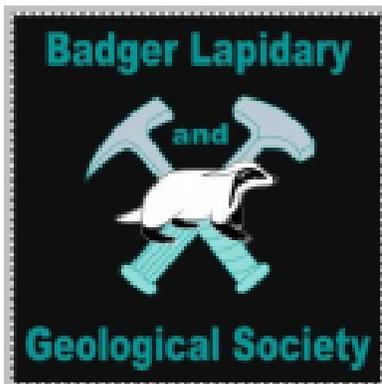
**Information about Field Trip
will be emailed to all members**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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

Rock On

Debbie Lamb – Newsletter Editor



2025 Club Schedule

June

8th – Picnic

28th – Nebraska Field Trip

July

5th – Monroe Quarry

25th – 31st- Thunder Bay Trip TBD

August

13th -17th Milwaukee Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show

27th – Potosi MO Field Trip

September

13th – Meeting - Show & Tell

27th – Iowa Field Trip

October

11th – Meeting

25th – Lapidary Days

November

8th – Meeting & Guest Speaker

December

13th – Christmas Party – Location TBD

MAY MEETING INFORMATION

Hey Badgers,

Hope you can join us on Saturday, May 10th for our May meeting. We will be back in the Festival Foods Community Room, starting at 10:30. The meeting activity will be a Rock Club Jeopardy Game. We will discuss the May meeting and the upcoming picnic in June.

We also will be having a pre and post meeting to discuss upcoming field trips and adventures!!

Pre-meeting:

If you are planning on or interested in joining us on the Nebraska/South Dakota trip the last week of June, please attend a short meeting (~20 minutes) immediately before the May 10th club meeting. We will provide updates to the planned activities based on Ray's recent trip to scout out the area. We will plan to start the meeting at 10 am so that we can wrap up prior to the club meeting. Thanks, Ray, Laura & Gary

Post-meeting

After the meeting, anyone interested in planning a Southwest US trip (Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, etc) for 2026 can stick around and be part of the kickoff planning for this exciting adventure!!!

Hope to see you there!! – Laurie T.

2025 Membership

Just a reminder that 2025 membership dues are due!

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

Dues can be sent to
Treasurer - Dan Troke

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 \$10

Badger Cups \$3

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 the monthly newsletter.

Club Meeting – 4/12/2025 Rock Club (BLGS) Bus. Mtg Notes by Dawn Dennis

24 folks attended the meeting
Minutes accepted from last Biz meeting (1.
Lori 2. Kristine)

Old Business:

***Show Report (Dan for Laurie): GREAT
turn-out of both visitors &
volunteers!! Around 1000 folks
attended over the weekend; 14 vendors; 3
speakers. We did make a nice profit on the
show. THANK
YOU to the many volunteers who helped
make this a great show!!
Only 4 members took advantage of selling
through the Club table~ more folks should
take advantage of
this~ for only 10% of your sales you can sell
your personal stuff at the club table.
Thanks to Penny for washing &
organizing the t-shirts and table coverings
after the show.
Herb sold 35 of the commemorative plastic
cups and will sell the remainder for \$3 a
piece or keep them
for next year (he did NOT put the date on
them so we could use them for other
years).
Next year's show is booked for March 28
& 29, 2026. (and we DID book the
venue for Friday evening so
there will not be a problem setting up next
year =-).
A BIG thank you to Laurie Trocke for all she
does, EVERY YEAR, to make our show such
a big success!!!**

***Pre-Planning Committee for 2026/ 2027
trips (Herb): maybe Utah, Tucson, AZ, etc.
bigger trips would
require more for-thought and planning;
Committee will be meeting AFTER the May
10 club meeting.**

***Treasurer Report (Dan): still working on
getting access to account.**

***T-shirts (Laurie): no update yet**

***2025 Calendars (Dan): \$10 each**

New Business:

***Nebraska Trip (Gary): June 26 – 30. Ray is
out there NOW scouting out spots for us
(he DID find a
Fairborn Agate!!) 1 st night in Wall, SD and
then 3 nights in Hot Springs, SD; if you
haven't made your
reservations already, please do so NOW
b/c it is the weekend before a holiday.**

***Annual Club Picnic (Herb): 6/14/25 at
Carver Roehl Park by Clinton, around
11ish.**

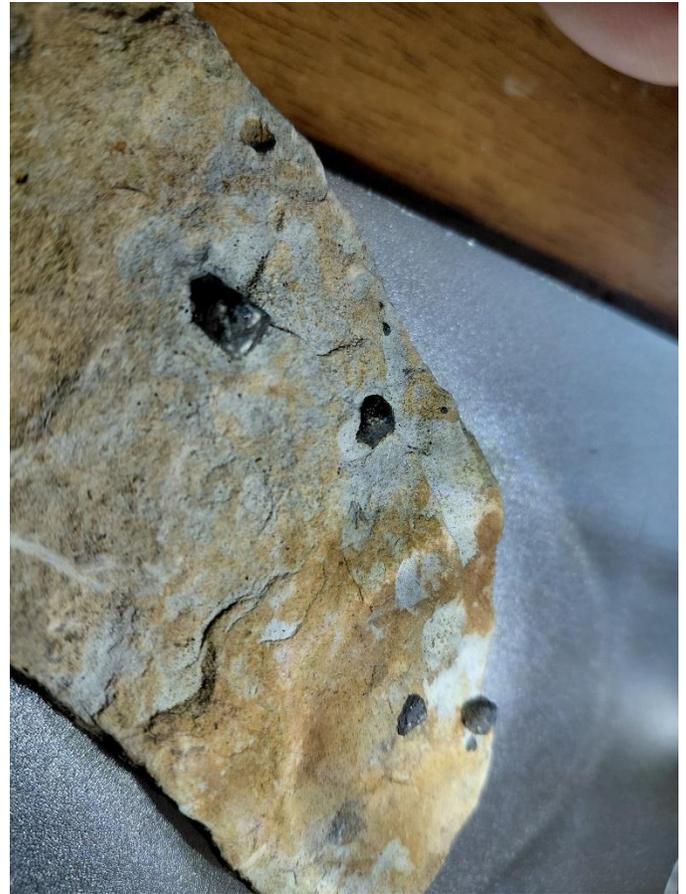
***4/26/25 Shullsberg Trip (Dan) 4/26/25:
Still contacting couple places to visit; will
be digging in tilling
piles from lead mines looking for Calcite
crystals and trace fossils.**

***Amazing sale in Indiana!! (Craig):
Wampler Lapidary in Bloomington, IN
owner passed away and family
is selling contents = make an offer. He
went over and came back with a lot of
amazing things**

Door Prize winners: 1. Gary (pyrophyllite)
2. Cheri (apatite)~ she gave it to new member Zander b/c she has won so many times THANK YOU 3. Craig (amber)

Meeting adjourned (1.? 2. Gary)

Shullsburg Field Trip Pictures – April 26th







**Thank you Shelly, Herb & Jerry
for the pictures**

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please notify the treasurer.*