

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

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

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

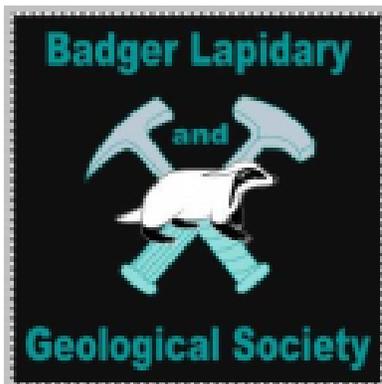
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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

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

Rock On

Debbie Lamb – Newsletter Editor



### **May 31<sup>st</sup> – Janesville Field Trip**

Information about Field Trip was  
emailed to all members

## **June**

**8<sup>th</sup> – Picnic – email will be sent  
to all members concerning the  
picnic**

**28<sup>th</sup> – Nebraska Field Trip -  
email will be sent to all  
members concerning the field  
trip**

# 2025 Club Schedule

## July

5<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Quarry

25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>- Thunder Bay Trip TBD

## August

13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show

27<sup>th</sup> – Potosi MO Field Trip

## September

13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting - Show & Tell

27<sup>th</sup> – Iowa Field Trip

## October

11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> – Lapidary Days

## November

8<sup>th</sup> – Meeting & Guest Speaker

## December

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – Location TB

**Badger Cups \$3**

# **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 \$10Club**

# **Meeting – 4/10/2025**

## **Rock Club (BLGS) Bus.**

### **Mtg Notes by Dawn Dennis**

20 folks attended the meeting; Call to order by Darsha; Minutes accepted from last Biz meeting (1.

Penny 2. Yvonne)

Old Business:

\*Name Tags (Lori & Shannon): they did some research using Etsy vendors and presented many options:

traditional logo, wood designs, metallic and an option that uses a picture in the design. One suggestion

was to just have the club logo on it and leave the “name” space blank so there wouldn’t be a need to

reorder for new members and would help to keep the cost down (name would be added by label maker

or marker). Choices came down to: wood, metallic or resin AND how do we want them to attach: pin or

magnetic? A Survey Monkey will be created and sent to members to vote on.

\*Treasury report given (Dan), and he now has digital access to the bank account

\*Schedule Review: May 31 Janesville Quarry, June 14 Club Picnic, June 28 NE/ SD road trip and July 26

Thunder Bay, Canada (location ONLY allows clubs in & is an actual quarry)

\*Calendars (Laurie): \$10 for the remaining 2025 ones

\*Reminder to pay your dues if not already done so~ MUST be paid member to attend field trips (Laurie)

New Business:

\*Dan proposed that the club start to host an Annual Rock Swap in honor of Donny Faye, a long-time

member and club personality who was big into safety about rocks. (1. Craig, 2. Ray) Our 1 st Annual Danny

Faye Rock Swap will be at the club picnic on 6/14/25.

\*(Darsha) Evansville Library contacted club to participate in the WI Fall Science Festival (Statewide),

October 16 -25. The theme is “Rock n Roll”. We could also advertise our spring show there. Dan said that

he could do something on 10/18/25 for them, maybe “Rocks that do Tricks” presentation? Darsha

suggested that others might be interested in participating that week and contacting other locations to

do presentations on rocks on other dates that week? Suggestion: someone could take the club’s box of

sugar geodes and borrow the “cracker” and do a presentation with them. Folks could offer to set-up

display cases at some libraries. This could be great publicity for the club and helping spread our rocky

knowledge too 🤔🤔

\*(Dan) he’s cleaned up the barn & machines are set-up if anyone wants to come and play with rocks

Door Prize winners: 1. Terry Aitken (Fluorite) 2. Laura (turtle shell fossil) 3. Curt (agate)

(Craig) Great presentation(for getting a door prize): He took his kids to the Lazerdo Museum, and it

inspired him to teach a 4-hour lapidary class. They will be making coasters of cut slabs w/ insets. He

showed us how to make a cheap lapidary saw: you can spend \$60 on Amazon for a motor and use 3-D

printers to print parts. Watch youtube.com videos by “Sweetgum NYC” and build a “Gumball Everything

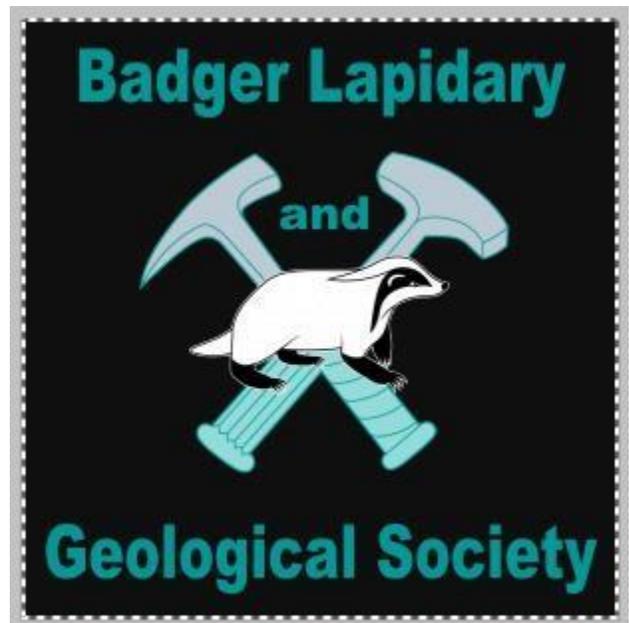
Machine”. Also look into the on-line group : DIY Lapidary.

Meeting adjourned (1. Penny 2. Dan)

**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.



# 2025 Officers Roster

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*If you have any questions, please contact a  
Club officer. Member information changes  
please notify the treasurer.*

## Craig Flaming class!

