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Aerial view of Bonnie Castle Resort located in beautiful downtown Alexandria Bay, Thousand Islands.

GEOLOGY OF THE NORTHWESTERN ADIRONDACKS AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH

Registration 4-6 pm

Welcoming Reception 5-6 pm

Friday Evening Kick-off Lecture: 7:00 pm "THE BALMAT ZN DEPOSITS OF NORTHERN NYS: GRENVILLIAN AGE, UPPER AMPHIBOLITE GRADE POLYDEFORMATION AND KM-SCALE MOBILIZATION OF WORLD CLASS ZINC OREBODIES" Mr. William deLorraine (St. Lawrence Zinc Corporation)

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BREAKFAST 7:00-9:00 am

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Banquet: 7-10 pm

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH

BREAKFAST 7:00-9:00 am

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LOCATION AND TIMING OF EVENTS AT BONNIE CASTLE RESORT

Friday, October 10th

4:00 pm Registration table opens (Riverside Sports Bar)

5:00 pm Welcoming Reception (Riverside Sports Bar)

7:00 pm William deLorraine presentation (Holland Room)

Saturday. October 11th

7-9 am Breakfast Buffet (Manor House Restaurant)

8-9 am Pickup boxed lunches (Riverside Sports Bar)

Depart for field trips (check time and location below)*

6-7 pm Cocktail Hour (Holland Room)

7-10 pm Banquet (Holland Room)

~8:30 pm Key note address by Dr. Barbara Tewksbury (Holland Room)

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7-9 am Breakfast Buffet (Manor House Restaurant)

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*TRIP DEPARTURE TIMES AND RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS

- A-1 9:00 am, Bonnie Castle Resort parking lot
- A-2 11:00 am, Bonnie Castle Resort parking lot
- A-3 9:00 am, MacDonald's parking lot in Gouverneur
- A-4 8:00 am, Price Chopper Parking Lot intersection I81 and Rt. 12 Alexandria Bay
- A-5 10:00 am, Aubuchon Hardware parking lot in Gouverneur across from Kinney Drugs
- A-6 9:30 am, Along Rt.3 at the intersection of Richter Rd. across from church at east end of the village of Natural Bridge
- A-7 Cancelled
- B-1 8:30 am, Bonnie Castle Resort parking lot
- B-2 9:00 am, Alexandria Bay Big M Parking lot, ~0.5 miles west of traffic light on Rt. 12
- B-3 8:00 am, Bonnie Castle Resort parking lot
- B-4 9:00 am, Price Chopper Parking Lot intersection I81 and Rt. 12 Alexandria Bay
- B-5 9:00 am, Pierrepont Highway Department parking lot, intersection of CR 24 and 29
- B-6 9:00 am, Price Chopper Parking lot in Gouverneur, 389 E. Main Street
- B-7 8:30 am, 135 Nevaldine Hall (Rm. NS-135), SUNY Canton Campus, 34 Cornell Drive, Canton

Self-guided geology tour: Anytime dawn to dusk, Wellesley Island State Park, Wellesley Island (must cross bridge onto the island), Minna Anthony Common Nature Center

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THE BALMAT ZN DEPOSITS OF NORTHERN NYS: GRENVILLIAN AGE, UPPER AMPHIBOLITE GRADE POLYDEFORMATION AND KM-SCALE MOBILIZATION OF WORLD CLASS ZINC OREBODIES

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Abstract

Multiple lines of evidence suggest differentiation of sphalerite from stratiform massive sulfide ore lenses followed by cross-stratal mobilization as sulfide dikes over distances of several kilometers in rocks of the NW Adirondack Lowlands during the Upper Amphibolite facies Shawinigan (Grenville) Orogeny (ca. 1.20-1.15 Ga). This occurred within the siliceous dolomitic carbonate-evaporite sequence of upper marble prior to development of the host Sylvia Lake Syncline. "Daughter" orebodies formed when sphalerite "dikes" intruded syntectonic D2 macrofractures where they intersected stratiform massive "parent" lenses. Several daughter orebodies retain linkage to parents via thin, refolded, "durchbewegt" ore sheets traversing both stratigraphy and metamorphic fabrics. Long after intrusion of sphalerite dikes, recurrent strains partitioned along macrofracture surfaces tectonically milled, abraided and rounded admixed xenolithic fragments of wall rock contained within them. Daughter orebodies thereby acquired distinctive durchbewegung textures concomittantly nearly doubling their thicknesses while halving their tenors as macrofractures evolved into tectonic slides -- some with km-scale displacements.

Geochemical groupings of orebodies are consistent with three "SEDEX" source bed horizons. Each of these occurs a short distance stratigraphically above thick anhydrite layers of evaporite provenance. Parent sulfide lenses at these horizons are the progenitors of nearby constellations of metamorphic/metamorphosed daughter orebodies some of which occur along tectonic slides in other stratigraphic units. Lateral propagation of daughter sulfide was limited by intersection of macrofractures with anhydrite horizons wherein they dead-end. D3 tectonic dislocations on tectonic slides resulted in several daughter orebodies' dismemberment into halves offset by distances ranging up to 4000 feet/1.25km. Superposition of the nappe-scale Sylvia Lake syncline largely culminated polyphase deformation and overturned parent-daughter ore complexes on its upper limb. Long thought to have been the driving force or "tectonic engine" responsible for large scale sulfide mobilization to dilatent sites within its major and minor fold hinges, the Sylvia Lake syncline is now known to refold durchbewegt "daughter" ore sheets and thus is a relatively late stage feature in the evolution of orebodies in the district. Recognition of its status as a late stage regional isocline caused a shift in exploration focus for an undiscovered "Parent" or source bed orebody from the axial region to the upper limb of the Sylvia Lake syncline.

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