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### George Thompson – CCFMS Outstanding Display Award 2023 Minerals or Fossils Senior Category

**Nominated by Kandyd Szuba, Nipissing Rock and Mineral Club, and Ruth Debicki, Sudbury Rock and Lapidary Society**

George Thompson displayed 23 Canadian mineral specimens in one four-foot display case with the title “Recent Acquisitions” at the Kawartha Rock and Fossil Club’s 28<sup>th</sup> Annual 2023 Peterborough Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on March 4-5, 2023.

The specimens were spectacular owing to the variation and perfection of crystal forms that were represented, the size of the crystals, the intensity of colour, the aesthetic nature of the specimens, the rarity of some of the mineral species, and the fact that many were collected by George Thompson himself. Remarkably, George had acquired all of these specimens in the last three years.

Seven provinces and territories were represented – British Columbia, the Yukon, Nunavut, Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The labels were neat and clear, and the arrangement of specimens was pleasing to the eye.

We believe George’s display qualifies as “outstanding” for all of these reasons. Some photos of the display and a partial list of specimens, with comments about some of them, follows. Unfortunately, the photos don’t do the specimens justice!





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#### List of Specimens:

Amethyst and Galena – La Manche, Newfoundland

Amphibole – Diesel Hole, Gibson Road East, Tory Hill, Ontario

This large, twinned amphibole specimen was self-collected during the 2021 field season.

Amphibole and Fluorapatite – Gibson Road East, Tory Hill, Ontario

This piece was self-collected during the 2020 field season.

Azurite – The Yukon

One of the nominators (Ruth Debicki) has collected at the locality where this piece was found, and can attest that azurite most commonly occurs there as fine-grained coatings on fracture surfaces, not as crystals. Crystals from that locality are rare. This may actually be the largest azurite crystal ever found in the Yukon.

Baryte – Aquathuna, Nova Scotia

Baryte – Lynn Road, Colchester County, Nova Scotia

Calcite and quartz – British Columbia

Corundum – 2 specimens from the Eye of Odin Claim, Revelstoke, British Columbia



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Fluorite – Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Grossular – Thetford Mines, Quebec

The bright green grossular crystals on this specimen are large for the locality.

Heulandite – Glenmont, Nova Scotia

This specimen was collected by George and two other collectors during October, 2021.

Heulandite and Stilbite – Amethyst Cove, Nova Scotia

Pyrite – Tea Cove, Newfoundland

Quartz – MacKay Head, Nova Scotia

Quartz, dolomite and pyrite – Nanisivik Mine, Baffin Island, Nunavut

Pyrite is well known from the Nanisivik Mine, and dolomite is known to a lesser extent, but quartz – and especially quartz crystals of this size from this mine – is very rare. This exceptional piece has both terminated clear quartz and smoky quartz in the same specimen.

Stilbite – 3 spectacular specimens from Amethyst Cove Nova Scotia

Silver wire – 2 specimens from the Highland Bell Mine, Beaverdell, British Columbia

Silver wire from the Highland Bell Mine can be considered one of Canada's "Crystal Classics."  
This display contained two aesthetic pieces from this property.

Vesuvianite – Jeffrey Mine, Québec

Jeffrey Mine is world famous for its vesuvianite and grossular specimens. This large piece, covered with a scattering of euhedral vesuvianite crystals, is exceptional since most vesuvianite specimens from this locality are either single crystals or small groupings of crystals.

Wardite – Rapid Creek, Yukon

This is a rare phosphate mineral from a remote location in the northernmost Yukon. One of the nominators (Ruth Debicki) has visited this locality and can attest that specimens with this many wardite crystals of this size and quality are very rare.