



THE MATTY MITCHELL PROSPECTORS RESOURCE ROOM

A public-private sector partnership working for the Newfoundland and Labrador prospecting community

Activities for 2005

The Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room project, currently in its seventh year of operation, continued to supply mentoring, technical support and promotional assistance to prospectors across Newfoundland and Labrador.

In 2005, the Resource Room provided in excess of one hundred individual clients, on multiple visits, with on-site information and consultation services, including rock and mineral identification, help with data interpretation and presentation, and technical advice. Others were assisted via telephone and/or email consultations and through

other efforts. The current strength of the mining and exploration sector led to ever-increasing demands on our resources in 2005. It was a busy but rewarding year in which we saw many clients successfully shepherd prospects through the discovery-promotion-optioning process.

The Resource Room supplied property promotional services and technical and logistical support to clients at the 2005 PDAC, Exploration Roundup and CIMM trade shows. We developed, displayed and distributed prospector property posters and Properties for Option maps, booklets and CD-ROMs, and joined with the Survey in developing promotional and regional technical posters for these major industry conferences. The Resource Room

helped prospectors to follow up contacts made at the industry conferences. Once again, we participated in a number of public outreach initiatives across the province. In providing this support and information, the Matty Mitchell Room worked in close collaboration with the Newfoundland and Labrador Chamber of Mineral Resources, with additional support from the Mineral Development Division of the Department of Natural Resources.



Matty Mitchell Room visitor



Prospecting workshop, Grand Falls-Windsor

A major new initiative was launched in 2005 to promote prospecting throughout the province. The Matty Mitchell Room partnered with the Chamber of Mineral Resources to deliver a series of free prospecting workshops in regional centres across Newfoundland and Labrador. The one-day sessions were held in Clarenville, Marystown, Gander, Grand Falls-Windsor, St. Albans, Harbour Breton, Port-aux-Basques, Stephenville, Corner Brook, Wabush-Labrador City, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and St. John's. The initial round of seminars, delivered by geologists Nathaniel Noel and Larry Hicks, were well-attended by a wide cross-section of the population and received rave reviews.



Prospectors and their displays, PDAC 2005, Toronto



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CHAMBER OF MINERAL RESOURCES



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Department of Natural Resources
Mines Branch



Prospector and potential investor, PDAC 2005, Toronto

Preliminary discussions are ongoing to develop a second series of seminars and workshops, which will target other rural areas. Feedback from more than 300 participants in the 2005 workshops is being factored into the design of future seminars; the latter will be contingent on availability of funds, presenters and other resources. The 2005 series has already expanded our client-base significantly!



Matty Mitchell Room booth at Explore NL 2005, St. John's

The Matty Mitchell Room added Explore NL to the list of public trade shows in which it participates; the Resource Room hosted a booth highlighting rocks and minerals, prospecting, rock-hounding and geo-tourism. We acknowledge the support provided by the public and private sector geologists in this and other initiatives over the course of 2005.

The Resource Room also pushed ahead with a new outreach and advertising initiative to promote itself and its services to the public. We continue to develop our newly re-tooled website and add to our in-house document collections.

Finally, we invite you to drop by the Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room to check out some of the newest additions to our rock and mineral collection and visit the newly housed Matty Mitchell Sample Library.



Advertising "Explore the Outdoors" workshop, St. John's

*The Management Committee
Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room*

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Matty Mitchell - prospector, trapper, woodsman and guide: discoverer of the Buchans Mines

The Matty Mitchell Prospectors Resource Room project was initiated by the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1998. It is designed to support prospectors by providing them with mentoring, technical support, and promotional assistance, thereby assisting in the creation of wealth and jobs through sustainable mineral development. Through its programs in support of prospectors and others in the provincial exploration industry across Newfoundland and Labrador, the project hopes to achieve its goal of stimulating the provincial mineral industry and attracting new mineral investment to the province.