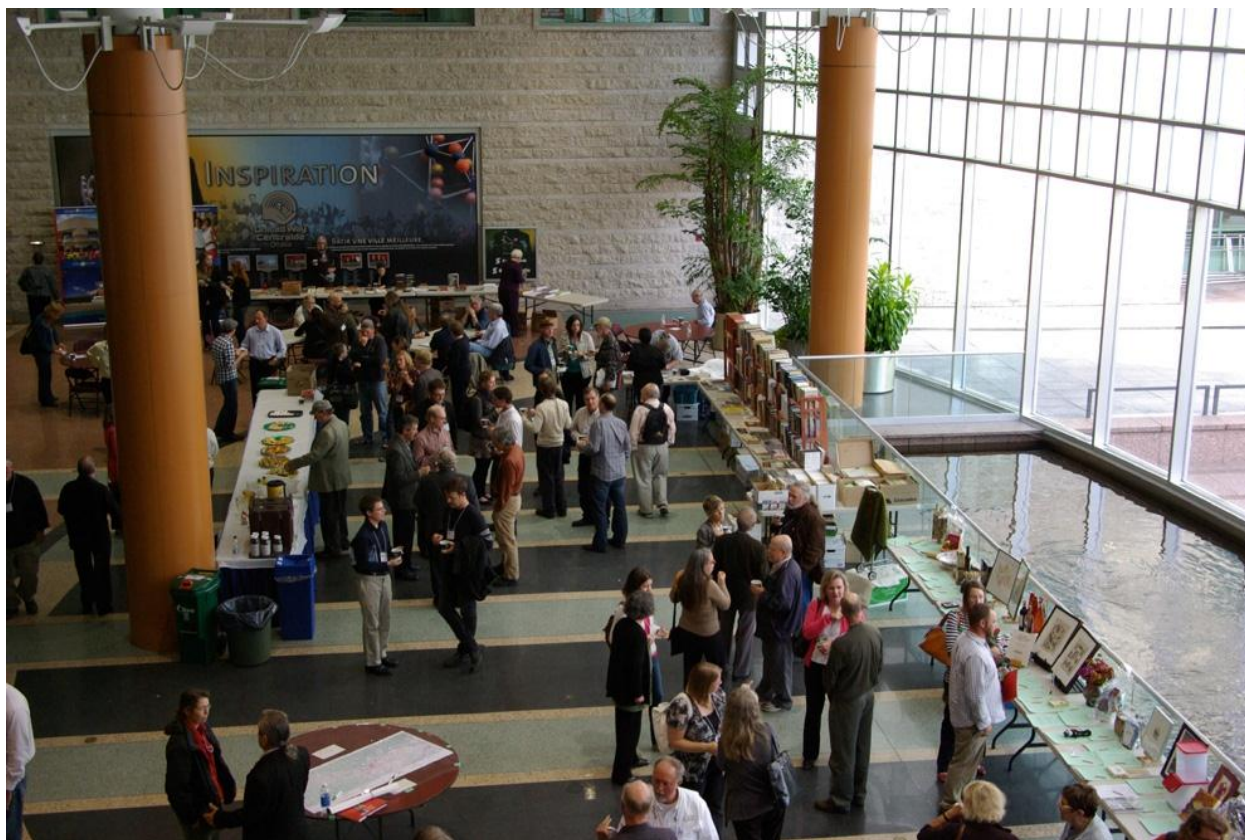


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BACKGROUND

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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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



NOVEMBER 2011

Happy Birthday to Us: We haven't had a birthday celebration since president Heather Stronach reminded us that we had missed a significant date and so we turned 35 plus 1. So the big four O it is. The major event of the year was undoubtedly the symposium, which I will not dwell on here, as Stacey Girling-Christie, who chaired the preparations, the event and now the details of tidying up will have her turn, if not in this issue, then the next.

When you come to our seasonal celebration on December 8 you can view the photos by Rory MacKay and others, pick yourself in the audience, or recognize others if you did not manage to attend. Suffice to say, that if you didn't, you missed out on a lot of great archaeology, not to mention food, tours and fun.

One session of the symposium was devoted to the memory of Phill Wright. Hugh Daechsel and Dena Doroszenko focussed on Phill's work as Regional Archaeologist for Eastern Ontario and Marian Clark reminded us of his relationship with OAS and the difference it made to chapter activities to have access to space at the Ministry office for a library, lab nights and artifact storage. Another major contribution he made was his support for an ambitious public archaeology program. In 1986 at Charleston Lake Provincial Park he worked with Peggi and Helen Armstrong among others. In our archives there is a folder containing Peggi's hand-writing of the detailed schedule and program for Archaeology Day. The weekend-long event included such activities for campers and for residents of the surrounding area as forming clay pots and baking them and cooking a lunch over an open fire, the sorts of hands-on demonstrations that are only possible with a commitment of more time than we usually are able to devote to public events these days.

In 1996 the Public Archaeology Award was initiated, and named after Peggi Armstrong following her death in a car crash the next year. This week André Miller and I are making a presentation to a meeting of Le Réseau Archéo Québec. This group has for the last two years publicized archaeology with presentations, digs, tours, etc., throughout the province of Québec during the month of August, le mois d'archéologie. In preparation I analyzed the winners of the PAPA award over the intervening years. There have been 13 presentations, given to a mixture of individuals and organizations throughout the province. Check our web-site for details. We are grateful to Peggy Smyth who has acted as administrator until this year, and to Lois King who is now taking on this responsibility. Many chapter members have contributed by participating in selection committees. This year's winner Catherine MacDonald, a teacher from Whitby, was an easy pick. In a spring issue of Arch Notes there will be a call for nominations for the various OAS awards. Start thinking now for possible award candidates.

We hope to see you at the AGM and celebration. We have a lot to be proud of over 40 years.



A whirlwind of activity over 4 days including :

2 public lectures at Canadian Aviation Museum and at City Hall, Key Note Banquet lecture, tours of Parks Canada, Canadian Conservation Institute and a walking tour of Ottawa archaeological sites, 4 receptions, Silent Auction, 25 Paper presentations, 6 Poster Presentations, Professional and member displays, Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award and Student Paper Awards presented, 10 – 25 year pins bestowed, Book Table, lunches & dinners, meetings, AGM and hundreds of hours of volunteerism - it all happened – a perfect celebration for the OAS and for the Ottawa Chapter !!



**Ms Catherine Macdonald
Recipient 2011**

Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award

Ms MacDonald is a History Teacher and Department Head at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby, Ontario. Ms MacDonald has worked on several fronts over the years to promote public education about Ontario archaeology, archaeology in general, and awareness of cultural resources and heritage preservation. She works to promote links between the archaeological and educational communities, by organizing excavations for students, presenting displays and workshops, serving on professional committees and promoting the stewardship of our heritage sites.



Phillip Wright (1946 – 2010)

Born in Sudbury having spent most of his youth in Deep River, just north of Pembroke, Phill obtained Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology Hons. 1971) and Master of Arts (Anthropology 1974) degrees from McMaster University in Hamilton. He was one of a handful of then recent graduates including Bill Fox, Bill Ross, Roberta O'Brien, Paddy Reid and Ian Kenyon hired by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation (now Ministry of Tourism and Culture) to establish regional archaeology offices across the province. Phill and Peter Englebert were chosen to staff an office in Ottawa in 1976, Phill becoming Regional Archaeologist for Eastern Ontario.

Phill played a critical role in the development of archaeological activity in the Eastern Ontario. Among his accomplishments were an archaeological resource inventory survey of the Mississippi River from Lake Mazinaw in Bon Echo Provincial Park to its mouth at the Ottawa River, and support for the investigation of the site of the present OHIP building in Kingston in 1980, spawning almost continuous archaeological activity in Kingston over the past 30 years. Phill's work with the Ministry fostered the growth of a number of archaeologists a list that in addition to myself included Bruce Stewart, Cheryl Smith, Dena Doroszenko and Chris Anderson.

Perhaps the most noteworthy achievement of Phill's tenure as Regional Archaeologist with the Ministry was the establishment of the marine program. Stimulated by the finding of several largely intact Late Middle Woodland and Early Late Woodland vessels at the Red Horse Lake Portage Site in Charleston Lake in the late 1970s, the program developed into a province-wide effort to work with existing dive organizations such as Save Ontario Shipwrecks (SOS) to encourage the recording and preserving of this rich component of Ontario's heritage. The training program expanded to Bermuda in 1989 and 1990 where three trips were sponsored by the Bermuda Maritime Museum to train volunteers.

Until his retirement from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture in 1991 Phill tirelessly facilitated public participation in archaeology. In addition to his work with dive organizations such as SOS and Preserve Our Wrecks (POW), he provided resources and opportunities to the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society such as leading land and underwater investigations at South Lake, north of Gananoque. He also supported the development of the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation in Kingston, developed public displays at the regional office and produced a small handbook on the archaeology of Charleston Lake Provincial Park.

After leaving the Ministry Phill continued to work as a consultant through his own company (Mount McGovern Ltd.) on both underwater and land-based projects. He had by this time established a relationship with Michigan State University, where he served as a Research Associate and Director for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management. Although still based in Eastern Ontario, Phill's sphere of work expanded through the early to mid-1990s. This included projects with Margaret Rule on the wrecks *Hamilton* and *Scourge* in Lake Ontario and later off of Rota in the South Pacific. Through other associations Phill participated on a number of underwater projects in the Caribbean, both in Cuba and Jamaica among other locations.

Through a joint venture formed with Heritage Quest Inc. in 2003 Phill worked on a number of land-based projects in the Ottawa area, such as excavations on LeBreton Flats and at the site of the original Supreme Court Building on Parliament Hill. Phill continued to pursue a number of project leads in the later years of his life, most involving underwater work in the Caribbean where he met his second wife Yani and eventually led to his resettling in Cuba.

I had the privilege of knowing Phill for 35 years, beginning in the mid-1970s when I undertook my first cultural resource management project, a background assessment of the South Nation River Drainage Basin, through the Eastern Ontario regional office. We collaborated in the late 1980s in developing the Sandbanks Complex, an Eastern Ontario expression of the transition that was occurring throughout much of Ontario between the Middle and Late Woodland Periods. More recently between 2000 and 2005 we worked together on a number of land-based projects in the Ottawa area. Phill played an instrumental role in my early development as an archaeologist, providing ready access to the Ministry's Ottawa office and whatever support he could offer.

He was a 'non-traditional' thinker who had a broad vision of archaeology, from its practice to academic based analysis and interpretations of archaeological data. This sometimes found him in areas that conflicted with more 'conventional' approaches to the management of archaeological resources, in particular with underwater sites. Throughout his life he held a deep passion for archaeology with a commitment to technical excellence and ethical practice. He made a significant contribution to the transformation of archaeological practice in Ontario, which at the outset of his career was academic/avocational-based but by the end had become the cultural resource management dominated profession of today, without wavering from his appreciation and support for public archaeology. The inception of the province's marine archaeology program is truly a significant part of Phill's legacy to the understanding and preservation of Ontario's archaeological resources.

Phill died July 30th, 2010, in Cuba. He leaves his wife Yani and son Jean Christian in Cuba, and son Simon and daughter Erin from his first marriage with Mary , in Canada.

Hugh Daeschel, October 2011

NEWS , NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**December 8 Thursday 6:30 pm****Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration**Bring something for the pot-luck supper and a small gift to put under the tree!

Place: 20 Driveway, Party Room (ring 107 to gain entry)

(This high-rise is at the Canal end of Maclaren Street. If you come by OTC, exit the Campus bus station towards the canal and cross via the Corkstown pedestrian bridge. Cross the Queen Elizabeth Driveway. The apartment building is on your left, entrance on the south side.)

Agenda:

Annual General Meeting

Welcome and Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of AGM 2010

Executive Reports 2011

Symposium

Report of Nominating Committee

Election of officers for 2012

Presentations

Adjournment of meeting

Door prize draw

Seasonal Celebration begins.

January 19, 2012, Thursday 6:00 p.m. Main Entrance**Canadian Museum of Civilization,****Exhibit Tour 1913-1918 Expedition Arctic**

The most diverse discoveries, the most ships used and the most territory covered in an unforgettable expedition of success and tragedy. Walk in the boots of the scientists, explorers, Inuit guides and the many others who took part in this first major Canadian scientific expedition to the Arctic. The exhibition revives the human drama and achievements of the Expedition, ultimately exploring its impacts on the local people and landscape of Canada's Far North.

February 16, 2012 Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Routhier Centre. Ottawa**Yves Monette, Curator, Quebec Archaeology****Canadian Museum of Civilization****Alchemy on the Cartier-Roberval site: the nature of finds and fire assays evidence**

Commissioned by King François I, Jean-François de la Rocque, Sieur de Roberval, and his pilot, Jacques Cartier, crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Cap-Rouge (near Québec) with nearly 700 persons, with the aim of establishing a permanent colony and of discovering a route to Asia. The colony proved a failure in 1543 after only two years, the project was abandoned, but not without first seeking precious metals near the site.

This talk will focus on presenting material evidence related to the search for precious metals during the short life of the colony. Ore mining and testing, fire assay crucibles, and traces of sulphur and cinnabar are part of the material remains discovered in the last few years by archaeologists of the Commission de la Capitale nationale du Québec. Compositional analyses were performed on different types of materials and shed new light on this short but rich episode of our history.

Call for Nominations for Chapter Executive 2012

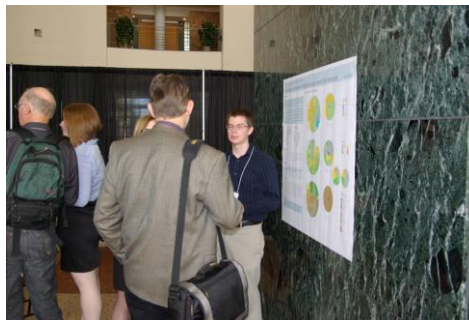
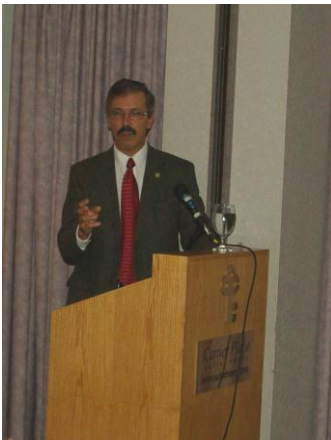
Members are invited to nominate candidates, with their permission, for the executive of the Ottawa Chapter 2012. Please contact: Jim Montgomery, Chair Nominating Committee, at 613-730-2377, or Narnia2@sympatico.ca. Nominations will also be accepted at the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter on December 8, 2011.

MINUTES, 2010 Annual General Meeting Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society 20 Driveway, Apt. 503, December 9, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Present: 23 members, 3 guests

1. The minutes of the AGM 2009 were approved unanimously.
2. Reports from the executive – Brief reports were presented by Glenna Roberts, President; Bill MacLennan, Treasurer; Rory Mackay, Director Public Archaeology and Stacey Girling Christie, Director and Chair of Symposium Committee. These reports will be published in the February 2011 newsletter.
3. Report of the Nominating Committee: Jim Montgomery, chair, presented the committee's report. The slate of officers proposed by the committee consisted of:

President:	Glenna Roberts
Vice-President	André Miller
Secretary	Elizabeth Imrie
Treasurer	Bill MacLennan
Director Public Archaeology	Rory Mackay
Director at large	Stacey Girling-Christie
Newsletter	Marian Clark
Webmaster	Yvon Riendeau
PAPA award	Peggy Smyth
4. Election of Officers for 2011: After the required three calls for nominations from the floor, the nominating committee's slate of officers was acclaimed.
5. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent
6. Seasonal Party : Refreshments and mingling followed.



40 YEARS – AND MANY MORE