



2018 NWOPA Awards

[Call for Nominations](#)

Please review the attached listing of previous recipients and contact a member of the NWOPA Awards Committee with your nomination suggestions for this year:

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The following awards will be presented at the annual Awards Dinner at the Ontario Prospectors Exploration Showcase in Thunder Bay to be held on April 2, 2019:

1. The **“Dave Christianson” 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.
2. The **“Bernie Schnieders” Discovery of the Year Award** recognizes an exceptional discovery in Northwestern Ontario during the previous year, i.e. 2018, and may involve more than one individual or company.
3. The **Developer of the Year Award** recognizes an outstanding Northwestern Ontario developer or development during the previous year, i.e. 2018.
4. 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.

Past Award Recipients

Dave Christianson

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Walter Baker
- Mel Bartley
- Raymond Bernatchez
- Allan Best
- Karl Bjorkman
- Jack Bolen
- Costy Bumbu
- Dan Calvert
- Dave Christianson
- Garry Clark
- Robert Cote
- Louis Cousineau
- Ray Cousineau
- Nolan Cox
- Iain Downie
- Perry English
- Aubrey Eveleigh
- Robert Fairservice
- Ken Fenwick
- Jim Franklin
- John Gammon
- Alex Glatz
- Scotty Gray
- Joe Hackl
- Jack Hammell
- Lyle Holt
- Frank Houghton
- Carl Huston
- Don Huston
- Don Hoy
- Sherridon Johnson
- Steve Kissin
- Alex Kozowy
- Knut Kuhner
- Russell Kwiatkowski
- Amede Lafontaine
- Moe Lavigne
- Harry Lundmark
- Mike Luski
- James Martin
- John Mason
- Peter McKellar
- Bill McCrindle
- Larry Mealey
- Duncan Michano
- Bob Middleton
- Bill Miron
- Bob Moffat
- Bill Morehouse
- Peter Moses
- Alasdair Mowat
- Carter Nelson
- Myron Nelson
- Ray Oja
- Ed Onabigon
- Gary Peacock
- Dave Petrunka
- Ed Pye
- Jim Redden
- Joe Riives
- Bernie Schnieders
- John Scott
- Pat Sheridan
- Bill Spade
- Mel Stewart
- Carmen Storey
- Greg Stott
- John Ternowesky
- Dave Thorsteinson
- Rudy Wahl
- Mac Watson

Bernie Schnieders

Discovery of the Year Award

- 2000 - Calvert/Stares
Aldina Project
- 2001 - East West Resources
Seagull – Initial Discovery
- 2001 - Hackl/Fenwick/Leishman
Legris Lake
- 2002 - Perry English
Red Lake Discoveries
- 2003 - Kwiatkowski/Freewest
Larose Project
- 2004 - East West/LU/LNRGI
Seagull – Advanced Discovery
- 2005 - Freewest Resources
Sungold Property
- 2005 - Wolfden/Sabina
Bonanza-Follansbee Project
- 2006 - Rainy River Resources
Rainy River Project
- 2007 - Gold Eagle Mines
Bruce Channel Deposit
- 2007 - Kodiak Exploration
Hercules Project
- 2008 - Magma Metals
Current Lake Project
- 2009 - Premier Gold Mines Ltd.
Hardrock Project
- 2010 - Goldcorp Inc.
Musselwhite Lynx Zone
- 2011 - Lac des Iles Mine
Underground zones
- 2012 - Zenyatta Ventures Ltd.
Albany Graphite Project
- 2013 - Transition Metals Corp./ Implats
Platinum Holdings
Sunday Lake Project
- 2014 - Rudy Wahl
Prairie Lake Niobium Project
- 2015 - Ardiden Limited
Silver Star North Graphite
- 2016 - Landore Resources Canada Inc.
BAM East Gold Deposit
- 2017 - Benton Resources Inc., Traxxin
Resources Inc.
Bedivere Gold – Traxxin Zone

Developer of the Year Award

- 2000 - North American Palladium Ltd.
Lac des Iles Mine Expansion
- 2001 - Goldcorp Inc.
Red Lake Mine
- 2002 - Placer Dome Ltd.
Campbell Mine
- 2003 - Wolfden - Placer Dome
East Bay Project
- 2004 - Placer Dome Ltd.
Musselwhite Mine
- 2005 - North American Palladium Ltd.
Lac des Iles Underground
- 2006 - Marathon PGM Corp.
Marathon Project
- 2007 - Canadian Arrow Mines Ltd.
Kenbridge Project
- 2008 - Barrick Gold Inc.
Williams Mine
- 2009 - Rubicon Minerals Corp.
Phoenix Gold Project
- 2010 - Noront Resources Limited
Eagle's Nest Project
- 2011 - Cliffs Chromite Ontario Inc.
Black Thor Chromite Project
- 2012 - Premier Gold Mines
Trans-Canada Project
- 2013 - New Gold Inc.
Rainy River Gold Project
- 2014 - Goldcorp Inc.
Red Lake Operations
- 2015 - Steve Lukinuk and Family
Amethyst Mine Panorama
- 2016 - Harte Gold Corp.
Sugar Zone Deposit
- 2017 - Pure Gold Mining Inc.
Madsen Gold Project

Dan Calvert

Distinguished Service Award

- Dan Calvert
- Dave Christianson
- John Halet
- Dave Hunt
- Cyndee Komar
- Michael McIsaac
- Paul Nielsen
- Matt Stewardson
- Susan Warren
- Robert Chataway