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The NWT Mining Heritage Society is a group dedicated to building a mining museum in Yellowknife. It was officially incorporated in July 2002.

The group owns several buildings at the old Giant Mine and plans on renovating the recreation hall first, followed by buildings at the A-shaft area.

The society has also begun development of outdoor displays at Giant, surrounding the public boat parking lot.



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Beer Barge in June Best Yet!



Great weather and a wonderful atmosphere of cheer and history brought forth yet another great Beer Barge BBQ Bash in June, the third annual fundraising event for the NWT Mining Heritage Society.

Three musical acts – **Godson, The Committed, and Tracey Riley** – entertained the guests throughout the night. Adding to the theme's entertainment, **Anthony Foliot read verse** about his adventures boat freighting across the north.

The Boat and Barge docked very early this year, at 4:28 pm, meaning that **Elsie Maltin was the lucky winner of the lottery draw**. We were again blessed with great heritage spirit as several guests and volunteers dressed up in period costumes. **Joy Watt and Nicole Veerman won the costume contest**. Nicole was dressed up as

Yellowknife's first school teacher, Mildred Hall. Other notable costumes included Mike Vaydik as a diamond driller, Rick Muyres as a Negus Hogan fastball player (with original jersey), Ryan Silke as a uranium prospector, Cathy Woodward as a diary farmer, and a young man as Jock McMeekan, an early prospector and journalist. Dave Lovell also won a prize as the **audience's longest YK resident**.

Thanks to our many sponsors which were listed in a thank you ad in the local newspaper (and on our website), but special recognition is to be given to **Outcrop Communications and Up Here Publishing, Williams Engineering Canada, and the City of Yellowknife**, our main sponsors each year we have organized the Beer Barge. We hope to see you all again next year!

See our website for event photos!

Recent Donations

We thank the following people for the ongoing support with donations of artifacts, photos, and memorabilia to the Mining Museum:

The estate of Lorne Schollar for continued donations, including a **'Dayton Moneyweight' scale** similar to those used at the local mine commissaries in the 1950s.

Photographs and periphanelia from the Con Mine, donated by Valerie Taggart, daughter of former Con mechanic **Robert Taggart**.

Annual General Meeting August 31

Rain diminished chances for a comfortable AGM in June, so the Meeting has been re-scheduled for August 31, 2011 at the Giant Mine Townsite (if weather is good) or at the Northern Frontier Visitor's Centre (if weather is poor) starting at 6pm. We hope to see you there!