

THE BADGER DIGGIN'S

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Editor Message

Well one could not predict our lives in this current condition.
Everyone stay Safe and Healthy and we shall weather this storm!

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*April Showers !!!
The Badger Diggin's.*



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(TBD) Apr 11 th : Meeting @ 10:30, Mystic Moraine; Activity – Wire Wrapping (Dan Trocke)

Apr 25 th : Field Trip: Mazon Creek, Braceville, IL (Cliff Thomas)

May 9 th : Meeting @ 10:30, Mystic Moraine; Activity – Trip to Rock River to collect. (Mike Glass)

May 23 rd : Field Trip: Bellevue, IA (Trocks)

June 13 th : Meeting – Annual Picnic, Brigham county Park --

June 27 th : Field Trip: Indiana Geode Trip (Bedford Show on the 26 th – 28 th) (Randy Matula)

July 11 th : Field Trip: NOTE Date Change: July 3-6: Thunder Bay, Ontario (Cliff Thomas)

July 25 th : Field Trip: Local Quarry (Dave Cress)

Aug 8 th : Field Trip: NOTE Date Change: July 31 – August 4 – Michigan Copper Country, Ishpeming Show

(Jack Hoxie)

Aug 22 nd : Field Trip – Earthhaven Museum & Lena, WI (Mike Reisch)

Sept 12 th : Meeting @ 10:30, Mystic Moraine; Activity – Annual Show & Tell

Sept 26 th : Field Trip: Wausau, WI (Dan Trocke & Ken Schweitzer)

Oct 10 th : Meeting @ 1030, Mystic Moraine; Activity – Soap Stone Carving (Dan Trocke)

Oct 24 th : Field Trip: Lapidary Day

Nov 14 th : Meeting @ 10:30, Mystic Moraine; Activity – Photographing Minerals (Troy Nelson)

Dec 12 th : Meeting – Annual Christmas Party – World Buffet in Monroe

Show Chair Message

From Laurie Trocke

Hey Badgers,

This isn't exactly the show report that I was planning on writing for the April newsletter, but what are ya gonna do??

As you know, our March show was postponed since the world is closed!! The good news is, all of our planning and preparations won't go to waste. We found an open date at the Fair Grounds and have rescheduled the show for October 17 & 18. I've heard back from about half of our vendors and so far, only a couple can't make it that weekend. I'm waiting to hear back from the rest and have started looking for replacements. I've also gotten confirmation from 5 of our 6 speakers for that weekend, so only have to find a replacement for 1 speaker!

If you were planning on selling or doing a show case in March, let me know if the October dates work for you. I'll also be sending out a new flyer and a new sign up sheet sometime soon.

Thanks to everyone that has been helping prep for the March Show and for everyone that volunteered. We'll need you in October!!

Hopefully we'll see each other soon. Until then, stay home, stay healthy and try not to go too stir crazy!

Laurie

Show and Tell March Meeting

From Cliff Thomas

This happened to be a Chalcedony egg with a little bit of fire Agate. Brought in by the Greens.





M.G. Photography

Hope you are all well. In need of a laugh or the truth? Lol

From Cathy Romeis



Granite

From David Cress

Granite is Wisconsin's state rock. Here are a few facts about this most common igneous rock, which we find on all our field trips. Granite is composed of Feldspar, quartz, mica, plus it can have small quantities of many other minerals; it can even have gemstones like tourmaline or uranium. Feldspar is the most abundant mineral in the earth's crust (41%) and quartz is the second most abundant. The feldspar is the lighter opaque mineral, usually pink, white or gray (composing 40% to 80%). The quartz is translucent and not crystalline and looks gray (composing 20% to 60%). The black biotite mica or other dark mineral comprises 0% to 20%. The hardness is between a Mohs 6 to 7. Granite is a favorite stone for buildings because of its durability (due to the quartz) and high resistance to weathering. Mount Rushmore's presidents are carved from granite. David Cress

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