

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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Club Message

Hi Badgers,

We have new dates for the 2021 show. We are planning to hold our show on October 30 & 31 this year. We have the Craig Center booked and have confirmation from about half of our vendors that those dates will work. New sign-up sheets for working at the show, selling at the club table and reserving a display case will be going out sometime soon. Hopefully, the stars will align, and we'll have a successful show that many, many people can attend! I'm looking forward to working with everyone and to getting our annual show up and running again!

Take care,

Laurie
BLGS Show Chair

One other note: Thank you to everyone that participated in the gift exchange and everyone that joined us for our Holiday Zoom meeting/party! The gift exchange was really successful. We had 43 people that participated, many great gifts that were either sent thru the mail or dropped off at Mystic Moraine. Everyone that I have talked to really enjoyed giving & receiving gifts from club members. It's great to see that even in this crazy year, we can connect with others in the club!!

*Happy New Year from
The Badger Diggin's !!!*



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BLGS 2021 Calendar of Events

Jan. 9, 2021 Meeting: Virtual online meeting

- Show and Tell favorite pieces
- Collecting Stories

Jan. 23, 2021: Virtual tour of Cliff Thomas's home collection

Feb. 13, 2021 Meeting: Virtual online meeting

- Gwyn will put together a Kahoot Game with trivia
- Email Gwyn any ideas at FishingOtter@gmail.com

Feb. 27, 2021:

- Virtual tour of Phil Burgess's collection (Dan and Laurie to contact)

Mar. 13, 2021 Meeting: Virtual meeting

- Watch party via Youtube (Geology of National Parks or Crystal Collectors-Laurie)

Mar. 27, 2021: Tour of Wisconsin Rock Shops—Mystic Moraine, Gem Shop in Cedarburg, Bernie's

- Cherie will lead, email suggestions to her at: dzsings@gmail.com

Apr. 10, 2021: Park Meeting

- Riverside Park, Janesville, WI
- Activity: Dan Trocke-Wire wrapping, will bring tools, will send out instructions before meeting and additional items to bring

Apr. 24, 2021: Field Trip

- Keokuk, IA-Dan Trocke-Geodes, etc.

May 8, 2021: Park Meeting Riverside Park, Janesville

- Activity-Mineral Identification (basic)-Marv?

May 27-June 1, 2021: South Dakota Trip-Custer State Park

- Randy Matula to lead?

June 12, 2021: Annual BLGS Picnic

- Brigham County Park, 3160 County Hwy. F, Blue Mounds, WI
- Close to Cave of the Mounds
- Other attractions: Blue Mounds State Park, Bernie's Rock Shop in Madison, Minerals and More Rock Shop at 1035 N. Edge Trail, Prairie Oaks Center, Verona, WI
- Gwyn to bring meat, everyone bring own sides, plates, utensils

June 26, 2021: Field Trip

- Bellevue, IA Pit

July 10, 2021:

- Local fieldtrip to Janesville Quarry

July 17-18, 2021: Field Trip (None on July 24th)

- Moose Lake, MN "Agate Days"

August 14, 2021: Field Trip

- Rufer's Quarry, Monroe, WI
- Cephalopods, fossils, pyrite

Aug. 28, 2021: Field Trip

- Plan A: Glover's Bluff-Limestone Quarry, Meteorite Impact-Coloma, WI, Marquette County
- Plan B: Baraboo, WI Quartz
- Plan C: Ishpeming, MI Show

Sept. 11, 2021: Meeting

- Tie Bracelets with Rocks-Cherie
- Either at Mystic or Park

Sept. 25-27th: Field Trip

- Lake Michigan U.P.—Copper Country, Isle Royale, etc.

Oct. 9, 2021: Meeting

- Show Prep (for Oct. 30-31st)
- Bring supplies for kid's activities

Oct. 30-31, 2021: ANNUAL SHOW AT ROCK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS! PLAN TO BE THERE!!!

Nov. 11-13-Lapidary Days at Trocke's pending approval!

Dec. 11, 2021: Annual Holiday Party! Need new restaurant venue

- Gold Brick Game!

2021 Membership

Just a reminder that membership dues are due! \$15 for Single and \$20 for Family. Dues can be sent to Laurie Trocke.

Fluorescent Lights

From Laurie Trocke

We are ordering another batch of the fluorescent lights. There are currently 13 lights available. These do not have a battery or charger. The price will be \$43.

Let Laurie Trocke know if you are interested.

Calendars are also available for \$15. These can be purchased either at Mystic Moraine or contact Laurie.

Articles Appreciated

From Tamara Unger-Peterson

Calling all Articles!

It has always been a standing ritual at BLGS that members receiving door prizes respond with a contribution to the club in the form of an article.

This could be a sharing of your favorite collected rock(s), an educational article on a topic (geologically related) or even a joke.

It would be great to see more newsletter activity.

I know the group has a facebook page but not everyone engages in on-line social groups. Please forward on something to share to the BLGS newsletter. We would love to hear from you!

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