

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

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

***Janesville, Wisconsin***

***Devoted to the Earth Sciences***

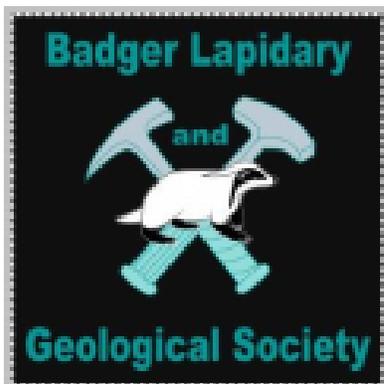
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**Have a fantastic  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

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

Rock On  
Debbie Lamb – Newsletter Editor



**July**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Quarry  
Field Trip**

**Laurie sent an email to all  
members with field trip details**

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

**Laurie posted a comment on the  
group Facebook page – please  
respond on the comment if you are  
interested in the attending the  
field trip**

## 2025 Club Schedule

### 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 \$10**

# **Club Meeting – Rock Club (BLGS) Bus. Mtg Notes by Dawn Dennis**

## **June 2025 Notes**

Call to Order: Darsha (1. Dan 2. John)

Minutes accepted from last Biz meeting (1. Laura 2. John)

Treasurer's Report (Dan): 2 checks written in the past month & will be writing one today to reimburse Herb for today's picnic supplies & no other activity

Announcements/ reminders:

1. Tics will be active for the Missouri trip 8/29 – 9/1/25 (Herb). They have very tiny ones so be prepared.
2. Clipboard going around for Nebraska trip in June ~ contact list please complete if you are going
3. Please let Herb know if you are planning on going on the August trip to Missouri (Laurie will send out an email)
4. Next business meeting not till Sept 13: Show & Tell
5. Remember to save those bits and pieces and unwanted rocks that you find this summer to donate to our show's kids area
6. Today Dan Graf (Mystic Moraine) is having a rock sale in his yard and will having demos on how to use a diamond saw.

Old Business:

1. Name tags (Shannon & Lori) have completed all the legwork and narrowed the choices down to two: both have a cost of \$9/each, are attached with magnets, have shipping included in the price. Choices are: 1. Wooden rectangle (WI wood) with name & logo engraved 2. Rectangle with picture of club logo and then name would be in white as an overlay. The vote was for the wooden one and Darsha will be sending round a Goggle form to get orders from members, price is \$10. She will send the form to Laurie who will place the order. As folks pick up their name tags, they will be paying Dan who will use the same Goggle form to keep track of orders. As new members join then another order can be made.

A BIG THANK YOU to Shannon & Lori for all their work on this project.

2. T-shirts (Laurie): Looking for options
3. Calendars (Laurie): still have 2025 for sale, only \$10 each

New Business:

1. NE/ SD trip is 6/26 -6/30/25.
2. July activity is the Monroe quarry on 7/5/25
3. July trip is to Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada (?) 7/25 – 7/28/25 (Dan): Quarry that we'll be visiting ONLY allows clubs in to dig (no public). You will need to bring

long pry bars, wedges, plastic tools and heavy gloves (sharp points). Dan will bring chop saw and blades. Will be digging in a hard rock base and looking for clay-filled pockets, then use plastic tools to remove the amethyst. It's an 8-hour drive. A great place to camp is Sleeping Giant campground.

Door Prize winners: (Recipient to give a five-minute talk or submit an article to the newsletter) 1. Herb/Thunder Egg 2. Dawn/Dioptase . Shannon/ Calcite

Meeting adjourned (1. Shannon 2. Laura)

**Make sure to check out the [Badger Rock Club Facebook Page](#)!!**  
**Members post great pics of their rock finds!!**

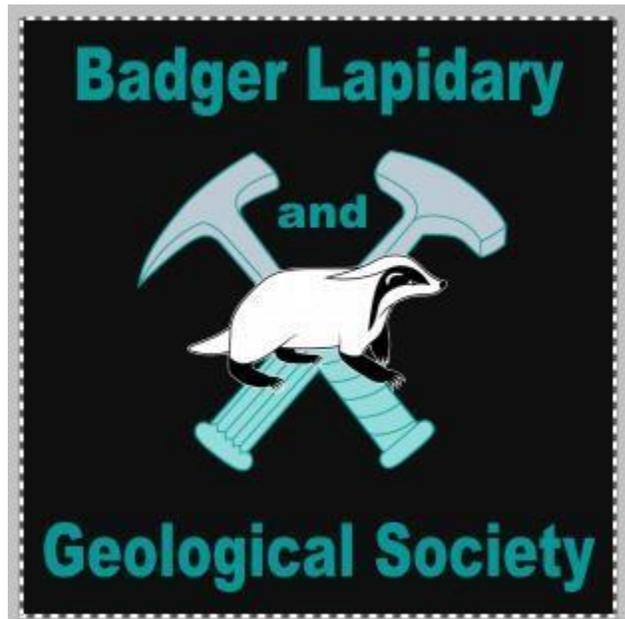


When placing a picture on Facebook members are giving BLGS permission to add pictures to the monthly newsletter.

## **South Dakota / Nebraska Rock-hunting Field Trip**

Pictures by Dawn Dennis





# 2025 Officers Roster

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*If you have any questions, please contact a  
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please notify the treasurer.*