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Club Message

Hello Badgers,

As a nation, we have made it through one of the most challenging years in most of our memories. We can't say it was fun, or inspiring, but we made the best of it.

Undeniably our ant colony habits have been completely disrupted with new ways of working, gathering, shopping, and conversing. But there is still one stable unchanged constant – the mighty rock, stone, mineral, or pebble.

May your 2021 be solid as iron, as sparkling as a diamond, and enriching as gold!

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***Happy Holidays from
The Badger Diggin's !!!***



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BLGS 2020 Calendar of Events

**December meeting/Christmas Party –
December 12, 2020 2pm: virtual – link will be
sent in email**

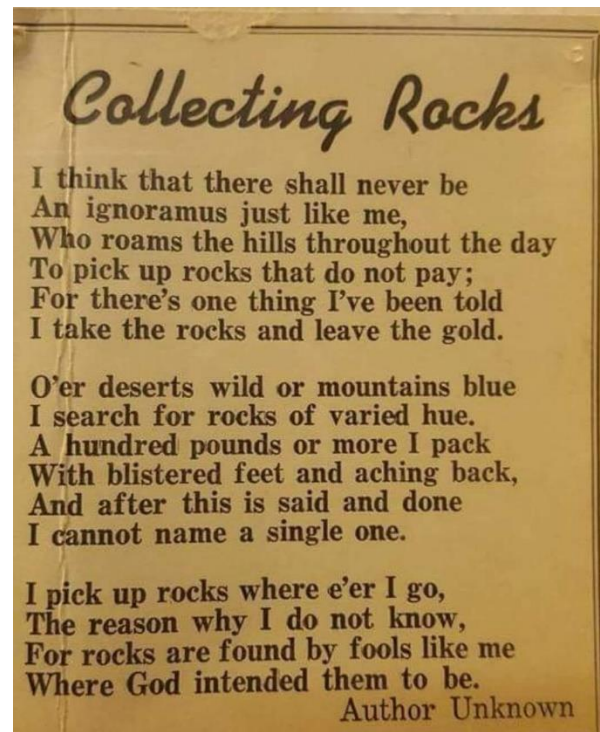
Calendars Are Available!

From Laurie Trocke

We have 2021 calendars available. They are pretty fantastic this year. A shout out & thank you to Troy Nelson & Gwyn Padden for their photo submissions. We also had specimen submissions from 9 different club members this year: Ken Schweitzer, Troy Nelson, Dan Trocke, Johnny Fay, Cliff Thomas, Kim Schneider, Rodrigo Mesquita, Brian & Cherie Zahn and Jayden Trocke. Thanks so much for all of the contributions. If you are interested in a calendar, they are \$15 and you can either pick one up at Mystic Moraine in Janesville or contact me.

Humor and Wisdom from Cathy!

From Cathy Romeis





Man digs 12ft deep hole without realising his metal detector was picking up his steel toe safety boots.

MSHA Recertification

From Tamara Unger-Peterson

We are coordinating our resource for an early 2021 MSHA Recertification course likely to be done virtually. This is not the full 24-hour main certification course but the 8-hour recertification course for those that carry an MSHA certification. Please reach out if you are interested in getting your recertification. Recertifications are required to maintain your MSHA certification which is required for entrance into some quarries.

Can you Identify??

From Tamara Unger-Peterson

Without being able to meet in person one of the biggest things I miss is seeing what treasure members bring and especially those that need identification.

If you have something you would like to share with the club, to identify or not, please send a few pictures and a description on what you are looking for, 'Share' or 'Identify' and we will get it into the newsletter.

Here is another specimen to identify. Found in Northern Wisconsin in a Greywacke area. Came out of the ground in just that shape and texture. Almost looks like cement that pooled upon a narrow flat rock. It is very interesting and is part of my collection. I have no idea what it is?



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