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## THE WALKER MINERALOGICAL CLUB

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### **NEXT Meeting**

**June 4, 2014, 8:00pm**

**Joint Meeting with Scarborough Club, CCFMS and Willowdale Club**

**Opening reception at 7:15pm**

**Knox United Church Meeting Hall**

**2569 Midland Ave., Scarborough**

### **THE MINERALS OF TSUMEB; BILL PINCH**

The Gem and Mineral Club of Scarborough,  
The Walker Mineralogical Club, The  
Central Canadian Society of Mineralogical  
Clubs Central Canadian Federation of  
Mineralogical Societies and the Willowdale

Gem and Mineral Club are pleased to  
announce that Bill Pinch, an internationally  
famous mineral collector will be making a  
presentation at a joint meeting of the four  
organizations on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

William Pinch is a mineralogist from [Rochester, New York](#). Bill Pinch has been collecting for over fifty years and over the years has amassed some of the finest collections in the world. Several years ago the Canadian Museum of Nature acquired a significant collection from Mr. Pinch. With the acquisition of the William Pinch collection, the museum's mineral component is one of the finest in the world.

The [Mineralogical Association of Canada](#) has an award named after him, the Pinch Medal, "to recognize major and sustained contributions to the advancement of mineralogy by members of the collector-dealer community." <sup>L</sup> The Pinch Medal has been awarded to a deserving mineralogist every other year since it was first awarded to Pinch in 2001, and is given at the Tucson Mineral Show in February.

The June meeting will feature a talk on Tsumeb minerals. Bill Pinch has over 600 specimens in his Tsumeb collection. Tsumeb is, in his opinion, one of the most important mineral localities known in the world, with the finest examples of many of the species, both common and rare.

This meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Knox United Church Meeting Hall 2569 Midland Ave. in Scarborough 8:00. [Prior to the presentation, there will be a short reception beginning at about 7:15.](#)

### **Joint Picnic with the Young Toronto Mineralogist Club**

Every year, for the past 12 years that the Young Toronto Mineralogist Club (YTMC) has been in operation, their season is finished with a barbeque/picnic. The afternoon is filled with socializing, mineralogical activities, recognition awards and, of course, great food! This year, the YTMC thought it would be great to have a

joint picnic with the Walker Mineralogical Club (WMC) the senior club which many of the YTMC members aspire to be members of some day. This is a great way for YTMC members to meet WMC members!

### **What kind of activities will happen?**

There will be a What'sit for both YTMC and WMC members. The What'sit is a mineral identification exercise done at every YTMC meeting. The person who identifies the most minerals correctly, gets first pic of the specimens! Both young and old mineralogists will get a chance to try their hand at mineral identification at the picnic for some great prizes.

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The afternoon will start off with an "icebreaker" activity where WMC members will quiz YTMC members about specific minerals that the YTMC members will have memorized details about. Again, there will be excellent prizes for the top three Walker Club Participants!

There will be a **silent auction for the YTMC members** and their families. This should be a fun way for them to pick up some nice mineral specimens at reasonable prices!

Finally, there will be a number of awards presented to the YTMC members that have accumulated the most points throughout the year in both the senior and junior

categories. As well, the “Mandarino Award” will be presented by the WMC to a young person who has made an outstanding contribution to mineral collecting at the YTMC level.

Everyone is expected to bring a “Pot Luck” dish of some sort. The YTMC picnics have been a wonderful gourmet experience!

Often we hear older mineral collectors bemoaning the state of our hobby with the younger generation. Here is your chance to interact with 40, or so, keen young mineral collectors and their families, influence them, help them and have some fun doing it!

**We hope for a great turnout** by members of the Walker Mineralogical Club. **Please register by sending an e-mail message to [picnic@YTMC.org](mailto:picnic@YTMC.org)** stating your name, the number in your party, what dish you will bring, any dietary restrictions and if you need any special physical assistance.

## Looking Back

Brad Wilson presented a tremendously entertaining and informative presentation about collecting gems and minerals on Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic. Brad related how he has visited many remote locations, some mentioned in historic reports and others that he found on his own or with the help of others and companies that he has worked for.



Brad Wilson, intrepid geologist, gemmologist and explorer of remote northern gem and mineral localities.

Brad’s talk was complete with locality photographs, beautiful scenery images and lots of photos of minerals in-situ and as cut gemstones.



Rob Hudyma thanking Brad Wilson for an exceptional presentation, on behalf of the Walker Club.



Rob Cook, Vic Berzins and Bruce Fulcher discuss Brad Wilson’s presentation afterwards.

## ROM Mineral Identification Night

Have minerals that you need help identifying? Why not consider visiting the ROM’s monthly “Mineral Identification Night” that takes place on the following dates in 2014:

June	18
Aug.	20
Oct.	15
Dec.	10

For more information on this activity, check out <https://www.rom.on.ca/en/activities->

## Thorold Quarry Field Trip

It was a happy 'Mother's Day' for 16 members of the Walker Mineralogical Club from Ontario and New York State who spent the day collecting minerals at the Walker Industries Group, Thorold Quarry in Thorold, Ontario. It was a warm, sunny day – perfect weather to search this well known limestone/dolomite quarry for pink Dolomite and other minerals. There were superb specimens of Dolomite (pink & white), Sphalerite, Marcasite, Calcite and Selenite found and extracted – many in interesting combinations. The most striking assemblage was pink dolomite with large dark Sphalerite scattered on top. Some even had crystal clear Selenite encasing the specimen.

Several Club members were on their first collecting trip and one new member joined that day to have the opportunity to visit the Thorold Quarry site. Many Club members also had participated in the CCFMS collecting trip the previous day to the Beamsville quarry where many nice Galena on matrix specimens were recovered.

The first trip of 2014 for the Club was very successful and it was the first organized trip into the Thorold Quarry in over 20 years.

## Useful Internet Link of the Month

There are some great geological and mineralogical attractions within an easy driving distance of the GTA. The Haliburton County area has some interesting features worth visiting. Check out the "Yours Outdoors" website <http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca/packageversions.php?id=19> to learn about some of them. Watch the video "Rock the Environment" starring Michael Bainbridge!

## What?! Free ROM?

The Royal Ontario Museum is 100 years old. A celebratory open house was held to help celebrate this great milestone. On the May 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, the doors of the ROM were flung open and thousands of people were admitted free to investigate the ROM exhibits plus visit all of the behind the scenes areas of the ROM.



Your editor helped out at the ROM by explaining geochronological analyses and dating of rocks using zircons. He had some of the oldest rocks in the world on hand for people to view and touch

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## 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](mailto:dkjoyce@bellnet.ca) or 905-836-9073.

<b>2014 Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
April 9	Two crystal systems and their associations	Kathy Lahay
May 14	Gems and Minerals of Baffin Island	Brad Wilson, Alpine Gems
June 4	An internationally known mineral collector's retrospective	Bill Pinch
October 8	Borden Gold deposit, Geology and Exploration of Ontario's Newest (and Most Surprising) Gold Discovery	David Palmer, President & CEO of Probe Mines
<b>NOTE: MEETING STARTS AT 7.30 PM; please arrive by 7.15 pm.</b>		

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**June 4 Joint meeting – Gem and Mineral Club of Scarborough, The Walker Mineralogical Club, Central Canadian Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Willowdale Gem and Mineral Club**

Bill Pinch, an internationally famous Mineral Collector will be making a presentation at this special joint meeting of the four clubs.

**June 7 Niagara Peninsula Geological Society -48<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show Sale, Mountainview United Church, 150 Glendale Avenue, St. Catharines, ON. For more info, contact [npgsshow@bell.net](mailto:npgsshow@bell.net) or visit <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/>**

**June 14 Joint Picnic: Walker Mineralogical Club and the Young Toronto Mineralogist Club**  
11:00am – 4:00pm, Thompson Park. - Potluck meal, Activities, Fun!  
See above for details.

**July 18 - 20 Sudbury Gem and Mineral Club Show**

Carmichael Arena, 1298 Bancroft Dr., Sudbury, ON  
For info: <http://ccfms.ca/clubs/Sudbury/show.htm>

- July 27 Bancroft Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show**  
 Royal Canadian Legion, Bancroft  
 Great little mineral show with dealers, auction, displays, etc!
- July 31 Bancroft - Annual Rockhound Gemboree**  
**Aug 1-3**  
 Canada's largest commercial Gem and Mineral Show  
[www.bancroftdistrict.com](http://www.bancroftdistrict.com)
- Sept. 13,14 44th Annual "Wonders of the Earth" Gem and Mineral Show**  
 presented by the Scarborough Gem and Mineral Club. Held at the  
 Don Montgomery Community Centre, 2467 Eglinton Avenue East,  
 Toronto, Ontario
- Nov 1 Walker Club Annual Mineral Auction**  
 Knox United Church Auditorium, NE corner of Sheppard and  
 Midland Avenues.  
 Viewing starts at 12.00 noon. Auction at 1:00 pm  
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# 2014 Membership Form

## THE WALKER MINERALOGICAL CLUB Membership Form 2014



Please check one:  New member  Renewal

Name

Address:

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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

**Photo waiver:** Pictures taken at meetings, field trips and other events may be placed in the newsletter, website, or used in public displays. Please initial here if you do **NOT** want your picture used.

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