

Doug Dingeldein

Doug has been a member of the Walker Mineralogical Club in Toronto since 1987. Over the years, he has served for many years in several capacities on the club's Executive Council. Currently, he shares field trip responsibilities for his club with Bill Plavac. In 2006, he and his daughter, Olena, also an active WMC member, received the club's Dr. Donald (Digger) Gorman Member of the Year Award. Doug is an avid field tripper and has collected specimens throughout Canada and the United States.

Don Lapham

Donald S. Lapham III was born in Englewood, NJ, Nov. 17, 1960. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Geology at Bucknell University in 1983. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry at Rutgers University in 2000. Don has been collecting minerals since 1979. Early collecting years were primarily spent in upstate New York collecting Herkimer Diamonds. He also has an excellent collection representing the Sanford, Maine Vesuvianite/Garnet skarn locality and extensive collections of the Winfield, PA and Meckley quarries in Pennsylvania. He has collected at sites from New England to Florida. He is very familiar with collecting sites in Northern New Jersey, Southern New York and Connecticut. He participates with his parent's mineral dealership, Quarry Enterprises, since the late 1980's and attends major Eastern U.S. shows including Springfield, MA, Franklin, NJ, Buffalo and Syracuse, NY. He has attended the annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show for nearly 25 years and has collected minerals at various locations in southern Arizona on these trips. Don is the Field Trip director for the Buffalo Geological Society, and a member of the Franklin Ogdensburg (NJ), Morris Museum (NJ), Bristol (CT), Wayne Co. (NY), Niagara Peninsula (Ontario), and Walker Club (Ontario) mineral clubs. He currently resides in Lockport, NY and is the Quality Control Lab manager for FMC Corporation of Tonawanda, NY.

Randy Ernst

Randy started out in Barrie many years ago and was acquainted with rocks and minerals by his dad who was an early starter of the Barrie club. Have it in print he was president in 1969 and I recall helping to print off newsletters on an old Gestetner machine. Collecting was sort of put aside for school but never really gave it up. Acquired a micromount collection and scope in the mid 80s and got back into the hobby by joining the Scarborough Club in the early 90s. Since then, I have been, in no particular order, CCFMS editor, president, OFTG president, GMCS president, membership director, editor, CMMA editor. Currently hold the editor positions of GMCS and CMMA, membership for GMCS and president of CCFMS. Getting more interested in micromineral photography, mineral site and history research, and have a fondness for cats. Been on several CCFMS summer trips as well as local collecting. Reside in Toronto and am employed by the Ontario Government as a computer analyst, mainly working with Community and Social Services, Children and Youth Division.

Jeff Shallit

Jeff Shallit began collecting minerals when he was about 10, and was given a black light and fluorescent minerals as a present. He stopped collecting as a teenager but began again at age 45 when his kids reawakened his interests. Since then he has collected at Franklin, Sterling Hill, Otter Lake, Marmora, Dundas, Beamsville, and other sites. He runs a (very) small business, Calaverite Fine Minerals, selling minerals and meteorites to collectors. Jeff is also the editor of the Rockblast, the monthly newsletter of the Kitchener-Waterloo Gem and Mineral Club.

Ed Debicki

Ed Debicki has been Secretary of the Sudbury Rock & Lapidary Society since 1986, and Show Chairman (since 2003) of the Sudbury Gem and Mineral Show (26th Annual in 2008).

After leaving Inco Limited, following a 30-year career in exploration, he joined the Ontario Geological Survey where he has been manager of the Geoscience Laboratories since 2001.

Ed is a past Chairman of the Canadian Mineral Analysts, and has served on the executive of other organizations.

He and his wife Ruth enjoy visiting gem and mineral shows, looking for pyrite specimens to add to Ed's collection.

Bob Van Sickle

I have collected minerals for almost 25 years and enjoy collecting minerals in the field. I am currently a member of the Gem and Mineral Club of Scarborough, the Canadian Micro Mineral Association and the Walker Mineralogical Club. At present I am serving my fourth year on the Walker Club council. I have also volunteered at the Ontario Science Center in the Rock Shop for over 20 years and continue to do so. In the past I have served a term as a CCFMS director.

Bill Plavac

Bill started collecting at the age of 10 when he joined the Jr Field Naturalists at the ROM and went on to join the Jr Walker Club. Since becoming involved in rockhounding in 1950 Bill has been a member of clubs throughout Canada as his job took him. Bill has served on many CCFMS Boards as Treasurer, Field Trip Co-Ordinator and President. His experience as an executive in local clubs provides a great knowledge of club operations, issues, and keys to success.

Today, Bill is President of the Barrie gem and Mineral Club as well as Field trip Councillor with Doug Dingeldein for the Walker Club.

Stephen Douglas

Stephen has been a member of one CCFMS affiliated club, or another, since 1985. Most of that time has been spent with the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society where he has maintained their website since 2001, had been an award-winning bulletin editor for several years, and had also been a speaker and field trip leader. Stephen is currently a member of the Oxford County Geological Society where he just recently become the bulletin editor and is in the midst of creating their first website.

Stephen's involvement with the CCFMS began in 2004 when he agreed to step forward and become the Communications Director. He is also the Web Administrator for the internationally recognized CCFMS Website. Stephen maintains the CCFMS Rocks email distribution list geared toward rockhounds of Central Canada and also maintains the CCFMS Club Contacts mailing list, which along with the website is the main mechanism to distribute timely information to the CCFMS affiliated clubs.

Collecting interests of Stephen include Ordovician, Silurian and Devonian-aged fossils and minerals from several quarries along the Niagara Escarpment.

Robert. H. Beckett

I started collecting minerals at an early age while living in England. This passion continued and intensified after I came to Canada and I have now been collecting for over 40 years.

My mineral collecting interests have varied over the years from and international collection of micromounts, thumbnail and miniature sized specimens to the current focus now being high quality miniature to cabinet size display specimens of Canadian minerals.

My mineral collecting focus is Canadian minerals. My private collection is becoming quite extensive and is made available as a reference, as is my library of mineralogical related publications, maps and personal field notes to other interested collectors.

I spend a lot of time in the field collecting on day trips or trips lasting weeks. I have and will travel to almost any where in Canada in the pursuit of fine mineral samples.

I have been active with my local Club, the Kawartha Rock and Fossil Club Inc. for almost 30 years and have held a variety of executive position within the Club during that period. Positions held have been, Field Trip Leader, Newsletter Editor and President, a position I have again held for the past few years and am currently holding.

I am a member in good standing of The Walker Mineralogical Club, the Bancroft Gem & Mineral Club and the North York Faceting Guild.

Backed by a fairly good knowledge of minerals, existing mineral collecting localities and access to search for potential sites has provided me with a good deal of experience which

I have used in the organization and leading of collecting trips for my local club and others interested parties as well as personal collecting trips.

I regularly attend mineral and gem shows in Ontario and Quebec as well as the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium and on occasion a few other key shows in the United States, such as the Tucson Show.

In the past couple of years I have volunteered my services to the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce assisting them with the organization of the “outside vendors” at the Gemboree and with other related issues regarding their Mineral Resource Program.

I have and continue to provide mineral related presentations to Grade 4 classes and supply rock and mineral samples at no cost to teachers for educational use in the classroom.

Jim Glen

I have had an interest and fascination for mineral collecting on and off for the past 44 years. I received a BSc. in geology from Brock University in 1975 but pursued a career in communications with BCE. For the past 7 years I have been a director with the Niagara club, treasurer of the now deceased OFTG and am presently the field trip director in the Niagara area for the CCFMS. I am a member of the Buffalo Geological Society, Niagara Peninsula Geological Society, Kawartha Rock & Fossil Club and the Canadian Micro Mineral Association.

Don Oliver

Member of Gemini Gem & Mineral Club of Burlington

- Acting President
- Show Chair

CCFMS activities

2002- 2007 Treasurer CCFMS

- Preparing Annual Budgets & Reporting
- Day to day accounting
- Primary contact with insurance broker

2000-2001 1st Vice President

- Prepared the revised Show Awards Policy – approved
- Designed the current various CCFMS show awards format including the Ann Sabina

1998-1999 2nd Vice President

- Prepared a proposed membership directory wish list – not acted on