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Yukon Mining & Geology Week Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced & Discovery Day Contest for Yukon Gold Begins

Whitehorse, Yukon – Yukon Women in Mining (YukonWIM), and Yukon Mining & Geology Week partners, are pleased to announce the winners of the Yukon Rocks & Walks Scavenger Hunt – a territory-wide contest celebrating Yukon Mining and Geology Week and the 125th Anniversary of the Klondike gold discovery.

Gina Anderson and family received the “Prospector of the Year” award, with the greatest number of discoveries at 51 posts of rocks, minerals and geological occurrences as well as iconic places and historical sites throughout Yukon – all completed in only one week.

Amber and Inara Church are the “Geologists of the Year”, receiving recognition for the best Yukon rock sample and field photos, which included the Grey Mountain Cave, the rock and mineral collection at the Yukon Visitor Centre and the discovery of fossils.

“We extend our congratulations to the Yukon Rocks & Walks Scavenger Hunt winners and thank everyone who participated and came together to make this fun, engaging activity possible,” says YukonWIM President and Founder Anne Turner. “We are committed to helping Yukoners better understand how a responsible mining industry positivity contributes to the territory and how Yukon’s mineral industry partners collaboratively promote diversity, inclusion and innovation within all aspects of the industry from prospecting and exploration through to our operating mines and reclamation.”

The Yukon Rocks and Walks Scavenger Hunt contest is also extended until August 16, 2021 to mark the date of the discovery of gold by Kate Carmack and the Klondike Discoverers in 1896, with “buy local” prizes available and the addition of a grand prize – a Yukon gold nugget.

“We are delighted to continue the contest, providing Yukoners across the territory the opportunity to continue exploring our geology, our iconic locations and our historic sites as part of the ‘Yukon Rocks and Walks’ Scavenger Hunt’ safely this summer,” continues Turner. “As we follow in Kate Carmack’s footsteps 125 years later, we continue to bring our communities together to celebrate the Yukon’s diverse, inclusive and modern mining industry – and for one lucky explorer – the chance to get the gold!”



Yukon Mining & Geology Week partners also extend their appreciation to Discovery Sponsor Victoria Gold Corp, and all of the sponsors for their support of this year's events and activities.

For more information about the 'Yukon Rocks and Walks Scavenger Hunt' please visit @YukonMining on Facebook.

To learn more about YukonWIM and the 125th Anniversary of gold's discovery here in the territory, please find the organization on Facebook @YukonWomenInMining.

About Yukon Mining & Geology Week

Yukon Mining & Geology Week was presented by Yukon Women in Mining, in partnership with the Yukon Geological Survey, Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources and Yukon Economic Development and the Yukon Chamber of Mines, Klondike Placer Miners' Association, Yukon Producers' Group and Yukon Prospectors' Association - reflecting the continuum of responsible mineral exploration and development in the territory.

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Photo 1: Gina Anderson and Family

Photo 2: Amber and Inara Church

Photo 3: (Left to Right)

- Nikolett Kovacs, YukonWIM & Yukon Chamber of Mines Director
- Anne Turner, YukonWIM Founder & President
- Amber & Inara Church, Geologists of the Year Winners
- Leyla Weston, Outreach Geologist, Yukon Geological Survey, Government of Yukon