



THE MINERAL VEIN

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THE MINERAL SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

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CENTRAL CANADA MINERAL EXPLORATION CONVENTION

CCMEC was held on November 22, 2018 at the Victoria (Inn) Convention center.

The Manitoba Prospectors and developers Association had a very busy summer organizing this convention, as the budget cuts, for the Mining Convention were not announced until the Spring, of 2018. This seemed to determine the "Theme of the Convention", as the coming changes to the Mining Industry. Some speakers discussed a rapidly changing financial world for Junior Mining companies, while others talked about how "Big Data" is changing the Mining environment.



From left: Dagan Moss, Jack Bauer and John Biczok at the MSM booth at the CCMEC

We met some new people from local universities, Canadian company's and was greeted by some familiar faces like John Biczok who happened to be in town and came by the convention. This convention provided the Mineral society with good opportunities to network for the club. We have been invited to 3 new events/opportunities to set up our display and promote the mineral Society. The Brandon university has offered us a fluorescent specimen of Carbonatite to add to our display.

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Time to celebrate the holiday's

On Sunday December 02, 2018 at Canad Inns Polo Park starting at 4:30pm in Ambassador K, near the Alto's restaurant where we will enjoy some fantastic food. The buffet is \$19.99 for one adult and \$18.49 for one senior.

After dinner we will start the bidding with our annual mineral auction hosted by the fun and knowledgeable Tony Smith.

Clean up the garage, attic or basement and bring some nice mineral specimens or other items that someone else can use to donate to the auction. Please contact Jack Bauer to confirm your attendance, (204) 632-6934

The executive team would like to wish everyone

A joyous holiday season and best wishes for a Happy New Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer's for all their hard work in 2018, we had a busy year. If it wasn't a new convention we were attending or school program presentation we were at The Silver Cove Mineral show or Oak Hammock Marsh promoting what we love, **Minerals**. This year wasn't with out it's challenges and I'm so proud that everyone came together and made it all happen. I want to extend many thanks to the executive team. 2018 was a year of learning and I look forward to working with you in 2019.

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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Manitoba Museum in room P47 on the Planetarium level. They begin at 7:30 PM and feature announcements, an invited speaker and a raffle. Members are encouraged to bring along any new, interesting specimens, or specimens appropriate to the speaker's topic.

Field Trips take place from May to September to interesting sites in Manitoba or neighbouring provinces and states.

Membership: A single membership is \$15 while a family membership is \$20. Memberships run from October to October.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY MEETING: will be held on Wednesday January 09, 2019 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Manitoba Museum. The speaker will be Amir Hashmi, *world traveler*. He will be talking about Mineral shows from around the world. He will talk about crystal value, Facet rough, types of terminations and how to spot repairs or fakes.

FEBRURAY MEETING: will be on Wednesday February 06, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. William (Bill) Hood, P.Geol will be providing a Geological, Mineralogical and historical back ground on Tourmaline which involves the "Dutch East India Company" and the Crown Jewels.

MARCH MEETING: March 6, 2019 MSM regular monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Manitoba Museum. Speaker to be announced soon.

APRIL MEETING: April 3, 2019 We will have Dr. Graham Young, *curator at the Manitoba Museum*. He will be speaking about the geology of the Legislature building, yes, where the golden boy lives.



Founded in 1971, the Mineral Society of Manitoba is dedicated to promoting the study of minerals, rocks and fossils for their scientific and recreational value. The Mineral Society of Manitoba hosts monthly meetings covering a variety of mineral related topics. In addition, the Mineral Society organizes summer field trips to collecting localities, and hosts educational exhibits about minerals and fossils.

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MINERAL EXPLORATION CONVENTION**

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Author: Jack Bauer

The delegate's got to enjoy several different speakers from the indigenous community as well as Elder Velma Orvis treated us to an indigenous teaching during lunch.

The Indigenous speakers also talked about the changes that have come about and the need for Community engagement and why it matters. It seems like change is happening all around us and I see it as a time to embrace the coming changes, or risk being left behind.

Linda Murphy, community engagement manager for the Yamana Gold Inc. did a presentation called **Community engagement, what does it involve and why does it matter?** Linda spoke about creating programs, jobs and support programs for the indigenous community and stressed how important it is to share information. Yamana Gold is building a strategic partnership between First Nations and industry in a positive way. Ensuring that the First Nations community can be active partners in all phases of mineral development, to create and share in the benefits of growth and the long-term prosperity of the region of Red sucker Lake, First Nation.



Linda Murphy, Yamana Gold Inc.

I would like to recognize our volunteers, for helping with the CCMEC convention. Thank You, to Jack Bauer, Evelyn Bauer, Carrie Carino, and Dagan Moss, this event went smoothly with your help.

CORNEL ROCK'S EXPERIENCE TRAVELING THE WORLD



**Cornel Rock at the Barcelona mineral expo
Standing in the jaws of a prehistoric giant shark**

Cornel traveled to Barcelona, Spain for a Mineral Expo as he starts an adventure around the world. He has accepted a job with a mining company and will be back in a few months. When he returns he has volunteered to do a presentation about his travels, in May 2019, stay tuned.



Malachite specimen from Congo at the Barcelona Expo

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jack Bauer. This is a great way to get out and network with people that also love Minerals. **Reminder** to please pay your membership dues at your earliest convenience, Thank you.