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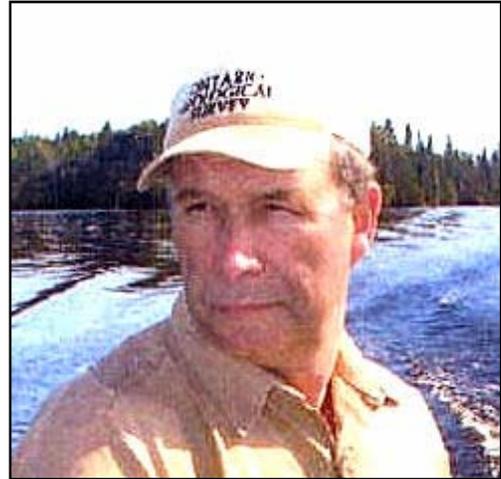
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BERNIE SCHNIEDERS MEMORIAL AWARD

On Saturday, November 18, 2006, Amy Shute, a graduate student in the Department of Geology at Lakehead University was the recipient of the ***BERNIE SCHNIEDERS MEMORIAL AWARD***.

Dr Kissin hosted the awards ceremony and Bernie's wife Joni presented the award to Amy. The award was created in the memory of Bernie by family, friends and colleagues.

The Geology Department of Lakehead University, as well as the Schnieders family, would like to thank all those for their generous contributions. For those still wishing to contribute to the memorial fund, please contact Laurie Hill, Lakehead University at 807/343-8913.

A permanent display of local mineral samples can be viewed on the second floor of the Centennial Building.

MINERAL COLLECTION



JONI AND AMY



**Special thanks to all of our sponsors who made
NWOPA's 2006 Christmas Party, held on Friday,
December 1 at the Da Vinci Centre, a great success!**

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Peter Young presented the “gold price prediction” prize for 2006 to Reg Rosengren



- Ryan Tuomi won one of the main door prizes, an evening and dinner for two at The White Fox Inn, compliments of Rampart Ventures Ltd.
- Cyndee Komar won the other main door prize, a GPS, compliments of Accurassay Labs

ONTARIO EXPLORATION GEOSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

“OPEN MINDS; OPEN MINES”

The OPA held its main event on December 12-13, 2006 in Sudbury this year because of the high cost of running the symposium in Toronto. The move took advantage of bringing the explorers of Ontario together with the Sudbury-based OGS.

There have been many successful exploration projects across Ontario this year. One of the main reasons for these successes is that exploration projects were guided by people “who don’t believe in being restrained by convention or by the supposedly known”.

The choice of OPA’s Prospector of the Year Award reflects this year’s symposium theme. Two exploration geologists who work for Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. on the Macassa Mine property--Stew Carmichael and Mike Sutton--won the award by using their imagination and intuition. They are directing the drills into a whole new zone. One of many promising intersections yielded 90 feet of 2.3 ounces per ton gold.

Although the Sudbury site is not as accessible as Toronto, it is very suitable for this venue. The Radisson Hotel, the main site for the symposium, is attached to an underground shopping mall which also contains a Cineplex Theatre where all of the talks were held. The theatre was a very suitable place for having the talks.

There was a good mixture of interesting speakers. Industry, government, and academia were all well represented.

It was my pleasure to attend the OEGS on behalf of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association.

John Halet, President, NWOPA

BOREAL PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION



Boreal Prospectors 2007 Symposium and AGM **“Mineral Exploration: Information for Decision Making”**

The anticipated outcomes from this event are dialogue and capacity building between individuals, communities and industry that encourages sustainable economic development and a more robust mineral industry: **Enhanced Northern Prosperity.**

“Mineral Exploration: Information for Decision Making”

February 27th & 28th, 2007

Sunset Inn and Suites, Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada

What is on this year's agenda?

Technical Presentations Including:

“The Past, Present and Future of the Mineral Industry in Ontario.”

“Educational and Training Opportunities for Participation in Mineral Exploration and Beyond”

Presentations and Open Discussions of How Northern Communities and Individuals can Benefit from Mineral Exploration.

Annual General Meeting with Ratification of a Constitution and Director Elections.

Who came to last year's Symposium?

Over 90 participants came from far and wide to attend, participate and support the event.

For information on registration, visit
www.ontarioprospectors.com
or email oegs@ontarioprospectors.com

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N.W. ONTARIO MINES & MINERALS SYMPOSIUM

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EXPLORE THE NORTHWEST**



MacLeod-Cockshutt No. 1 Headframe; photo taken by John Halet

APRIL 3-4, 2007
VALHALLA INN, THUNDER BAY
FOR REGISTRATION FORMS AND INFORMATION:

www.ontarioprospectors.com or www.nwopa.net

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

A N N U A L A W A R D S

Nominations are requested for the following awards to be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at the Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium:

1. The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to someone based on their cumulative work, discoveries, options and contributions to the local prospecting and exploration fraternity.
2. The **"Bernie Schnieders" Discovery of the Year Award** recognizes an outstanding local discovery during the previous year, perhaps involving more than one individual or company.
3. The **Developer of the Year Award** recognizes an outstanding local developer or development during the previous year.

Please contact one of the following by March 23, 2007 with nominations:

John Mason

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Mike MacIsaac

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING (NWOPA ELECTIONS)

The Annual meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association will take place on ***Tuesday, April 3, 2007 following the technical session at the Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium, Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay.*** The agenda for the meeting shall include the presentation of the Association's financial statements, the election of Directors, the Treasurer's Year-End Report, and By-Law Amendments. NWOPA board is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 Directors.

Nominations are now being accepted for Directors. Any two members in good standing may nominate and second any other qualified member for office.

Nominations may be sent to the Nominating Committee:

c/o Garry Clark
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Thunder Bay, Ontario
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or

May be dropped off at the MNDM office
Attention: Cyndee Komar, NWOPA Secretary

***The objective of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association is to represent the interests and needs of the individual prospector.
Please attend the annual meeting and cast your vote.***

**PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN POSTED ON
NWOPA'S WEBSITE FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO THE APRIL 3rd
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED
CHANGES, VISIT <http://nwopa.net/> OR CONTACT
NWOPA SECRETARY FOR A COPY OF THE AMENDMENTS**

FOREST MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Most of you are aware of Forest Management Plans (FMP) and the role of Local Citizen Committees (LCC). These plans are very useful to the mining exploration community because they provide up to date information on all forest harvesting activities throughout the Northwest. Of particular importance are where new clear cutting will take place, where new secondary roads, water crossings, and access points will be constructed and when they will be removed.

The MNR mandates that a Mining Representative sit on each of these planning teams and that preferably these reps represent and communicate with a mining association such as NWOPA or the OPA. MNR pays all expenses for representatives attending these monthly meetings. I have provided a list of available vacant positions in the table below. Please give me a call at 807/475-4142 or send me an e-mail at jhalet@tbaytel.net if you would like to volunteer for one of these committees.

NWOPA WEBSITE

Our website has been recently revised and includes downloadable Forest Management Plans. Check it out at www.nwopa.net

MNR District	LCC	Minerals Rep
Thunder Bay	Lakehead	Greg Brumpton
	Dog River – Matawin	Barb D’Silva
	Armstrong	Vacant
	Spruce River	Bill McCrindle
Nipigon District	Nipigon East	Vacant
	Nipigon West	Sid Seeley
	Geraldton	Valdu Onnis
		Vahur Onnis
	Terrace Bay	James Hamel
		George Daniels
Kenora	Kenora	Alasdair Mowat
	Red Lake	John Whitton
	Sioux Lookout	David Goodfellow
Dryden	Ignace	Vacant
	Dryden	Joe Riives
Fort Frances	Fort Frances	Vacant
	Atikokan	Karl Bjorkman

IMPORTANT NW RGP ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Angelique Magee, who admirably assisted clients with assessment file research as District Support Geologist, has left the Thunder Bay Geology office and joined the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa as a GIS and Technical Support Scientist. All the best is wished to Angelique and her family!

Allen Raoul, Kenora District Support Geologist, will be leaving MNDM on March 1 to join Western Warrior Resources in Kenora as a Project Geologist. Allen would like to thank all the clientele that made his position an adventure and not just a job. Thank you Allen for all your diligence and hard work! Good luck with your future endeavours.

Dorothy Campbell joined the Thunder Bay Geology office as District Geologist (Thunder Bay South) on January 29, 2007. Dorothy comes from an exploration industry background as geologist with junior and senior companies active in Ontario. She will be interacting with a broad list of clients active in the Thunder Bay South District. Dorothy can be reached at 807-475-1102.

\$\$\$\$ ONTARIO EXPLORATION CORPORATION \$\$\$\$

There are many new prospectors joining the exploration business who are not aware that the Ontario Prospectors Association offers a grant of \$6,000 to do work on their property. If you have a mineral showing on your claim, you can apply for OEC funding to perform assessment work on your claim. Just visit the OPA website www.ontarioprospectors.com to download the guidebook and application forms. Doing more work on your property improves your chances of optioning it to a mining company.

NWOPA T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Sizes M, L, XL, and XXL (\$10.00)

Contact Cyndee at MNDM Geology
office

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