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## PHOTOGRAPHS

FRONT COVER: Southward view up-valley, near the terminus of the Klutlan Glacier, St. Elias Mountains. The characteristic compression observed in the medial moraine is typical of surging-type glaciers. According to Clarke and Holdsworth<sup>1</sup>, the Klutlan glacier is one of 136 surging glaciers in the St. Elias Mountains. Photo provided by Jeff Bond.

BACK COVER: Lori Walton looking at the drillcore through a handlens on the Sonora property, Yukon. Lori was the Yukon Prospector Association's 2007 Prospector of the Year. Photo provided by Lori Walton.

<sup>1</sup>Clarke, G.K.C. and Holdsworth, G., 2002. *Glaciers of the St. Elias Mountains. In: Glaciers of North America, U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1386-J-1, p. J301-J328.*

# Bruce Patnode

## IN MEMORIUM

*On September 13, 2007, the Yukon lost a significant member of its prospecting and arts fraternities. Bruce Patnode lived in Whitehorse for nearly 40 years and, more recently, in Parksville, BC. He was only 60 years old when he passed away on Vancouver Island from a brain aneurysm.*

Bruce prospected as a young man with his father, Larry, another prominent Yukon prospector. Upon his father's death, Bruce inherited several Yukon mineral properties and further explored many of them. He also worked in exploration and mining at Macmillan Pass, Keno Hill, Faro, Wellgreen and Cassiar, in addition to working abroad. He operated radios and heavy equipment, surveyed mineral claims, drove ore trucks, worked on diamond-drill rigs, and supervised geochemical and geophysical field programs. Eventually, he started his own mineral exploration company. Bruce also played a role in exploring the geothermal potential of the Wheaton River area.

In the mid-1980s, Bruce returned to college and finished his business administration degree; he then took a job with the Yukon government's Department of Economic Development. Bruce was an active and long-term executive member of both the Yukon Prospectors' Association and the Yukon Chamber of Mines.

Bruce was also a talented artist. He designed and promoted the large bronze prospector statue in the courtyard of the Elijah Smith Building on Main Street in Whitehorse. He created the wooden scroll housed in the main Government of Yukon Administration Building, with brass plaques

for names of those who were inducted into the Hall of Fame and Honour Roll.

He helped produce the commemorative mural for the RCMP Whitehorse detachment, and he designed the large mural on the exterior wall of the Transportation Museum. The backgrounds of the dioramas in the Klwane Museum of Natural History at Burwash Landing is another example of Bruce's fine work.

Bruce Patnode's name was inscribed on the Yukon Prospectors' Association's Honour Roll on November 26 at the 2007 Yukon Geoscience Forum. Former Yukoner Dutch Van Tassel, an Alberta-based geological

consultant and former exploration superintendent for United Keno Hill Mines, spoke recently of Bruce:

***"For every area that has its past history steeped in mining, there are individuals who stand out in so many ways for their energies and contributions. Such is the story of Bruce Patnode whose roots were planted and nurtured by his prospector dad. I***

***remember Bruce for his friendly, positive attitude. Bruce will be remembered for his contribution to the Yukon Prospectors' Association and the Yukon Chamber of Mines and, as importantly, for his creative artistry."***

*Contributions from Jane Gaffin,  
Jim McFaul and Larry Carlyle*







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