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THE NEXT CHAPTER FOR OTTAWA Andre Miller takes the helm as President 2014

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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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Webmaster: Yvon Riendeau
Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award: Lois King

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Glenna Roberts and André Miller
2013 AGM
Photo by Lorne Sheridan



Message from the President

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, I received the Charter of the Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society, as a new President. This is not just a symbolic act, but a real one, by which a Chapter Member becomes President of the Chapter and immediately takes the Chair for the remainder of the Annual General Meeting.

I'm well prepared for the role, and with the help of the other experienced members on the Executive, the affairs will be in good hands and will move along smoothly. I have the support of an amazingly strong team, as we did in the past. Happily, our dedicated treasurer, Bill MacLennan, continued to balance our books. (He reminds us, all the time to pay your 2014 membership dues!) The executive along with the Directors-at-large, will make varied contributions including finding speakers, organizing particular events, contributing to public archaeology activities. Elizabeth Imrie, Karen Lochhead and Stacey Girling-Christie have committed to new positions and staying on. Being President for this year is a privilege and I am grateful to work with such a knowledgeable group. Thanks for your support.

What will the high-lights for 2014 be? We continue our monthly speakers program at the Routhier Community Centre, the newsletter (Ottawa Archaeologist), updating the web-site and public archaeology to name a few. Because of a solid core of long time members, people like Marian Clark (newsletter editor), Yvon Riendeau (web-master), Lois King (Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology award chair,) and Rory MacKay (who will ensure our presence "up the valley" at Bonnechere Park). In addition we have stretched out in terms of our relationships with other institutions and heritage organizations, like the Ottawa Riverkeepers.

The Chapter will continued to reach out for strong support over the year from the NCC, the City of Ottawa, the University of Ottawa, the Archaeological Institute of America, the Canadian Science and Technology Museum, the Canadian War Museum, the Canadian Museum of History and local historical societies. We will be partnering with them at public archaeology events throughout the year 2014, and also in "Archaeology month" in August. This concept in the Ottawa region will be continued.

Many thanks, in advance to all the chapter members who will participating in making 2014 a fabulous year. The new executive will count on you to help ensure similar successes in 2014.

Thursday, February 20, Flint Knapping Workshop at Ottawa Chapter meeting.



Bradley Drouin again generously shared his flint knapping skills with us. Last year the weather had not favoured a good turnout for his demonstration.

This year there were no travel problems for the 20 archaeologists and invited geologist guests, Dr. Al Donaldson who heads the Ottawa Gatineau Geoheritage Project and eight members of the Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club. The latter included Ann, a mom with two lively daughters. The younger was encouraged by Bradley to be the first to demonstrate the principles of knapping he had just explained on the chalk board. She donned the goggles and gloves, and, with a little urging to hit a bit more vigorously, she skilfully created two admirable flakes. Then everyone else had a turn, some producing quite good artifacts. Maybe they were Golder crew members who had been practising or had private lessons from Bradley.

Happily, Bradley had brought along a big blue tarp to catch the large quantity of debris we created, but special mention should go to **Jim Molnar**, who thoroughly mopped the whole room. I think we left it better than we found it, so we will be welcome back at the Routhier Centre for our next meeting, March 20, with **Jean-Luc Pilon**. See you there!

The Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair April 23, 2014 – Volunteers wanted

The Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair welcomes student projects from all school boards and private schools, and accepts projects from English, French and immersion schools. We require a team of volunteer judges to objectively judge the merits of a project(s) and the engagement of the student(s) in the topic, in English and/or French.

Judging at the Fair is a full day commitment, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm on April 23, 2014. The Committee will cover the cost of parking at the Museum and provide a lunch voucher. Judges will be provided with the judging rubric a week in advance of the Fair and will be asked to participate in a short, early morning workshop on the day of the Fair.

We are looking for people who:

- Have an interest /knowledge of Canadian history & heritage (degree, museum, historical society etc. background)

- Have an interest/ ability to engage students in a discussion about his/her project;

- Have the ability to interview effectively in English and /or French and,

- Enjoy engaging with enthusiastic young students.

To learn more and sign up to volunteer, please contact Jill McCaw at mccawj@bell.net.

An Early Archaic Archaeological Site Near Kars, Ontario

On a frosty November afternoon, Ken Swayze described the even frostier living conditions in Ontario 8,000 – 9,000 years ago at the time a site near Kars was inhabited. A group of hunters and gatherers lived on a beach (evidenced by shells) of what was at the time an inlet of the Champlain Sea. This salty body of water, an inflow of the Atlantic Ocean, had resulted from the suppression of the land by the weight of mile-high glaciers, and the blockage of the outflow of glacial melt waters to the north by the glacier itself. Situated as the site was on a geological configuration now called the Wellington Ridge, it may in fact have been located on an island, implying that the people had boats. Their tool kit, judging from the samples that were found, was meagre indeed, simple flakes and chips made from quartz, gneiss and slate. Without projectile or arrow points to shoot game, subsistence may have depended strongly on marine life. If nets were employed, no evidence of them remains, nor indeed have hearths been found, although the people probably had fire. There is much still to be learned about the people who lived at this distant time and under these conditions, which makes this site all the more important.

Ken Swayze is a licensed archaeologist who runs his own archaeological company, Kinickinick Heritage Consultants. He was bitten by the archaeology “bug” at the age of 15, volunteering with a University of Toronto dig at Cahiague, a Huron village near Georgian Bay. His graduate education was in geography at the University of British Columbia and he has had wide experience all over Canada. He preceded his description of the Kars site with an outline of what is known of the peopling of the Americas, which dates back at least 16,000 years, and may eventually be recognized to have happened as early as 32,000 years ago. He also described some of the changes that have taken place in the profession, which had initially been research oriented, but now is based on being part of the environmental assessment required by the province of Ontario prior to development of a property.

The presentation elicited many questions from the membership, such as: Was there evidence of the use of copper? Were there bones to analyze? Who owns the artifacts that were found? The speaker clearly fuelled an interest in more archaeology to be answered by further archaeological presentations in February and March.

Per Glenna Roberts - Taken from the January 2014 newsletter of the Historical Society of Ottawa as submitted by Glenna Roberts, member Historical Society of Ottawa; Past-president, Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society.

In Memoriam

Marc Côté, archaeologist and consultant, died January 25, 2014, following a heart attack at 59 years of age. Since he founded Archaéo-08 in 1985, nearly 1000 archaeological sites were discovered in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue area, revealing a rich history of over 8,000 years. He documented the presence of the Meadowood culture at two large sites near Rouyn-Noranda. His work was acclaimed locally for revealing the early Aboriginal occupation of the area, his passion in transmission of his discoveries and the preservation of sites. Bruno Kistabish, chief of Abitibiwinni at Pikogan said, "He was a presence in our community.

We've lost a friend." (from *Abitibi Express*, January 29, 2014 and *La Frontière* January 27, 2014).

André Miller said: "Marc Côté was a very good friend and a close colleague on the executive of the Association d'Archéologues du Québec (AAQ). Marc was the President for almost 5 years."

The Executive of AAQ said, "The Executive and members of the AAQ were deeply shocked by the sudden death of Marc Côté, in January 2014. A tireless worker, he was full of energy and gave us an example by conducting several activities simultaneously. As he said himself, he was not going to be eternal on the Exec., but we would have liked to keep him for a long time as president and as a colleague, before letting him take a well -deserved retirement. Our loss is great, but it is nothing in comparison with that of his family and friends. We can only thank you, Marc, for sharing time with us during these many years."

2013 Annual Reports Ottawa Chapter, OAS

President's report on 2013 activities – Glenna Roberts

Public Outreach: In May the Ottawa Chapter OAS focused on the Kemptville area. Paul Thibaudeau offered a lecture on Ontario Archaeology at the Court House on May 8, and members created a Road Show on May 25, in partnership with the North Grenville Historical Society. Rory Mackay led a half dozen members at a hands-on display and evening talk at the Bonnechere Provincial Park camp site, on July 13, 2013. Several members stayed at the park and continued on the next day to join Don Webb for an Archaeological Road Show at the Barry's Bay Station Museum. Local people were encouraged to come see displays of artifacts and talk to archaeologists, but also to bring any items they may have collected. Two new and interesting sites were identified. The Ottawa Chapter OAS took part in two City of Ottawa events: Heritage Day on February 2, 2013, and Colonel By Day on August 5, 2013.

The Chapter organized two public lectures in partnership with the Archaeological Institute of America. On May 1, 2013, we sponsored Greg Hare, Senior Projects Archaeologist, Government of Yukon, in a talk at Ottawa City Hall on *Accidental Discovery of Gold Rush Burials in Dawson City*. On November 29, 2013, following the 2012 success of our talk by Jonathan Moore at the Canadian War Museum on the *Hamilton and Scourge: Two War of 1812 Shipwrecks*, we sponsored Joseph Last on *Martello Towers of Kingston* at the same locale. Each event was attended by about 70 members of the public.

In January 2012, the Chapter received a grant from the City of Ottawa Heritage Funding Program of \$3000. Throughout 2013 we continued to use it to augment our supply of outreach materials and to ensure that they are available in both French and English.

Communication with members and the public was partly through our newsletter and partly through our web site. Marian Clark produced four issues of the *Ottawa Archaeologist*. We must be grateful to her and to our web master Yvon Riendeau. He includes information on Chapter activities and about archaeology in the Ottawa Valley. The web site is now supplemented by Twitter and Face-book links. As these were only initiated in May 2013, we have yet to fully assess their effects. We receive several enquiries each month on our contact@ottawaoas.ca address.

Partnerships: The Chapter continued its collaboration with Archéo-Québec in Archaeology Month August 2013. We expanded the displays on Colonel By Day with hands-on activities, and individual

members participated in events sponsored by other Ottawa institutions and organizations (Jean-Luc Pilon at the Museum of Civilization, Hugh Daechsel with Heritage Ottawa, Ian Badgley on Colonel By night). With our encouragement, Rudy Fecteau of the Hamilton Branch OAS presented displays at the Science and Technology Museum August 10 and 11.

The Chapter continued its membership in the Réseau Archéo-Québec and the Vice-President attended and represented the chapter at their Forum in Trois-Rivières.

October 5 2013 was formally declared International Archaeology Day in Ottawa by Mayor Jim Watson at the request of the Archaeological Institute of America. On that day, the chapter presented activities in the rotunda of the Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa, along with the display from Pikwakanagan Algonquin Band. In the afternoon, Ian Badgley spoke as part of the forum at which Archaeology students reported on their summer activities, *From the Ground Up*.

Advocacy: With the Ottawa Riverkeeper's cooperation, in May 2013 Vice-President André Miller took part in two shore-line clean-ups, making participants aware of the archaeological importance of beaches and other shore-line features. At the base of Parliament Hill and at Petrie Island he circulated a brief outline of the Ontario Ministry of Culture regulations concerning artifact disturbance (taken from the chapter's brochure "Please Don't Loot") and participated in the events, helping sort 'real garbage' from possible artifacts.

The Vice-President also continued to represent the OAS Ottawa Chapter on the Board of Directors of CHOO-COPO (Council of Heritage Organizations of Ottawa/Conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa), and is now the Treasurer of that council.

Excavation: In August, as part of Archaeology month, members of the chapter benefitted along with the general public from opportunities to dig on the Elbow Site at the Parc National de Plaisance near Thurso on the Ottawa River, and at Deschênes Rapids in Gatineau under the leadership of GRAO (Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais). Ian Badgley welcomed volunteers, also as part of Archaeology Month, at two National Capital Commission sites, Vincent Massey Park, and a quarry in Rockcliffe.

Chapter Activities: We benefitted from a rich line-up of speakers at our regular monthly meetings: January - A lithics workshop by Bradley Drouin of Golder Associates, who was joined by OAS Chapter Director Chris Dalton; February - Nancy Binnie of the Canadian Conservation Institute on "Recovery of heritage aircraft for museum display or restoration"; March - Paul Thibaudeau of Intermesh Enterprises on "The Richmond Site: the foundation of a family"; April - Brenda Kennett and Jeff Earl of Past Recovery on "The British Hotel Site" and "The Bresee Site: a Woodland campsite, Wolf Lake"; September - André Miller "Late Archaic in Petite-Nation; October - "The Deschênes Portage: 2000 years of travelling" Manuel Lapensée-Paquette.

Our membership hovers at about 70, about half of whom live in the immediate Ottawa area. We depend on a core of long term supporters to accomplish our programs and are somewhat concerned that attendance at meetings has diminished and there are fewer committed new members. At the Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration in December, 2013, the executive for 2014 was elected: **President:** André Miller, **Vice President:** Stacey Girling-Christie, **Secretary:** Karen Lochhead, **Treasurer:** Bill Maclellan, **Directors at Large:** Bradley Drouin, Elizabeth Imrie, Ben Mortimer, **Past President:** Glenna Roberts, **Newsletter Editor:** Marian Clark, **Webmaster:** Yvon Riendeau, **Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award:** Lois King.

I thank all the members of the dedicated executive of 2013 without whom we could not have accomplished such a rich program. I am happy that most will continue as part of the executive of 2014.

Glenna Roberts, President, December, 2013

Vice-President Report 2013 – André Miller

The Executive members have worked hard to pull together our annual report to you members, and preparing for discussions we hope you will all participate in the renewal of the OAS Ottawa Chapter Executive. This is sometimes a necessary exercise for renewing our collective vision of where the

OAS Ottawa Chapter needs to prioritize efforts over the next few years, and establish benchmarks against which the performance of the Executive can be measured.

The Chapter this year focussed on administrative changes regarding funding we received from the city of Ottawa and operational needs. So I hope we'll be able to finalize some of those measures. Of course, there are always new changes we need to address, notably the use of social media and the creation of Email accounts for the Chapter, which will help an organization such as ours.

We are really happy members made the effort to attend the AGM. I know it is less inviting than a symposium with chats between sessions, getting caught up with others, but the discussions for this year and getting input from you the member is critical to ensuring the Executive can incorporate your suggestions and feedback into our plan and vision for where the OAS Ottawa Chapter needs to be heading. Finally here's a short report of activities I performed this year in my role of Vice-President.

Report of activities

- Attending and representing the Ottawa Chapter at QAA Symposium – OKA – May 2013
- Attending and representing the Ottawa Chapter at Shoreline Clean-up with Ottawa River-keepers (Rowing Club and Petrie Island) – June - July 2013
- Archaeology Day and presentation at Bonnechere Provincial Park – July 2013
- Public Archaeology (Road Show) - Barry's Bay – July 2013
- Public Archaeology week-end at Deschenes Rapids – August 2013
- Public Archaeology week-ends at Plaisance Park – August 2013
- Public lecture and presentation at OAS Chapter Monthly Meeting – September 2013
- Creating a Twitter Account of the OAS Ottawa Chapter – <https://twitter.com/OttawaOAS>
- Coordinate the Actions for Ottawa Funding Program – Archaeological Awareness Project
- Attending almost every OAS Ottawa Chapter Executive Meeting
- Attending and representing in 2013 the OAS Ottawa Chapter at CHOO-COPO as the Treasurer
- Since January 2012 - Director on the board of CHOO-COPO
- Attending and representing Ottawa Chapter at Archéo-Québec Forum in Levis – November 2013
- Attending and assessing the Public Lecture at the Canadian Museum of War – Jos Last

Acceptance speech as President

As stated in the OAS Ottawa Chapter Constitution at the point 5.4.2, as The Next President, I shall ensure fulfilment of the aims of the Chapter by:

- Calling Executive meetings;
- Presiding over Executive and General meetings;
- Planning the agenda for Executive and General meetings;
- Being responsible for communication, on behalf of the Chapter, with Executive Committee of The Ontario Archaeological Society, with other organizations and with the public;
- Being responsible, with the assistance of the Treasurer and other members of the Executive for maintaining the financial solvency of the Chapter;
- Acting as an ex-officio member of all committees

I think I know people's feelings again about what the OAS Ottawa Chapter should do or shouldn't do. To dig or not to dig, that is always the question. So please give me a hand in mapping out where we go from here!

Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award Lois King Administrator

Calls for nominations for the PAPA Award were sent out as usual in the spring of 2013. Although there was one enquiry, no nomination resulted. We will try again in early 2014.

Financial Report 2013 – Bill MacLennan

Year ended - December 31,		2013		
INCOME AND EXPENSES				
			2013	2012
BANK BALANCE - START OF YEAR			14,268	9,503
PLUS - CASH RECEIPTS				
	Membership fees for the Chapter		1,337	1,157
	Membership fees for the Provincial Society			
	Grants		3,000	
	Donations		120	45
	Interest		28.92	25
	Publication sales		25	80
	OAS mailing		250	250
	Symposium profit			5561
	Other receipts	Garage sale	42.50	377
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,803	7,495
LESS - CASH PAYMENTS				
	Payments City grant		731.86	
	Membership fees for the Provincial Society			
	Administration	bank charges, postage, etc.	38.13	26
-	Publications (Brochures, Newsletter)		95.82	399
	Donations (GRAO Plaisance)			1,200
	Storage Unit		495	495
	Public Archaeology	OAS/AIA joint talk	171.34	144
	Facilities Rental		82.52	181
	Membership (Archaeo-Quebec, CHOO/COPO)		100	50
	PO Box rental		235.04	235
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		1949.71	2,730
BANK BALANCE - END OF YEAR			17,122	14,268
OTHER ASSETS				
	Petty cash			
	Promotional materials			
	OAS Display unit			

**MINUTES, 2013 Annual General Meeting
Party Room, 20 Driveway, Ottawa, ON,
Thursday December 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

Approval of Agenda: The agenda as circulated previously was approved.

Approval of Minutes of AGM 2012: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2012 were approved unanimously.

Executive Reports 2013: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors at Large. The President gave a lengthy report of the many activities undertaken in 2013. The Vice-President also gave a lengthy report on the public archaeology that had been undertaken in 2013. The Treasurer, though not having the End of Year statements, indicated that the Chapter had had a revenue neutral year. These reports and others will be printed in the next Ottawa Chapter newsletter, the Ottawa Archaeologist.

Report of Nominating Committee consisting of Ian Dyck and Joyce Clarke: The following slate of officers was proposed for 2014: President, André Miller; Vice-President, Stacey Girling-Christie; Treasurer, Bill MacLennan; Secretary: Karen Lochhead; Directors at Large: Bradley Drouin, Elizabeth Imrie, Ben Mortimer.

Past President: Glenna Roberts.

Additional nominations were called for. None were received.

Election of officers for 2014: No nominations were contested. All officers were elected as listed above.

Other business: Lois King discussed producing updated trophies for future Peggy Armstrong Public Archaeology awards. Discussions took place about how this could be achieved.

Presentation certificates for 25 years of membership in the OAS: Glenna Roberts presented 25 year certificates to Duncan Campbell/Lois King and Bill MacLennan

Presentation of President's Awards:

Glenna Roberts presented Certificates of Appreciation for offering archaeological opportunities to the public and OAS members, Archaeology Month, August 2013, to:

Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais (GRAO), Marcel Laliberté, André Miller and

Manuel Lapensée-Paquette, at Parc de Plaisance and Deschenes Rapids

National Capital Commission, Ian Badgley, NCC Archaeologist, at a pre-contact site at Vincent

Massey Park and at a historic quarry in Rockcliffe Park.

Presentation of Chapter Charter:

Glenna Roberts presented the Ottawa Chapter Charter to the new President, André Miller.

Adjournment of meeting: Bill MacLennan proposed adjournment at 9:13 p.m. Seasonal celebration followed

NEWS AND NOTES AND COMING EVENTS

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See our links from the Chapter's web site www.ottawaoas.com

**March 18, 2014, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Hellenic Community Centre,
1315 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa**
Lost City Found: Plataiai **Ronald Marchese, Emeritus,
University of Minnesota, Duluth AIA Sheppard Lecture 2014**

March 20, 2014 Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues at Cumberland,
“**Since the Dawn of Time: Face to Face with Champlain**”, Jean-Luc Pilon, Curator, Ontario
Archaeology, Canadian Museum of Civilization. Anishinabeg (Algonquin) ancestors welcomed
Champlain on the grounds where the museum now stands on June 4, 1613.

March 26, 2014, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. *Shipwrecks of Theodosius Harbour, Istanbul*
The Chamber, Centre Point Theatre by Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centre Point Drive, Ottawa
Dr. Ufuk Kocabas, Director, Istanbul University Department of Marine Archeology, CIMS,
Embassy of Turkey.

April 10, 2014 Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues at Cumberland,
“**A summary of Golder’s archaeological investigations on Green Energy Projects in
Haldimand County**”, by Hugh Daechsel, Principal, Senior Archaeologist, Golder
Associates.

May 14-18. 2014 Annual Meeting, Canadian Archaeological Association, London Ontario
Information at www.canadianarchaeology.com

Note : This newsletter is later than usual in getting out to you - since January 8 I have been in
Florida with a quick trip back home in mid-February – but I have not been ignoring archaeology – in
fact March is Archaeology Month in Florida and I am staying in St Augustine where there is wealth
of history and archaeology. If you are interested to learn more please visit these web sites :
Archaeology Month – <http://flpublicarchaeology.org/FAM>
St. Augustine Archaeology Association – <http://saaa.shutterfly.com>
Marian Clark - Editor

**Please consult the OAS web site for a membership form for 2014
www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca**