



# 61<sup>st</sup> Annual CMMA Spring Symposium

Friday May 2 – Sunday May 4, 2025  
Brock University, St. Catharines, (Niagara) Ontario, Canada

Join us for our 61<sup>st</sup> Symposium the first weekend of May! **ACT BY April 17<sup>th</sup> [TO REGISTER ONLINE OR REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE](#)**. Alternatively you can complete the following registration form and **return it to me by April 17<sup>th</sup> preferably by email** (I will confirm each registration I receive so if you have not heard from me after a day or two give me a call (902) 385-3496 or email me [cmmafrank@gmail.com](mailto:cmmafrank@gmail.com) ).

The full Symposium package (2 nights' accommodation, two breakfasts, two lunches, Symposium fees for Saturday and Sunday and the Saturday evening banquet) provides great value at only CDN\$281. Invite your friends for a great weekend!

<p><b>FEATURED PRESENTERS</b> Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information about our speakers</p>	<p><b>Dr. Robert Hazen</b> <b>Ronald G. Gibbs</b></p>
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For more information, see the following documents:

- **PROGRAM**
- **REGISTRATION FORM (BUT WE PREFER YOU REGISTER ONLINE)**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I look forward to seeing you there!

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# CANADIAN MICRO MINERAL ASSOCIATION

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium Program

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### FRIDAY

12:00 noon	Registration in Earp Residence (until 7:30pm)
12:00 noon - 5:00 pm	Free time in Geology Labs (MCD 308 / 309)
7:30 pm - ??	Reception in Fireplace Lounge in Earp Residence - Wine, cheese, other beverages, appetizers - Social time - Welcome, announcements, slides and news from attendees

### SATURDAY

~8:00 am	Buffet Breakfast in the Dining Hall in DeCew Residence
8:45 am	Registration and Setup (MCD 308 / 309) Lab Rooms open for the day, sales room, giveaways
~ 10:00 am - ??	Silent Auction
12:00 noon	Lunch (included in Symposium Registration fee)
2:00 pm	CMMA Annual General Meeting Presentation: Ronald Gibbs, "Something New, Glycolate Minerals"
3:15 pm	Symposium continues: sales room, giveaways, etc
4:45 pm	Lab rooms close for the day
5:45 pm	Banquet in Pond Inlet Cash Bar Dinner Live Auction Keynote Presentation
9:00 pm - ??	Reception in Fireplace Lounge, Earp Residence

### SUNDAY

~8:00 am	Buffet Breakfast in the Dining Hall, DeCew Residence
8:45 am	Lab Rooms open for the day, sales room, giveaways
11:00 am	Presentation: TBD
12:00 noon	Lunch (included in Symposium Registration fee)
3:30 pm	Symposium ends

Notes: You must comply with Brock University's Covid-19 protocols. Full vaccination is encouraged.  
Program details subject to change

## REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE.** [Go here](#) to our website to register to attend or to pay with a credit card. Alternatively, complete this form and return to Frank Ruelicke by **April 14<sup>th</sup>** (To ensure I receive it in time, please scan it or take a photo of it and email to [cmmafrank@gmail.com](mailto:cmmafrank@gmail.com) or phone me at 902 385-3496)

<b>OPTION A: Full Symposium Package</b> <b>SAVE 5%</b> compared to price of individual options	Price \$ CDN:	Quantity	Total \$ CDN:
Includes single accommodation (with shared bath) Friday and Saturday night, Breakfast Buffet Saturday and Sunday morning, All Day Access (including lunch) for Saturday and Sunday; and the Saturday evening Banquet	<b>\$281.00</b>		

<b>OPTION B: Select Options</b>	Price \$ CDN:	Quantity	Total \$ CDN:
Single accommodation (shared bath) Friday night	<b>\$71</b>		
Saturday Breakfast Buffet	<b>\$18</b>		
Saturday Symposium All Day Access, includes lunch	<b>\$40</b>		
Saturday evening banquet Cash Bar, Live Auction, Dinner featuring Herbed Chicken Breast, Caesar Salad, Baked Potatoe & Dessert, Keynote Presentation	<b>\$41</b>		
Single accommodation (shared bath) Saturday night,	<b>\$71</b>		
Sunday Breakfast Buffet	<b>\$18</b>		
Sunday Symposium All Day Access, includes lunch	<b>\$38</b>		
<b>Total \$ CDN</b>			

**We greatly appreciate you registering by April 17<sup>th</sup>.** While we cannot guarantee rooms or meals for registrations received after April 14<sup>th</sup>, typically we can place you in a room right up to the day of the Symposium and will do our best to see if meals are available. **Cancellation policy:** If you don't notify me of your cancellation by email or phone (see top of page) by April 17<sup>th</sup> you will be responsible for the costs of meals and other fees we are unable to get refunded from Brock. If you need to cancel after April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will attempt to get fees waived or cancelled by Brock on your behalf.

**Name:** .....

**City, Prov / State** .....

**E-mail:** .....

**Any SERIOUS food allergy or dietary requirement:** .....

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We encourage Symposium attendees to be up to date with their vaccinations for Covid-19 as per the Province of Ontario definition and guidelines: [click here](#)

Brock University may require symposium attendees to wear a mask while indoors. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located throughout the campus. In addition, we will set up work spaces to try to provide adequate social distancing. Further, the lab rooms we are using are equipped with air purifiers.

**DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL OR HAVE COME IN RECENT CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19.**

**DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THESE PROTOCOLS.**

**NOTE: WE CANNOT GUARANTEE ANYONE'S SAFETY OR IMMUNITY FROM COVID-19. IF YOU THINK THESE PROTOCOLS ARE NOT ADEQUATE OR WILL NOT BE ADHERED TO THEN DO NOT ATTEND.**

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!

## **ATTENDEES FROM OUTSIDE CANADA: REMEMBER YOUR PASSPORT!**

You are responsible for ensuring you meet the requirements to enter Canada and comply with the requirements of the Province of Ontario. Currently you do not need to have proof of vaccination, pre-arrival screening, pre or post-arrival quarantine to enter Canada from the U.S. These requirements may change so please check before you come. Full information is available here: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid> You are also responsible for determining the requirements to re-enter your country.

## SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS

**Friday Afternoon:** While we officially kick off our Symposium Friday evening, join us Friday afternoon to get set up, socialize, work on your minerals, etc. We'd love it if you have a presentation or photos to share.

**Friday Evening Reception:** Join us for a Wine and Cheese Reception starting at 7:30 in the Fireside Lounge in the [Earp Residence](#). Bring slides or other news to share!

**Banquet Meal:** Our Saturday evening banquet will feature Herbed Chicken as the entrée, with salad, dessert and coffee or tea.

**Speakers:** Enjoy presentations by Dr. Robert Hazen and Ronald Gibbs

**Registration Desk:** Upon arrival, make sure you get your parking permit, register, return to your vehicle and place the permit on the dash and then return to unload your gear. On Friday, registration will take place

in the foyer of the Earp Residence. On Saturday, registration will take place in our meeting rooms in the geology lab.

**Giveaway Tables:** Material kindly donated by members for sharing with other members will be set up on the Giveaway Tables Saturday and Sunday. Please provide labels including locality information.

**Sales Room:** Bring your surplus material and sell it in the Sales Room. Please make sure your items are clearly identified as being yours and are clearly priced. You receive 100% of the proceeds but we do ask that you donate at least one item for the auction (with 100% of the proceeds to the club).

**Auctions:** The silent auction will be held Saturday morning and the voice auction will be Saturday evening at the Banquet. Proceeds are shared with 50% to the donor and 50% to the club. Please donate materials for the auction and also please bid.

**Accommodations:** Accommodation is available in one of the Student Residences. The accommodations are inexpensive and modest, single rooms with a bathroom that is shared with another room. We will endeavor to have attendees of the same sex have room with shared bathrooms, except for couples. Please be mindful of not locking your neighbor out of the bathroom when you are not using it! You may want to bring your own pillow and a towel.

**1<sup>st</sup> Timers:** If you have not attended our Symposium before (or have missed a few), we'd love to have you join us! For maximum enjoyment, we recommend that you bring a stereo microscope but even if you don't the Symposium provides a great way to meet people who share your collecting interest and to learn more about micro minerals. If you are coming from the U.S. or another country, make sure you have your passport.

**Location and Facilities:** The Symposium is held at Brock University in the Niagara Region of Ontario, located about 30 miles (50 km) from Buffalo NY and about 70 miles (120 km) from Toronto. The on campus accommodations and meeting rooms are all located within a short walk. In the evenings after the formal program concludes we have social time in a lounge in the residence building. Most attendees stay in the residence and buy the conference meals, but if you'd rather stay in a hotel, the Four Points Sheraton at 3530 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, Ontario L2V 4Y6 is only a few minutes away. Their website is <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1355>. If you don't wish the buffet breakfast, there is a Tim Horton's and a McDonalds a short walk across the street from the campus and other restaurants are nearby.

**Bring a Brag Box.** Bring a few of your micros to show to the group. For details on how to put your Brag Box together [click here](#)