

Camsell Medal — Past recipients

2019

Beth Dye and Joe Frey, CD

Beth Dye, teacher, educator, coach, administrator and Fellow, has served the Society in a range of capacities for more than twenty years.

Joseph Frey is an explorer, diver, writer, speaker, world traveler, and tireless advocate for the Society and its mission.

2018

Dr. Paul Ruest and Élisabeth Nadeau

Ruest has been an active volunteer and contributor to the Society for 15 years. In 2011, he became vice-president of the Society and in 2014, he assumed the role of president. His focus and determination have resulted in a stronger, more diverse, dynamic and enterprising organization.

Élisabeth Nadeau became a Fellow over 20 years ago, and so began two decades of incomparable service to the Society. From her ardent support of *Géographica*, and through her many contributions to the Board of Governors, Awards Committee, Endowment Fund, Nominating Committee and By-Law Committee, Nadeau strengthened and enhanced the Society.

2017

Jody Decker and Philip Howarth

During a period when the Society was functioning under severe financial constraints, Jody Decker was a passionate and constant advocate for the funding of the research and grants program, emphasizing its importance to university students over the course of their geography studies.

As a long-standing member and chair of the Lectures Committee, Howarth delivered a national outreach program that engaged Canadians, served the Society's educational mission, and raised the profile of the RCGS by establishing innovative new partnerships.

2016

Mark Graham and Peter Harrison & Christine Duverger-Harrison

Mark Graham is vice-president, research and collections, at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Peter Harrison and Christine Duverger-Harrison are long-serving Society volunteers; Harrison is a past vice-president of the RCGS.

2015

Bruce Amos and Louise Maffett

Bruce Amos speaks and thinks passionately about Canada, Canadian Geography and the RCGS and our role in the Canadian fabric to promote Canada to the world. As photographer Bruce was the driving force behind the Can Geo Photo Club (2008).

Louise Maffett became the Executive Director of the RCGS in 1995 a position she occupied until December 2010. During that period she was instrumental in the rapid and significant increase in membership, and very importantly in helping to raise the funds to launch Géographica.

2014

Dr. Christopher Burn and Dr. Iain Wallace

Christopher Burn has served the Society for more than 20 years in positions including vice president and the chair of the Nominating, Research and Grants, and Policy and Planning committees.

Iain Wallace has served the Society for 31 years in board positions including the Awards, Editorial Advisory, Research and Grants, and Policy and Planning committees.

2013

Sir Christopher Ondaatje

After immigrating to Canada in 1956, Sir Christopher Ondaatje became a member of the Canadian Olympic bobsleigh team in 1964. He then moved on to a successful career in finance and publishing before becoming a writer and global adventurer.

2012

Jean Fournier

A Fellow and Governor of The Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) for more than 15 years, Jean Fournier has helped in fundraising efforts and was involved in the creation of the Canada Post envelope that marked the Society's 75th anniversary in 2004.

2011

Gisèle Jacob and Arthur E. Collin

Gisèle Jacob was the first female president of the Society, a position she held from 2004 to 2010. A number of notable developments occurred under her leadership, including the launch of The Canadian Atlas Online and the publication of Canadian Geographic Travel.

Arthur E. Collin was president from 1998 to 2004, the year of the Society's 75th anniversary and several special initiatives, including the joint publication of The Canadian Atlas with Reader's Digest Canada.

2010

Pierre Bergeron and Helen Kerfoot

A journalist and former book and newspaper publisher, Bergeron offers an invaluable perspective on the publishing industry as a member of the Canadian Geographic Enterprises (CGE) Management Board and the Society's Finance and Audit committees.

An Ottawa-based geographer with an unparalleled expertise in geographical names, Kerfoot has served on the Board of Governors and numerous committees. As a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee, she helped form Canadian Geographic's policy regarding Canadian place names.