

News Release – NWOPA Awards – April 14, 2015

The Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association (NWOPA) 2015 Awards Dinner was held on Tuesday, April 14th.

Since 2001 NWOPA has presented awards recognizing lifetime achievements, mineral discoveries and mine developments. Lifetime achievement is based upon cumulative work, discoveries 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 with the Developer of the Year Award recognizing an outstanding mineral development during the previous calendar year. In 2010 NWOPA added the "Dan Calvert" Distinguished Service Award to acknowledge exceptional service to the mineral exploration community of Northwestern Ontario.



On behalf of NWOPA, the Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2015 recipients.

Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award:

Susan Warren

Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Iain Downie

Aubrey Eveleigh

Dr. James (Jim) Franklin

Lyle Holt

Russell Kwiatkowski

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year Award:

Rudy Wahl – Prairie Lake Niobium Project

Developer of the Year Award:

Goldcorp Inc. – Red Lake Mine Operations

Also at the Awards Dinner, Lakehead University presented the Bernie Schnieders Memorial Award to Michael D'Angelo.

For further information about these awards, do not hesitate to contact:

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Dan Calvert Distinguished Service Award

Susan Warren



- 1983 to 1997: Thunder Bay Resident Geologist's office
- Continued in the "industry" working for prospectors and companies
- 1997 to 1999: NWOPA Secretary
- 2000-2001: NWOPA Director
- Susan has worked with the Ontario Prospectors Association since 2001, currently as the Special Projects Administrator
- She is the primary organizer for the three Symposia a year held across Ontario
- Susan has a special place in her heart for prospectors and bears

Lifetime Achievement Award

Iain Downie



- 1962: BAsC from University of Toronto
- 1961-1992: Opemiska Copper Mines, Mobil Oil, Falconbridge Nickel, Keevil Mining Group, Selco Exploration, Duration Mines, Rio Algom
- 1992-2003: Consulting Chibougamau, staked original claims covering VSM Deposit and Lessard Deposit
- 1997: Co-founder of Wolfden Resources
- Forerunner in using Kimberlite indicator minerals in streams and till (Roy Saukko and Charles Fipke)
- Gerrits Belts - Peterson Machine in Thunder Bay; these stem from his rough drawing of the machine, Gary Peacock
- Redefined the 'A' and 'D' zones and West Zone at High Lake, Nunavut
- Biggest discovery - Anne in 1964 - 51st Anniversary on last Saturday

Lifetime Achievement Award

Aubrey Eveleigh

B.Sc. (Geology) from Memorial
Geological assistant and project
geologist with Noranda until 1992
1992-1999: geological consulting
services to ~50 exploration
companies
From 2000 to present: consulting
including Rio Tinto, Goldcorp,
Agnico-Eagle, Diavik, BHP
Principal with successful TSX
Companies: Wolfden and
MetalCORP, raising >\$25 M, many
new discoveries
Currently President, CEO &
Director of Zenyatta Ventures Ltd.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. James (Jim) Franklin



- 1967: M.Sc. – Carleton University
- 1970: Ph.D. – University of Western Ontario
- 1969-1975: Lakehead University: A/Professor
- 1993-1997: Chief Geoscientist, GSC
- Adjunct Professor at: Ottawa University, Laurentian University, and Queen's
- Students at: Carleton University, University of Minnesota, University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, Cornell University
- Since his "retirement" from the GSC in 1998 advising industry on VMS exploration in every continent except Antarctica
- Specialist in VMS, gold, Ni-Cu-PGE-Cr, IOCG, roll-type uranium deposits
- Consulted for ~50 companies across NW Ontario and the World (except Antarctica)
- Mapping/drilling "black smoker" systems
- "Bacon and Eggheads" breakfast meetings with members of Parliament
- Since 1988, has received 11 exemplary awards

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lyle Holt

- First worked on diamond drills in 1974 for Midwest Drilling, then Amisk, Boart, Long Year, Norwescon, Pelkey
- Worked on numerous exploration projects in NWT, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario
- REE, base metal and gold exploration projects resulting in >20 options with various companies
- Active prospector in the Beardmore - Geraldton belt and Onaman-Tashota area since 1987
- Most recent work with Rock Tech Lithium and Sage Gold



Lifetime Achievement Award

Russell Kwiatkowski



- BSc (1969), B.Ed. (1970), HBA (1976) and a M.Ed. (1982) in Bus. Admin. from Lakehead
- Russell started prospecting with Jim Redden in the early 1960s; many mentors at LU, OGS and companies
- Assistant geophysicist at Coldstream Mine, three summers on the ODM
- Numerous discoveries and options: Elephant Lake – Mo,Cu,Au; Sungold – Au,Cu,Zn; Bateman – Au, Ni, PGE's, Co, Larose – Au, Echo Ridge – Cu, Au, Ag
- Drafted prospector's MOU
- Member of NWOPA Awards Committee and NWOPA Board

Bernie Schnieders Discovery of the Year – 2014

- In 2014, Rudy Wahl discovered numerous high-grade niobium, tantalum, P2O5 and REE occurrences near Prairie Lake
- Assays of up to 1.63% Nb2O5 have been obtained over a sizeable area
- Pyrochlores are large; suggestive of easy separation from apatite and carbonates
- MDN optioned the property in 2015 and plans a first-phase exploration program
- Niobium demand to grow at an annual rate of 5 to 7% through 2020



Prairie Lake Niobium Project

Rudy Wahl

Developer of the Year – 2014

- Continued down-plunge extension of intersecting Mine Trend and HG Young N-S gold-bearing structures
- 2014 >70,000m (up to six drills)
- Development of Campbell for exploration access ... Production
- Cochenour Project highlights:
 - Shaft to Final Depth of 3,660 Feet
 - Haulage Drift Completed (5 km)
 - Permanent Fresh Air Fan & Heater House
- Collaboration Agreements with Wabauskang First Nation and Lac Seul First Nation

Red Lake Operations

Goldcorp Inc.