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BACKGROUND

On June 30th 1971 the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS was founded by: Mrs. J. D. Bradford, Mr. David J.A. Croft, Clyde C. Kennedy, Barry M. Mitchell, Mrs. Glenna Reid, Dr. Donald S. Robertson, Mr. Michael J. Shchepanek, Mr. and Mrs. Iain Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson, Dr. James V. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Lou H. Wylie.

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Dave Croft doing what he loves at Basin Depot 2009
Photo Marian Clark

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



MARCH 2011

School girl thinking dies hard. May is the time for exams, and June we all scatter for the summer, to begin the annual round again in September. A problem arises in that the Ontario Archaeological Society and the Ottawa Chapter OAS both operate fiscally on a calendar year basis. This difference in patterns may mean that you have inadvertently missed sending us your membership for 2011. We greatly appreciate your support even if you are unable to attend many of our meetings. If you are receiving my e-mails but have not paid up with the chapter and the OAS in Toronto, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available on our web-sites. A visit to both will impress you not just with our public face, but the excellent web-mastering of Yvon Riendeau for the chapter and Jean Luc Pilon for OAS Inc.

We have had our last lecture for the season. It has been a rich program, beginning with Matthew Beggs' zoology workshop and a tour of the Horse exhibit at the Museum of Civilization, and continuing with talks from David Walden of UNESCO Canada, Jacquie Fisher, and chapter members Manuel Lapensée-Paquette and Rory Mackay. Much of the executive's efforts this spring has gone into symposium planning, but we already have a great workshop lined up for our September meeting. Rudy Fecteau, an archaeo-botanist from Hamilton will present a summary of his work and give us a chance to identify carbonized seeds, nuts and wood through a microscope. Of course, in October the only place to be will be the symposium, so we hope that the dates of October 13-16 are marked in large red letters on your calendar. Bring yourself up to date at the pot-luck on May 19 on the amazing work that the symposium committee, under the direction of Stacey Girling-Christie, has already accomplished. Follow the up-dates on the web-sites as the program comes together. If you are considering presenting a paper or poster, the deadline is June 17 – so spread your wealth of knowledge with us.

Over the summer, many chapter members will be working in the field. Some of us stay-at-homes will be involved with spreading the word about the importance of archaeology at three heritage day events (Colonel By day on August 1 at the Rideau Canal, Riverfest at Pinhey's Point on August 14 and Bonnechere Park archaeology day and camping August 20.) If you can join us for part of one or all of these, please let me know. They aren't digging, but they are fun.

A month or so ago I circulated discussion papers regarding refreshing the Ottawa Arts and Heritage Plan. It was awkward sifting through the eleven papers to find the various references to archaeology, but most of the points were covered that we wanted included. At the last moment the deadline of April 28 was extended for a month. I intend to send another comment, but in the meantime, my original submission appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

OAS Ottawa Chapter Financial Report 2010

	2010	2009
BANK BALANCE - START OF YEAR	\$6,771	\$6,118
PLUS - CASH RECEIPTS		
Membership fees for the Chapter	1,199	1,195
Membership fees for the Provincial Society		
Grants		
Donations	50	110
Interest		5
	6	
Publication sales	60	84
Public outreach programs		
OAS mailing		250
Other receipts – garage sale		457
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,315	2,101
LESS - CASH PAYMENTS		
Membership fees for the Provincial Society		
Administration (domain rental & bank charges)	16	32
Publications	116	
Public outreach programs Basin Depot Dig		1,000
Donations forwarded to OAS		60
CHOO membership	50	50
Facilities Rental		127
Post Box Rental	198	179
Other payments		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	379	1,448
BANK BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$7,707	\$6,771

**Peggy Armstrong Public Archaeology Award
Financial report 2010**

INCOME AND EXPENSES		
	2010	2009
BANK BALANCE - START OF YEAR	\$3,555	\$3,391.81
PLUS - CASH RECEIPTS		
Donations	217	162
Interest	1	1
TOTAL RECEIPTS	218	163
LESS - CASH PAYMENTS		
Awards		
Bursary		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-	-
BANK BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$3,773	\$3,555
OTHER ASSETS		
GIC	3,327	3,312
Interest	50	15
	\$ 3,377	\$ 3,327

To: Arts and Heritage Plan Renewal Discussion

The following summarizes comments regarding archaeology that the **Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society** sees as important for a renewed Heritage Plan.

On April 22, 2010, two members of the City of Ottawa's Arts and Heritage Plan Refresh team, Cathy Shepertycki and Jim Mountain presented a progress report to City Council. We strongly support their analysis which identifies two major needs to be filled in City of Ottawa heritage policy.

Item III, F, in the section on Accomplishments and Outstanding Items.

Outstanding

In-house Archaeological Expertise

There has been minimal attention to archaeology in the 2003-2009 time period.

The Ottawa 20/20 Heritage Plan identified the need for the City of Ottawa to hire a full-time archaeologist to provide collections management and interpretation services in addition to periodic requirements outlined in the Official Plan. This need remains in 2010. The Planning Act requires developers to submit archaeological assessments to the City as well as to the Province, and consultant archaeologists are most often hired for this purpose. In November 2009, a team of consultant archaeologists working for the City of Ottawa uncovered the oldest aboriginal camp yet found within the city limits, including stone tools and pieces of artfully decorated pottery dating from 300 BC to 700 AD.

Archaeological Collections Policy and Storage

In addition to the requirement for in-house expertise, there is an urgent need to provide resources and facilities aimed at managing archaeological collections. The National Capital Commission transferred the Lebreton Flats archaeological collection to the City of Ottawa and the Billings Estate National Historic Site also has its own archaeological collection. In spite of this, archaeological artifacts are not spoken to in current City collections policy. Consequently, there is no suitable storage space for these collections, no resources to preserve and interpret, and no related investment.

In addition, Ottawa Chapter, OAS, supports the following proposals contained in the recent 20/20 Arts and Heritage Plan Renewal discussion papers. We request that you circulate this letter with our comments to the eleven committees.

Archaeological Master Plan

- The plan needs to update the plan to include areas in the expanded City of Ottawa.
- The plan needs to include known archaeological sites and heritage properties which presently do not appear as areas of archaeological potential (e.g. Rideau Hall, Billings Estate).
- The plan needs to show the potential of small outlying villages where there has been minimal development to date (e.g. Richmond).
- The plan needs to include at least a Stage 1 assessment in the downtown core, especially for single properties.

- The plan needs to identify more precisely historic archaeological site potential, (e.g. individual cabin sites that lie outside the present 100 metres buffer, also to identify 19th century roads).
- The plan needs to be co-ordinated with that of the National Capital Commission.
- The plan must take into account the fact that the Capital Region is crossed by thousands of miles of relict shoreline from Champlain Sea, recessional sea, and ancestral riverine lakes. If this reality is not taken into account the first half of the story of settlement in the valley will be overlooked.

Commemoration

The City of Ottawa can commemorate Ottawa's heritage, both archaeological and historic, in public places, thus increasing awareness of human presence in the region and through the ages on the part of both residents and tourists. The message of protection of archaeological resources can be incorporated as required under Ontario's Heritage Act.

Commemorative activities can be carried out through partnerships with private enterprises and with other public agencies such as NCC, Parks Canada, City of Gatineau.

Suggested strategies can include,

- Displays of artifacts in public places such as bus and train stations and at the airport.
- Plaques commemorating sites of earlier archaeological activity.
- Including archaeological sites in heritage walks – routes to be marked by signage
- Business size cards advertising archaeological and other heritage features placed in hotels and information stands.

Cooperation with Local First Nations

As stated in Background, First Nations, Inuit and Métis Arts, Heritage and Culture, "The Ottawa area has served as an important meeting and trading place for a diversity of indigenous and Aboriginal peoples for at least 6,000 years." Archaeological planning must involve ongoing and meaningful consultation with the Algonquin Anishnabeg First Nation. The identification and protection of Aboriginal cultural landscapes is important serving as they do as symbols of identity, particularly sacred sites and meeting places in the region, such Chaudière Falls and the confluences of the Rideau and Gatineau Rivers with the Ottawa River. Participation on the part of the City of Ottawa in the development of a National Indigenous Centre on Victoria Island is to be commended.

Why Archaeology? We all have a responsibility to preserve the archaeological past, both in the ground and what is already collected, for future generations as well as for current voters. Our grandchildren will only have as rich a past as we allow today.

Compiled by: Glenna Roberts, President,
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Ontario Archaeological Society

NEWS , NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 – End of Season Chapter Meeting and Pot Luck – get caught up on all the news and events planned for the summer and the OAS Symposium in October. Venue is home (party room) at Glenna Robert's, 20 Driveway Ottawa. 6:30 pm 613-235-7358

May 28 - The Great Glebe Garage Sale – The Great Glebe Garage Sale -

In each of the last two years the chapter netted approximately \$500 with minimal effort and much cooperation from members, so we are going to try again!. All that is required is that you leave your "junk" on the front porch of Hannah Reid and John Gorjup, my daughter and son-in-law who graciously offer us part of their front lawn at 256 First Avenue. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, and things may be left any time the previous week, that is, May 23-27. We also welcome workers -- just be warned that parking is almost non-existent. Let me know if you can lend a hand for an hour or so, any time between 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (then we go home exhausted!).

June 30 - 40th Anniversary of founding of Ottawa Chapter OAS

July 29th 2011. The Day of Archaeology 2011 is an online project that will allow archaeologists working all over the world to document what they do on one day, This date coincides with the Festival of British Archaeology, which runs from 16th – 31st July 2011. Archaeologists can document their day through photographs, videos and written blog posts. These will then be collected on the website www.dayofarchaeology.com , which will provide a glimpse into a day in the life of people working in archaeology, from archaeological excavations to laboratories, universities, community archaeology groups, education services, museums and offices. **This project is open to everyone working or volunteering in any aspect of archaeology from anywhere in the world**

August 1 - Colonel By Day – by the Rideau Canal and Bytown Museum Ottawa

August 14 - Ottawa Riverfest 2011 – Pinhey's Point

August 20 – Bonnechere Parks Archaeology Day

September 15 7:30 PM Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues St.

Archaeobotany Across Canada -- A personal view presented by Rudy Fecteau

Rudy Fecteau became involved with botanical analysis thirty-six years ago when working for Dr. Jock McAndrews at the Royal Ontario Museum. During the intervening years, he has done a variety of things but always continued doing analyses of various environmental, precontact, and contact sites from across Canada. Since retiring from teaching, his last of many different callings, Rudy has been able to focus more on archaeobotany, particularly on 'spreading the word' about it to both the general and archaeological public. He has developed several power point presentations and a series of 'story boards' depicting various aspects of archaeobotanical research. These have been used at the Toronto, Hamilton, and Huronia OAS chapters as well as at public libraries, the Rotary Club in Dundas, and the Probus Clubs in Dundas and Ancaster. Rudy also took part in the speakers series in 2010 which was jointly sponsored by the Museum of Ontario Archaeology and the London Public Library. He has been invited on two occasions to participate in the Monitor/Liaison course at Six

Nations and will be included in their 'Community Awareness Day' in May. He will be speaking at next year's Historical and Cultural Gathering at New Credit. The September meeting will give our members a chance to see these story boards as well as a power point presentation about his work. Rudy will give us a general overview of how he works and provide the opportunity to look at seeds and wood charcoal from archaeological sites through his microscope in a 'mini-lab' situation.

October 13-16 38th Annual Symposium of the Ontario Archaeological Society
Ottawa, Ontario - BE THERE

Hot Off the Press!

The Return to Basin Depot BkGk-3 & 4, Part Lots 15 & 16 Concession 3 Guthrie Township (GEO.) Algonquin Provincial Park October 2009.

Prepared for: The Friends of Bonnechere Parks & The Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society by: Ken Swayze and Roderick MacKay February 2011.

The Chapter's copy will be available for examination at the pot luck celebration.

On the Move !

Member Nicole Brandon has just moved to London, Ontario, having left her position with Golder Associates here in Ottawa to join Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants. Good Luck Nicole.

The Ottawa Society AIA Student Fieldwork Bursary of \$500 was presented on April 19 to **Arpita Bajpeyi**, a University of Ottawa student who will dig in Spain this summer. Her longer term plans are to pursue a career in archaeological conservation. Come hear her in October at the annual **"From the Ground Up"** presentation. This bursary is funded principally through the pot-sherd raffles held at AIA monthly lectures, so thank you to all who "took a chance" and helped make it possible.

Appointment

Welcome to Eastern Ontario - Charlene Murphy PhD – newly appointed Director of Archaeology at the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation in Kingston and Kip Parker was named Executive Director of CARF - www.carf.info



Call for Papers Deadline June 17

The 38th annual symposium of the Ontario Archaeological Society. The organizing committee invites abstracts for the following sessions:

New Insights into the Prehistory of the Ottawa Valley - Papers in Memory of Phillip Wright

Into the Heart of a Continent - Waterways as Vectors of Change; an examination of the communication and trade carried along our rivers

From Sites to Cities - Archaeology within Urban Landscapes; potential mapping, development planning and cultural resources

There Once was a Sea Here - Accounting for Dynamic Landscapes; the challenges of locating and documenting sites from remote times

Open conference session and an open poster session.

For more information or to submit a 150 word abstract, please contact symposium@ontarioarchaeology.on.ca

OAS Symposium 2011 Book Room and Silent Auction

Karen Lochhead will be co-ordinating the **Book Sales Table and Silent Auction** at the OAS Symposium. She would really appreciate donations of books (old and new), pamphlets, periodicals, maps or any other relevant archaeological literature - including novels - Agatha Christie? For the Silent Auction members are encouraged to canvas friends and relatives for valuable items (pre-owned or new) to be auctioned such as spa or hotel visits, travel vouchers, digging clothes or tools, gift certificates, restaurant dinners, photographs, paintings, good books, or memberships in archaeological associations.

Please contact Karen well before the event at symposium@ontarioarchaeology.on.ca Attention: Karen Lochhead, Book Sales Table - or Attention Karen Lockhead, Silent Auction.



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Marian Clark at The Return to Basin Depot 2009

**LOOKING FOR PHOTOS AND STORIES OF PAST OTTAWA CHAPTER
AND OAS DIGS & EVENTS
FOR OUR CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER**

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