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## THE WALKER MINERALOGICAL CLUB

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

### NEXT MEETING

January 13, 2016, 8:00pm

Please arrive around 7:45 pm if possible

University of Toronto, Earth Sciences Centre

22 Russell Street, Room 2093

## Geology of, and Collecting in, the Bancroft Area

Corey Lablans will take you on a voyage through the geology of the Bancroft area, offering suggestions on why it is the mineral capital of Canada. He will also take you

through a few key resources that can help in finding new places to collect minerals. It is fun to get out collecting but it is also important to maintain your collection. Corey

will finish off by discussing why proper cataloging and keeping track of information about your collection is important

## About the Speaker

Starting at a young age, Corey Lablans was introduced to the world of geology. Since the age of 6 he has been traveling around Ontario collecting both minerals and fossils.

He is currently finishing up his degree in Geological Sciences at Queen's University. Having worked for two summers in Bancroft as the summer geologist, he has lead hundred of collectors to many sites.

This past summer he worked under Dr. Narbonne, as a field research assistant in paleontology, researching Ediacaran fossil in Newfoundland.

## Dinner with the Speaker

Why don't you consider joining our fellow members for "Dinner with the Speaker", **in the downstairs pub, at the Faculty Club, 41 Wilcocks Street**, on the U. of T. Campus, at 6:00pm, before the meeting. **\*\*\*\*Please note that this is a NEW location for the Dinner with the Speaker** that we thought we'd try. It is just up the street from the Walker Club

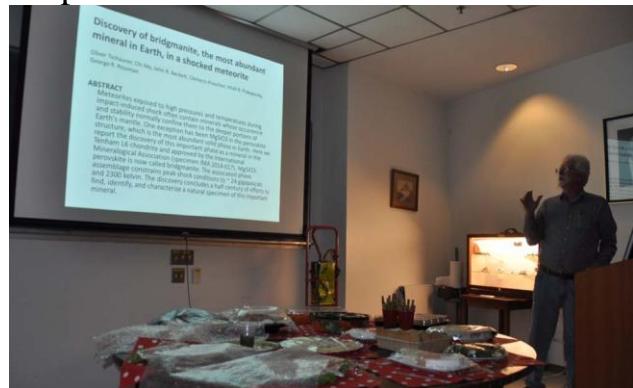
meetings. It is always a pleasant time, getting to know each other better, possible reminiscing and interesting conversations. All are welcome! Please bring **cash** to pay for your supper!?

## Looking Back



*Steve Szilard addresses the Club*

The December meeting was also the Christmas Party. It was an excellent evening starting with a talk by Steve Szilard on some fun mineralogical reminiscences about a specimen and its provenance. President Jim Haase followed with a presentation about an unusual mineral, the MOST common mineral, that was theorized to exist deep in the earth and then



*Jim Haase on "Bridgemanite" with the feast in the foreground*

eventually was found in a meteorite. Finally, David K. Joyce finished off the “technical” portion of the meeting with several of his mineralogy/collecting songs, accompanying himself with his guitar. There were some very good voices of club members singing along with “The Crystals I have Known....” ☺



*Bruce and Jim avail themselves of the feast, while past heads of the U. of T. Geology Department look on.*



*Minerals collected or acquired during the past year on display*

The highlight of the evening may have been the great feast that was acquired and prepared by Councillor Steve Szilard and VP Bruce Fulcher. Len Buchanan

provided some excellent punch. The punch had no “punch” but is WAS delicious!! Of course, the conversation and seasonal well-wishing was also a highlight.

Finally, a number of members brought specimens that they had acquired or personally collected during the past year. This led to some good conversation and stories around the display cabinet.

## **ROM Meteorite, Rock, Fossil, Gem, and Mineral Identification Clinics**

Do you or your friends have minerals that you need help identifying? Why not consider visiting the Royal Ontario Museums’ monthly “Meteorite, Rock, Fossil, Gem and Mineral Identification Clinic” that takes place regularly at the ROM. The ROM will have experts on hand to examine your treasures or finds and try to give you some idea of what you have! Here are the dates for 2016

February 17  
April 20  
June 15  
August 17  
Oct. 19  
Dec. 7

4:00-5:00pm, Presidents Choice Entrance on Queen’s Park side of the ROM.

For more information on the ROM and this activity check out the ROM calendar at: [www.rom.ca](http://www.rom.ca)

## **Newsletter Content**

We are always in need of content for this newsletter. If you have news, pictures, upcoming events or short articles that you would like to contribute, please contact

David K. Joyce, editor, at  
**dkjoyce@bellnet.ca** or 905-836-9073.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**January 30-February 13 Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows** During this time period there are dozens of Gem, mineral and fossil Shows occurring in Tucson Arizona. You can find the timing of all of them at this website:

<http://www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html> The “Main Show”, the original and huge show at the Convention Center, is put on by the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society and is the last event. You learn more about it at [www.tgms.org](http://www.tgms.org)

**April 14-17, 2016 Rochester Mineralogical Symposium**, Rochester NY. One of the best mineralogical events on the calendar and within driving distance of Toronto! Details to be added later. Mark it in!

**April 2,3 Buffalo Geological Society’s 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show “Crinoids; Feathers of the Sea”**

Admission: \$5.00/day, \$7.00/weekend. Hamburg Fairgrounds, Market and Grange Buidings, 5820 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY

**July 28-31, 2016 Bancroft Gemboree, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual!** One of the largest Gem and Mineral Shows in Canada, so close to the GTA! For detailed information about the Show check out [www.rockhoundgemboree.ca](http://www.rockhoundgemboree.ca)

# Membership Application or Renewal Form



## THE WALKER MINERALOGICAL CLUB Membership Form 2016

Please check one:  New member    Renewal

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### Membership Fees

- \$30 Single
- \$40 Family (children up to 15 years old)
- \$15 Youth age 14-18

Amount paid:

  
\$

Cash

Cheque

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**Initial here to indicate no photos of you to be publicly displayed:**

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