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BONNECHERE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY DAY – MORE INSIDE**

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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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Cover Photo : at Bonnechere Park

Rob Macdonald, President, OAS, and André Miller, President, Ottawa Chapter OAS

Photo by Marian Clark

SUMMER 2014 – a great time for archaeology around the Valley

July 12 – Bonnechere Parks – Public Archaeology Day by Marian Clark

For me, the year cannot go by without a trip up the valley to Bonnechere Park on Round Lake. It must be approaching 20 years since we embarked on our journey with the Park and I have been blessed to have participated just about every year. This year was no exception. The Park generously provided two spacious campsites for us which soon became tent cities as members arrived for the weekend. The weather was wonderful (until Sunday morning!!!) and it meant a good turnout to our event on Saturday. A bonus this year was the presence of our esteemed leader Rob Macdonald, President of the OAS, accompanied by his wife Julie, who took time out from their vacation to spend a couple of days with us. Much conversation and brain storming took place around the campfire and at the event. It was just the kind of interaction these gatherings bring about and so beneficial for us all. The event itself was well attended by the public and campers and lots of fun was had introducing young and old to process and ways of archaeology. Thanks go to the Park and dedicated staff who were very attentive, and André Miller, Bill MacLennan, Stacey Girling-Christie, Rob and Julie Macdonald for making it all happen. Rachel Perkins, a past President of the Ottawa Chapter, arrived late on Saturday for the evening activities and Sunday's rain!!!! Rory MacKay, always a regular with us, was unfortunately not present, but rather he was further up the road at Algonquin Park for their anniversary celebrations – see next article for details.

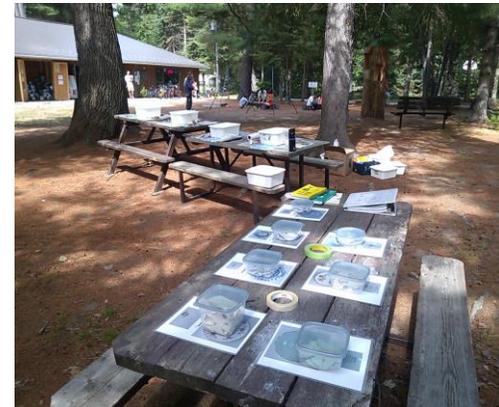
Another highlight for me was a stop in Pembroke where I had a great visit with Dave and Mary Croft. Dave was hoping to get to the event, but had sent his regrets. He is very engaged with what is going on in the OAS and asked to be remembered to everyone. He is happy to see people, so give a call if you are in the area.



André displays two new banners



Bill and Stacey demonstrate pottery making techniques



Artifact washing and ceramic mending demos ready to go

July 31st Another “Meet The Researcher Day” by Rory MacKay

July 31st was yet another opportunity to expose the public to the good work of our Ottawa Chapter of the OAS, the occasion being the sixth “Meet the Researcher Day” in Algonquin Provincial Park. By means of a presentation of our chapter’s archaeological efforts at sites along the Bonnechere River, and my own work on the Egan Farm and the Madawaska River camboose shanty, I provided the lone display of cultural heritage research amid the preponderance of biological research displays. Included in the display were the “Frequently Asked Questions About Archaeology” previously prepared for Chapter use.

About 575 people visited “Meet the Researcher Day”, with many stopping to engage in conversation about the archaeology day display, to talk about the Ottawa Chapter, or to just examine the images. A display of samples of ceramic types was popular. Fragments of three plates lay in disarray on a side table for most of the day, passed over by hundreds, until three teenagers simply could not stand seeing the plates incomplete. They spent the next half hour happily putting the plates back together again with masking tape. They left with a feeling of obvious accomplishment and my thanks.

As an added bonus, two individuals from a small town near the Park reported a site where chert flakes are being eroded out of an old river bank, now seasonally flooded by Bark Lake (outside the Park). We will see what else develops.

August 6 – Leamy Lake Park by Joyce Clark

The public was invited by Ian Badgley of the National Capital Commission, in collaboration with the Ville de Gatineau, to take part on August 9 and 10 in an archaeological excavation at Leamy Lake Park on a site where archaeologists are digging to learn more about its historic and pre-historic significance. OAS members worked at BiFw.18 on August 6 to help in preparation for the public dig. Photos by Joyce Clark



Chapter
Crew
Members
hard at
work



Project Director Ian Badgley supervises
!

Left to right
Denise Bourgeois, Michin Rossmann
Lois King, Bill MacLennan
Glenna Roberts, Karen Lochhead

Archaeology right here! On the weekend of **August 23-24, 2014**, if you walked, jogged or biked along the riverside path through **Vincent Massey Park** opposite Carleton University, you would have wondered what was being found by the dozen or more diggers of all ages, excavating in 1 metre squares, with trowels, shovels, screens, etc. You might have stopped and been given a brief lecture by the National Capital Commission archaeologist, Ian Badgley, about the traces of the pre-European people who stopped there at the foot of the portage around the rapids, probably frequently over the centuries, but particularly during the period c. 1000 C.E. – 1000 B.C.E. called the Middle Woodland. The fragments of decorated pottery, a slate spear point, a whetstone, all were diagnostic of that culture and dated to that period. You might have been inclined to try a little digging yourself, as many passers-by did, particularly parents and their young children. Stopping for a short time, they generally had to be content to find a few flakes of grey chert, where over a thousand years ago someone had chipped a few flakes from a core of stone to make a tool. These tiny chips were of Kichissippi chert, a favourite stone originating in the limestone in the Lac Leamy area, and they were found by the thousands. Even a single flake would have indicated a human presence when the soil was laid down, and then covered over by flood waters from the Rideau River and by a layer of construction debris from the pathway construction. There were a few chips of other stones which had originated in northern Quebec and the Ohio valley, indicating wide ranging travels or trade relations. Ian Badgley and members of the Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society will wash, catalogue and analyze the finds over the coming winter, and provide a report on the site next spring.

From the Archaeological Institute of America September Newsletter

Activity report, July 2013 – July 2014, Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society

Public Outreach: Over the past year, the Ottawa Chapter OAS took part in City of Ottawa heritage events: Heritage Day on February 4, 2014, and Colonel By Day on August 6, 2013, and August 4, 2014. At a hands-on display at the Bonnechere Provincial Park camp site, on July 16, 2014, Rob Macdonald, President OAS, joined André Miller, Ottawa Chapter president, and a group of chapter members for the park's Archaeology Day. Our most recent Archaeological Road Show took place in Barry's Bay last year on July 14, 2013. Local people were encouraged to come see displays of artifacts and talk to archaeologists, but also to bring any items they may have collected. Leads on two early sites were recorded.

August 2013 featured an Archéo Québec initiative, Le mois d'archéologie/Archaeology month, which crossed the Kichissippi (Ottawa River) to the Ontario side for the first time. The cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Bytown Museum, the National Capital Commission, Heritage Ottawa, Parks Canada, the Museum of Science and Technology, the Canadian Agricultural Museum, the Algonquin of Pikwakanagan and of Kitigan Zibi and GRAO (Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais), all were participants through displays, presentations, dig opportunities, talks and guided walks. The Ottawa Chapter, OAS, was particularly grateful to Rudy and Marg-Anne Fecteau, who brought archaeobotany displays to the Museum of Science and Technology.

August 2014 will see opportunities for the public (and chapter members) to excavate at two prehistoric sites on National Capital Commission land, one on the Ottawa River in Leamy Lake Park and the other on the Rideau River in Vincent Massey Park. It seems archaeology month has become an Ottawa tradition.

On October 5, 2013, in the morning OAS and the Archaeological Institute of America celebrated International Archaeology Day at the Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa, with displays and activities, including a new one for the Chapter, artifact washing, based on a donation to the Chapter of some historic materials. The mayor of Ottawa officially declared October 5 Archaeology Day in Ottawa, and the Algonquin of Pikwakanagan brought their display of Algonquin Life to the University. In the afternoon four students gave brief reports on their summer's field experiences entitled "From the Ground Up"; three had worked in Europe and one with Archaeological Services Incorporated in Ontario. Ian Badgley, archaeologist for the National Capital Commission, gave an illustrated presentation on depictions of indigenous peoples in early Canadian art.

The date for International Archaeology Day will be October 5 for 2014, and we hope the activities marking it will include similar cooperation with the institutions mentioned above and other archaeologically interested organizations. In this respect we are now planning a lecture at the Canadian War Museum along with the Archaeological Institute of America for November 18, 2014, at which Ron Williamson A.S.I. will present *Pain, Suffering and Death at Snake Hill: A Military Cemetery from the War of 1812*, with the participation of the Embassy of the United States of America.

Our web site, which includes information about archaeology in the Ottawa Valley as well as Chapter activities, is supplemented by Twitter and Face-book links. We find that distributing business cards at public events with our web-site address is an economical way to encourage people to look up further details about the Chapter and OAS on their computers. We receive several enquiries from the public each month on our contact@ottawaoas.ca address. In January 2012, the Chapter received a grant from the City of Ottawa Heritage Funding Program of \$3000. We used it to augment our supply of public outreach materials and are now accounting for it as in the terms of the grant.

Directors-at-large Ben Mortimer and Bradley Drouin presented workshops to elementary and secondary students on Ontario archaeology. André Miller continues 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). A number of Chapter members attended the 2013 symposium of the OAS at Niagara Falls, and André attended the annual forum of the Réseau Archéo-Québec in Lévis, Québec.

Chapter Activities: Speakers at our regular monthly meetings included:

André Miller, *Plaisance: Late Archaic in Petite Nation*; Manuel Lapensée-Paquette, *Deschenes Portage: 2,000 years of travelling*; Joe Last, *Protecting the Pink Bits: Developing the Martello Tower and its Role in the Defence of Kingston Harbour* (with AIA and the Canadian War Museum); Glenna Roberts, *Sites I saw, questions I asked: an AIA tour of Peru*; Bradley Drouin, *Flintknapping Workshop*; Jean-Luc Pilon, *Since the Dawn of Time: Face to Face with Champlain*; Hugh Daechsel, *A Summary of Golder's Archaeological Investigations on Green Energy Projects in Haldimond County*.

Our membership continues to hover between 60 and 70, about half of whom live in the immediate Ottawa area. About 20 attend our Thursday night monthly meetings and represent a core of long term supporters to accomplish our programs. At the Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration in December 2013, a new Executive Committee was elected. Two President's Certificates of Appreciation were presented in recognition of exceptional contributions to public archaeology: GRAO (Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais) Marcel Laliberté, Manuel Lapensée- Paquette and André Miller; and National Capital Commission – Ian Badgley.

Communication with members relies on direct e-mails from the president and on the *Ottawa Archaeologist* newsletter, published three or four times per year, distributed mainly by e-mail, also available on our web-site.

The Executive 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, **Newsletter Editor:** Marian Clark, **Webmaster:** Yvon Riendeau, **Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award:** Lois King. Chapter relationship with the OAS Board is strengthened by Jim Montgomery holding the position of OAS Treasurer.

Report on Chapter activities prepared for the OAS and the 2014 Annual General Meeting by Glenna Roberts, Past President

Descendant of early Bytown settler hopes to learn from remains

By Cary Mills, Ottawa Citizen.

The Rideau Canal was just opening when Mary Hardy arrived in Bytown with her husband and children, including a daughter born at sea, to start a North American life that would only last three years. As part of an Irish wave of immigrants, Hardy left Templemore in 1832 for a rugged life in what's now Hintonburg. She died three years later and was buried in Barrack Hill Cemetery, now Elgin, Metcalfe, Queen and Sparks streets.

Almost two centuries later, skeletons were unearthed below Queen Street during water main work last fall. The discovery sparked an investigation into who was buried in Bytown's first cemetery, why at least 18 people weren't moved and how to respect the remaining skeletons.

Earlier this year, the province's registrar of cemeteries, Michael D'Mello, set out to find related and religious representatives for those once buried at Barrack Hill, so they could oversee reburial. About a dozen people came forward claiming to be descendants, D'Mello said. But only one had enough evidence — Ruth Grant, a descendant of Hardy. "These people are going to give back to us a lot of knowledge about early Bytown, whoever they are," Grant said. "I don't think they're probably happy under a roadway. So they will give to us and we will give back to them, with a kind and pleasant resting place."

The Hardy family tree has been passed down for generations, Grant said, showing Hardy is her great-grandmother was a toddler when the family moved to Bytown. She later married Robert Grant, who was older than her parents. They had six children before he died in a fire that swept across Carleton County in 1870.

One of their sons, also named Robert Grant, went on to be minister of education. That MPP was Ruth Grant's great-grandfather and Hardy's grandson. "If her daughter hadn't married the original Grant, none of us would be here," said Grant, a 63-year-old retiree who lives in Ottawa and learned of the descendant search through a historical society.

Handwritten Anglican records state Hardy was buried on Nov. 19, 1835. No cause of death is given but childbirth and cholera are causes Grant has considered.

Another mystery is where Hardy's remains are now. Grant knew Hardy and possibly other relatives were once buried near Queen Street but questions what happened when the cemetery closed around 1845. At some point, Hardy's remains were supposed to move to a Sandy Hill cemetery. When that closed, the bones were supposed to be transferred again, to Beechwood Cemetery.

Markers, one for Hardy and another for her husband's second wife, are beside each other, fading in the grass at Beechwood Cemetery. Records state Hardy's second reburial happened there in 1889.

But Grant has doubts, partially because relatives were living on farms then, away from the cemetery. "Perhaps they ordered the stones to be moved," Grant said. "Or maybe they just moved the markers in all these cases ... I don't think they really enjoyed digging up bones."

As part of the reburial process now, the Canadian Museum of History will examine the Queen Street remains. DNA testing will be completed where possible, and Grant hopes to find out if she's related

to anyone left there. Regardless of the result, she said she'll be interested in the anthropological analysis, expected to determine more about the diets, jobs and health of early settlers, including canal workers. "I think we're going to learn a lot about the life struggles they had," Grant said.

Archaeological work will begin again Monday, as remains are carefully lifted from the ground, said senior archaeologist Ben Mortimer from Patterson Group. The company was contracted by Rideau Transit group because replacement of the 1874 water main precedes light rail transit work.

The remains found so far — 13 burials and five commingled remains, each belonging to at least one person — are close to the water main. As the search expands, it's expected more will be found in the area of the cemetery, where 508 people may have been buried after it opened around 1827, according to Mortimer's analysis of records.

The discovered burials, disturbed by development, have varying amounts of bones missing, Mortimer said. They were found a metre or less below the road. "There's always the possibility someone else was buried below, which was common practice at the time," he said.

There's no estimate on how many remains could still be found, in part because of possible stacking and cases like Hardy's, where there's some doubt she was moved.

"Historic cemeteries, for the most part in Ontario from that time period ... you're looking at about probably a 50-per-cent removal rate," Mortimer said. "So they usually left about half the people behind. They would have removed all the markers but left the bodies."

Mortimer worked on a reburial agreement between the city, Grant and religious representatives from Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian churches, which are involved because of the denominations of the dead. They will be reburied at Beechwood and there will be a re-interment ceremony in 2017, as part of the city's sesquicentennial celebrations.

"This is an appropriate way to do two things," said representative David Selzer, executive archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. "One is to honour those early ancestors of the city of Ottawa. Secondly, it's a way to, I would say, celebrate that they are resting in peace."

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September 18, Thursday 7:30 pm Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues,
Lower Town Ottawa

Stories in Stone with William A. (Bill) Fox

"Stories in Stone" presents a series of three vignettes concerning my experience with lithic studies in various parts of the world. It explains how I entered the field as a young U of T student, and describes three projects which introduced me to very different research questions.

Bill Fox is Adjunct Faculty Member, Graduate Program in Anthropology, Trent University, and Fellow, Trent University Archaeological Research Centre. Bill studied anthropology and archaeology at the universities of Toronto and McGill. He acted as Regional Archaeologist and Chief Archaeologist with the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications (1986-1992) and was Chief, Archaeological Services – Parks Canada in Winnipeg (1992-94). Since then he has been an avocational Research Associate with the Canadian Museum of Civilization/History, the Museum of Ontario Archaeology, the University of Western Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Ontario Old Sites Project and the Ancient Hunters on the Alpena-Amberley Ridge Project, University of Michigan. He is a former Vice-president and President of the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) and recipient of the OAS J. Norman Emerson Silver Medal in 2010. He is a member of the Peterborough Chapter OAS.

October 16, Thursday 7:30 pm Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues,
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Inuit Communities and the Reclaiming of Archival Photographs With Carol Payne

Carol Payne is Associate Professor of Art History, School for Studies in Art and Culture, Carleton University. "Views from the North," is a collaborative photo-based research program, developed by the Inuit post-secondary school Nunavut Sivuniksavut (NS), Carleton University and Library and Archives Canada. NS students are hired as researchers to interview elders in their home communities in the territory of Nunavut about archival photographs, made by the Canadian government from the 1940s-1960s.

Dr. Payne holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from York University and an M.A. and Ph. D. from Boston University. She has been the recipient of three major grants from the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada, most recently (2009-2012) a Northern Communities Strategic Research Grant. As well as teaching graduate and undergraduate courses on the history and theory of photography, she has published books and articles and conducted a seminar at the Canadian Museum of Civilization/History on aboriginal representation in photography. She is also a Research Associate with the Carleton Centre for Public History. Her two most recent publications are:

The Official Picture: The National Film Board of Canada's Still Photography Division and the Image of Canada, 1941-1971 (Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press 2013) and *The Cultural Work of Photography in Canada* co-editor Andrea Kunard (MQUP 2011).

November 25, Tuesday 7:30 pm Barney Danson Theatre, Canadian War Museum, Ottawa
In partnership with the Archaeological Institute of America and the Canadian War Museum

***Pain, Suffering and Death at Snake Hill: A Military Cemetery from the War of 1812
with Ronald F. Williamson***

Ron Williamson is founder and managing partner of Archaeological Services Inc., (ASI), Toronto, Ontario

The Snake Hill site was a military cemetery established during the American occupation of Old Fort Erie in 1814. Its archaeological exploration attracted great public interest and media attention on both sides of the border. Historical research and scientific analyses of the remains resulted in a remarkably detailed picture of life and death during the War of 1812. In July 1988, the remains of 28 American soldiers were ceremoniously repatriated to their homeland to a military cemetery in Bath, New York State.

Dr Williamson holds a PhD from McGill University in Anthropology and has published extensively on the pre-contact and colonial history of the Great Lakes Region. He published two volumes on the Snake Hill project, one scholarly and the other an accessible account of the amusing interplay between American, Canadian and civic officials as the project became increasingly complex. Other recent publications include an edited volume entitled *Toronto:*

An Illustrated History of Its First 12,000 Years, published by Lorimer Press in 2008 and a volume co-authored with Jennifer Birch entitled *The Mantle Site: An Archaeological History of an Ancestral Wendat Community*, published by AltaMira Press, New York in 2013. He recently completed articles for *Revista de Arqueologia Americana* on archaeological management planning in Ontario, for the *New Cambridge World Prehistory* on the past two thousand years of Northern North America and for the *Oxford Handbook on North American Archaeology* on Northern Iroquoians. The Snake Hill project remains his favourite project on his life list!

Thursday, December 11 – Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration!!!
6:30 - Party Room, 20 Driveway, Maclaren and the Canal.

Please consult the OAS web site for a membership form for 2014
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