

MCATA Annual Conference

The 2008 conference reflected our vision for mathematics learners with deep mathematical understanding and was organized around the theme “Exploring New Depths, Reaching New Heights.” We had two keynote addresses. Dr Ron Eglash spoke about his experiences exploring the geometry of the indigenous villages, ruins and artifacts of African peoples and North American First Nations. Dr Tom Archibald, a historian of mathematics, shared his insights into how mathematics was used to create an educated elite and the implications this historical role plays in mathematics education today. The photographic memories demonstrate the healthy and vibrant engagement of mathematical professionals at the conference.

We are now planning the 2009 conference. Please join us October 23–25 at the River Cree Resort, Enoch, Alberta (Enoch borders west Edmonton). Our theme, “Mathematics Teaching for Real Learning,” builds on the ATA’s Real Learning First Initiative. The conference program will address teaching, learning, assessment and curricula, all focused on real learning first. Our speakers are among the best mathematics teachers and curriculum leaders we have in Alberta. As well, we will have the opportunity to learn with teacher educators, educational curriculum designers and resource producers from across Canada. Watch the MCATA website (www.mathteachers.ab.ca) for registration and program information.

Elaine Simmt

Keynote Speakers



Dr Tom Archibald



Dr Ron Eglash

Photographic Memories MCATA Conference 2008

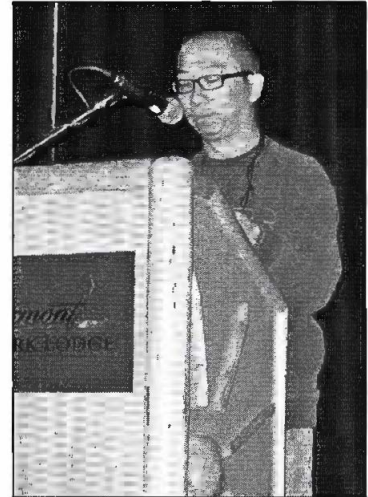
Math Educator Awards presented by MCATA president Sharon Gach



Janine Klevgaard



Lori Bell



*Robert Wong,
MCATA web technician*



Conference registration: Sharon Gach, Mona Borle and Janis Kristjansson

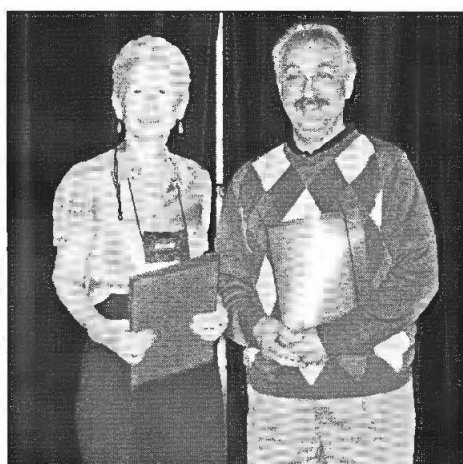
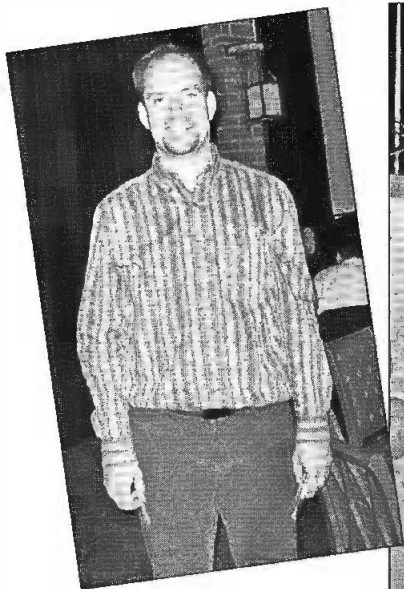


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MCATA executive

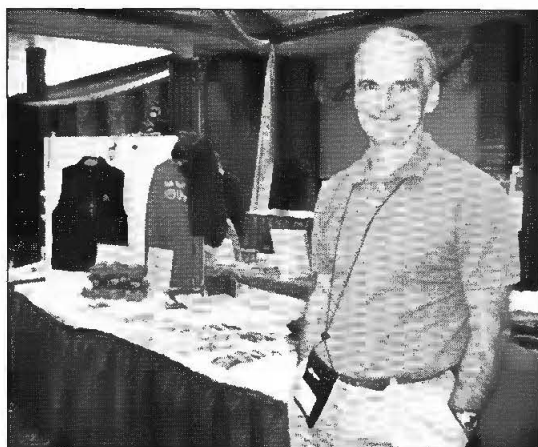
Door prizes



Friends of MCATA Award: Marie Hauk and Bryan Quinn



Conference committee (left to right, back to front): David Martin, Rod Lowry, Daryl Chichak, Janis Kristjansson, Elaine Simmt, Mona Borle and Tom Janzen. Missing: Carmen Wasyluniuk, Donna Chanasyk, Pat Chichak, Sharon Gach, Rebecca Steel, Susan Ludwig



MCATA display: Darryl Smith