

The Hope Johnson Award for Non-Professional Palaeontologists

An award to recognize non-professional (that is, amateur) palaeontologists for contributions to Western Canadian Palaeontology.

Name: Hope Johnson Award, in honour of the late Hope Johnson (1916 – 2010), an outstanding amateur palaeontologist from Alberta who made important contributions to science over her lifetime.

Purpose: To recognize significant contributions by those not professionally employed in palaeontology.

Qualifications: A nominee will have fulfilled at least one of the following contributions.

- Donation of significant fossil collections to a public institution.
- Expert-level curation and conservation of an important personal collection and/or locality that is made available for study by scientists, to advance the science of palaeontology.
- Volunteer work at a museum or research institute (long term, 5 or more years of cumulative effort).
- Published studies (as author or co-author) in publicly available literature or recognized scientific journals.
- Performing outreach activities bringing palaeontology to the public (e.g. school and public presentations) for 5 or more years of cumulative contributions.

Restrictions:

- Nominees will be entitled to only one award in their lifetime.
- Currently sitting APS Board members cannot be nominated and do not qualify.
- Ordinarily, a nominee must be an APS member, though a non-member would be considered if their contribution was significant.

Nomination:

- Nomination must be seconded by at least one APS member other than the nominator.
- Provide a short citation outlining the nominee's accomplishments.
- Provide one or more letters of support.
- Nominator should be prepared to write an illustrated profile of the nominee for publication in the *APS Bulletin*.
- Deadline for nominations will be December 31, so that applications can be reviewed and a presentation made at the following March annual symposium.

Frequency: A maximum of one award will be presented per year. If no suitable nominations are received, no award will be presented.

Selection: Award winners will be chosen by the Board of the APS or by a special committee.

Award: A framed certificate and cash award of \$250. (Money for the award will be taken from the Treasurer's fundraising account.)

Presentation: Will be made at the annual symposium, or as determined by the Board. The name and a short profile of the winner will be published in the *APS Bulletin*.