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Winter 2011

April 5 & 6, 2011

Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario

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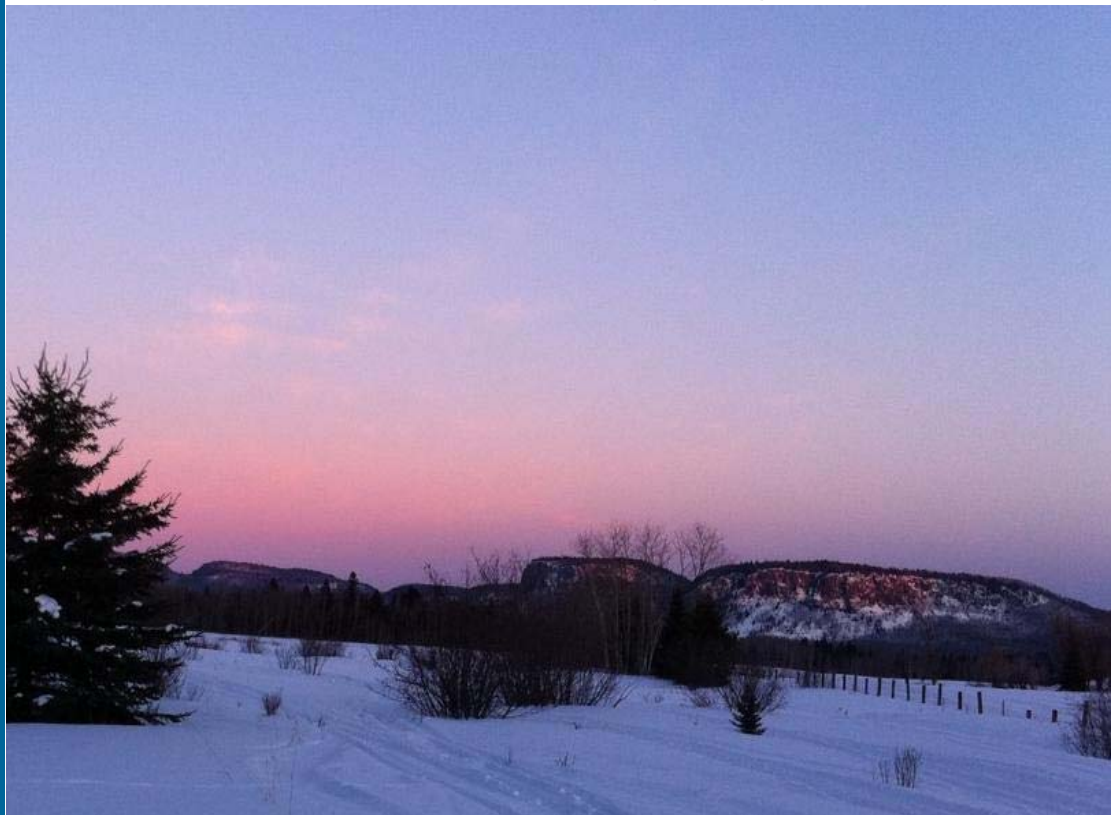
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The purpose of the Claim Post is to provide a forum for our members to discuss current events and exchange information.

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Beautiful winter sunset skies over the Nor-Wester Mountain range. Photo taken on Kamview nordic trails, February, 2011

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Greetings All,

2011 is upon us and we are partially through the Modernizing the Mining Act and in the thick of the Far North Act and all the Ring of Fire action and non-action.

This issue of the Claim Post invites you to attend the Northwestern Ontario Mines and Mineral Symposium (NWOMMS), April 4, 5, and 6, 2011 at the Valhalla Inn in beautiful Thunder Bay. As I write this, the expanded NWOMMS booth and display plan is full already and now we are just anticipating your arrival at the symposium. It's going to be a BLAST!

The annual NWOPA Awards Luncheon has been upgraded to a full Awards Dinner this year and we eagerly await to see who this years honourees shall be as there continues to be a great deal of mineral activity in the region and lots for NWOPA members to be proud of. Get your ticket early as the Awards Ceremony is always a big attraction at NWOMMS.

Finally, I would like to thank the 2010-2011 NWOPA Board for all their diligent work during the past year. With all the activity in the area the NWOPA Board has been stretched to capacity and beyond. Yet despite the challenges faced this Board has pressed on in true Prospector fashion, seeking mineral riches and supporting Northwestern Ontario's Mineral Industry in many varied ways.

NWOPA OBJECTIVES

To represent and further the interests, serve the needs, and support the aspirations of the individual prospectors in Northwestern Ontario.

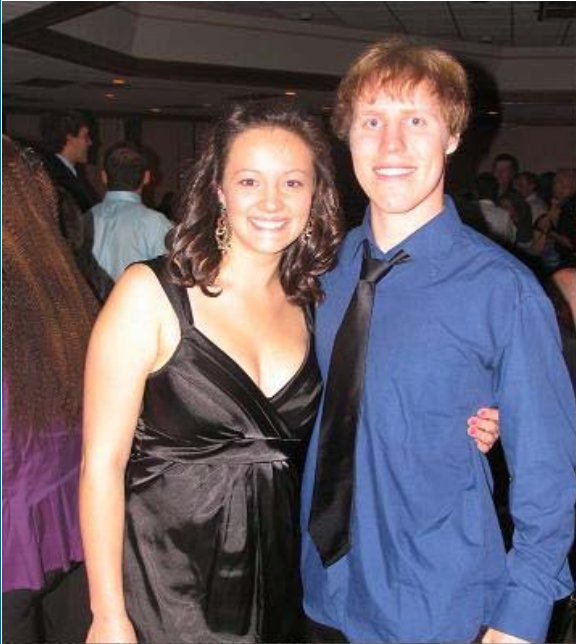
Good fortunes to all in the upcoming field season and I look forward to seeing you soon at the Northwestern Ontario Mines and Minerals Symposium.

Barbara D'Silva

President NWOPA

Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association

The NWOPA 2010 Christmas Party Was A Blast!



NWOPA 2010 Christmas Party

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ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations are requested for the following awards to be presented at the Awards Dinner on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium in Thunder Bay:

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* is presented to someone based on their cumulative work, discoveries, options and contributions to the prospecting, exploration and mining community of northwestern Ontario.

The *"Bernie Schnieders" Discovery of the Year Award* recognizes an exceptional discovery in northwestern Ontario during the previous calendar year, may involve more than one individual or company.

The *Developer of the Year Award* recognizes an outstanding northwestern Ontario developer or development during the previous calendar year.

The *"Dan Calvert" Distinguished Service Award* recognizes an individual who has provided exceptional service to NWOPA and/or the prospecting, exploration and mining community of northwestern Ontario.

Please contact one of the following by Monday, March 21, 2011 with nominations:

Don Hoy

Tel. 807-346-0777

Mark O'Brien

Tel. 807-475-1106

Russell Kwiatkowski

Tel. 807-767-7555

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NWOPA Elections

The annual meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association will take place on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium, Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay. The agenda for the meeting shall include: presentation of the Association's financial statements, a President's report, by-law change(s), and the election of Directors. NWOPA is administered by a board of 10 Directors. Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) will be elected at the first board meeting following the annual meeting. 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 Mary Louise Hill

Department of Geology, Lakehead University

955 Oliver Road,

Thunder Bay, Ontario

P7B 5E1

e-mail: mary.louise.hill@lakeheadu.ca

Or

May be dropped off at the MNDMF office

Attention: Cyndee Komar, NWOPA Secretary

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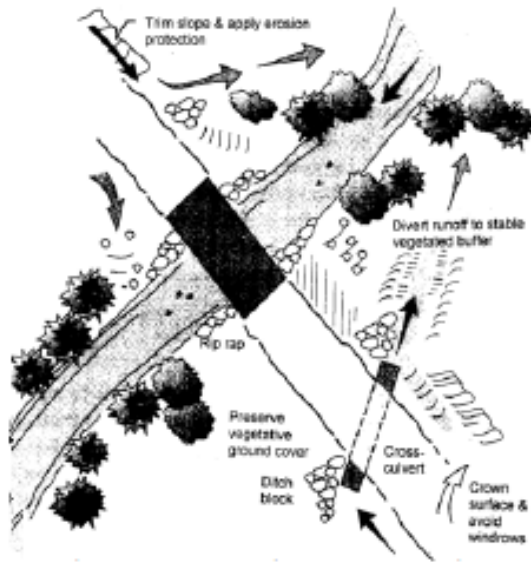
Please attend the annual meeting and cast your vote!

Registration for the Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium opens at 8:30 a.m.

All members must be registered prior to attending the Annual Meeting.

Announcing a Half-Day Course on
**Mining Exploration Activities
 Around Water**

Valhalla Inn, Scandia Room
 Monday April 4/11, 1:00-4:30 pm



Ontario Prospectors Association
 Department of Fisheries & Oceans
 Ministry of Natural Resources
 Adamson Consulting

Objective:

- to encourage good planning, design & mitigation techniques to address fisheries and water quality issues so as to avoid delays & extra costs during operations

What will you learn?

- potential impacts of exploration activities on fish & their habitat
- how to meet DFO & MNR expectations related to exploration access & operations
- how to get stream crossings designed, approved and built properly
- assessing site risks and selecting mitigation measures for erosion & sediment control and other concerns

Agenda:

Welcome & introduction
 Possible impacts on fish & their habitat
 Requirements of MNR & DFO
 Stream crossing options, design & approval
 Erosion & sediment control principles & practices
 Exploration activities & mitigation methods
 Question and answer session

Instructors:

Bruce Adamson, is a civil engineer. Over a 41 year career he has designed hundreds of stream crossing projects and presented many related training courses, for both government & private-sector.

Tom Kleinboeck, is a fish habitat biologist with DFO. He is actively involved in reviewing project proposals & doing exploration site inspections where activities can affect fish or habitat.

Gary Davies, is the Regional Land Specialist for MNR's Northwest Region. He interacts with MNM&F and industry groups to ensure an understanding of MNR regulatory requirements so exploration projects can proceed as efficiently as possible.

Format:

Many slides from projects in Northwestern Ontario will be used to explain the standards and illustrate practical application of the principles discussed. Actual case studies will be presented to explain situations encountered and how they were resolved.

To Register:

Fill out the Delegate Registration form for the 2011 Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium "A Treasure Trove of Commodities"
 Cost is \$15.00

2011 NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MINES & MINERALS SYMPOSIUM

"A Treasure Trove of Commodities"

April 5 & 6, 2011

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ If contact information has not changed fill in Membership Number and Name and proceed to registration and payment information

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Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____ @ _____

Symposium Registration* On or before March 18	@	\$140.00	
Symposium Registration* After March 18	@	\$160.00	
Symposium Registration* (2011 OPA MEMBERS) On or before March 18	@	\$80.00	
Symposium Registration* (2011 OPA MEMBERS) After March 18	@	\$100.00	
Student Registration*	@	\$50.00	
NWOPA Awards Dinner Tuesday April 5 th , 6 p.m.	@	\$40.00	
Workshop "WATER CROSSINGS" Monday, April 4 1:00 -4:00pm Scandia Room, Valhalla Inn Limit of 50 participants	@	\$15.00	
*Registration includes 2011 OPA/Regional membership, Refreshments breaks and lunches Tuesday & Wednesday	TOTAL (Includes HST)		

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Fax a copy of this application to the OPA at 807-622-4156 to ensure your registration.

A confirmation will be sent to you either by email or fax, once payment has been received.

IF you do not want your name to appear in the 2011 OPA Membership Directory please initial here _____

I wish to be affiliated with the following Regional Prospectors Association* _____

*If you wish to be affiliated with more than one association please contact OPA for price

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PORCUPINE PROSPECTORS & DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION (PPDA)

SAULT & DISTRICT PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (SDPA)

SOUTHERN ONTARIO PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION (SOPA)

SUDBURY PROSPECTORS & DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION (SPDA)

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For more information visit us at www.ontarioprospectors.com or www.nwopa.net or email us at oegs@ontarioprospectors.com or call toll free 866.259.3727 or 807.622.3284

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 31
AFTER THIS DATE REGISTRATION WILL BE PROCESSED ONSITE ONLY
Register before March 18th and have a chance to win the Pre-Registration Prize!

Cancellation Policy:

Full refunds for cancellations received in writing by mail/fax/email are subject to an administrative fee of \$100.00.

No refunds will be issued after March 31, 2011.

No refunds for cancellations received within 10 business days of the event but delegate substitution is permitted.

2011 Northwestern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium
"A Treasure Trove of Commodities"
 Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario

April 5 & 6, 2011

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 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6A5



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For more information please contact Susan or Garry @ 807.622.3284 or
susanwarren@tbaytel.net or gjclark@tbaytel.net

NWOMMS Symposium Schedule

Agenda – Tuesday, April 5, 2011	
Time	Topic & Speaker
9:00.	Anthony Pace, OGS-RGP, Northeastern Ontario Exploration Update
9:20 a.m.	JVX- Borehole IP
9:40	Caracle Creek International Consulting-
10:00 a.m.	Scott Mclean- Exploring for Midcontinent Rift Mineralization
10:20 a.m.	Refreshment Break
11:00	Thunder Bay South, OGS-RGP- Exploration Update
11:20	Wim Vanderklift, The Exploration Potential of Northwestern Ontario's Proterozoic Terrains: Black Bay Cu-Ni-U Property
11:40	Alan Aubet: Exploring for Nickel – a Prospecting Guide for What to Look For
12:00	Lunch: Buffet luncheon in Exhibit Room
1:00	NWOPA AGM
1:30	Craig Ravnaas, OGS-RGP, Kenora RGP Update
1:50	Scott Jobin-Bevans: Tresury Metals
2:10	Ron Merwin: Modernizing the Mining Act UPDATE
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	Refreshment Break
3:20	Mark Smyk/Gerry White, OGS-RGP, Thunder Bay North Update
3:40	Neil Pettigrew, PC Gold, Update
4:00	Mike Taylor, Slam Exploration Update
4:20	Tom Morris, Northern Superior, Update
6:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">NWOPA Awards Dinner – Scandia Room : Ticketed Event</p> <p>Dinner Agenda: ♦ Dinner ♦ Welcome/Introduction Dignitaries ♦ NWOPA Awards ★ Acknowledgement of 25-year (permanent) Prospector's Licence ★ Developer of the Year Award ★ Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award ★ Lifetime Achievement Award ★ Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award ♦ Lakehead University ★ Bernie Schnieders Scholarship Award Presentation</p>

Agenda – Wednesday, April 6, 2011	
Time	Topic & Speaker
8:30 a.m..	Refreshment Break
9:00 a.m.	Yves Jodoin, Photonic Knowledge, "The Core Logger"
9:20 a.m.	Brad McBain, Accurassay, Avoiding Pitfalls in CRM Programs,
9:40 a.m.	Allen Raoul, Bending Lake Update
10:00 a.m.	Michael Stares, Rare Earth Metals, Update
10:20.	Refreshment Break
11:00 a.m.	Eric Hoffman, Activation Laboratories
11:20 a.m.	Tim Twomey, Premier Gold Mines
11:40 a.m.	Maurice Lavigne, KWG, Update
12:00	Lunch: Buffet luncheon in Exhibit Room
1:20	John Scott/Dorothy Campbell, OGS-RGP, Thunder Bay South Update
1:40	Dale Sutherland, Activation Laboratories
2:00	Andreas Lichtblau, OGS-RGP, Red Lake Area Update
2:20	Refreshment Break
2:50	Jim Rodgers, Mega Precious Metals, Update
3:10	Ian Russell, Rubicon Update



Activation Labs Dinner & Gala.



Would like to send out a warm invitation
to all who will be attending the
**Northwestern Ontario Mines &
Minerals Symposium.**





**Come join us for an ice breaker dinner
and a night of drinks and socializing
April 4th, 2011. Reception 6PM to 7PM in
the Scandia Room. Dinner to follow.**

Please R. S. V. P. before April 1st if
you plan on attending dinner:

tbay@actlabs.com

No registration needed to enjoy
drinks and mingling afterwards!

Activation Labs Thunder Bay,
217 Round Blvd. Thunder Bay ON P7E6N2
807-622-6707



A seminar on “*MMI – Mobile Metal Ion Geochemistry*” will be presented by
SGS Minerals Services on Monday, April 4th from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

A seminar on “*Geometallurgy: Sample Selection for Metallurgical Testing*”
will be presented by SGS Minerals Services on Monday, April 4th
from 1 to 4 p.m.

SGS will be hosting an open lunch between seminars, on Monday, April 4th
from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Please RSVP with: scott.delorme@sgs.com

April 26 & 27, 2011

Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium

McIntyre Arena, Timmins, Ontario

For further information please contact: ppda@ntl.sympatico.ca

Or visit PPDA's website at <http://www.porcupineprospectors.com>

For more information on the Northwest and/or Northeast Symposia you can visit the above websites or the OPA website at **<http://www.ontariopropectors.com>**

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Northern Ontario's Unlimited Potential**

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