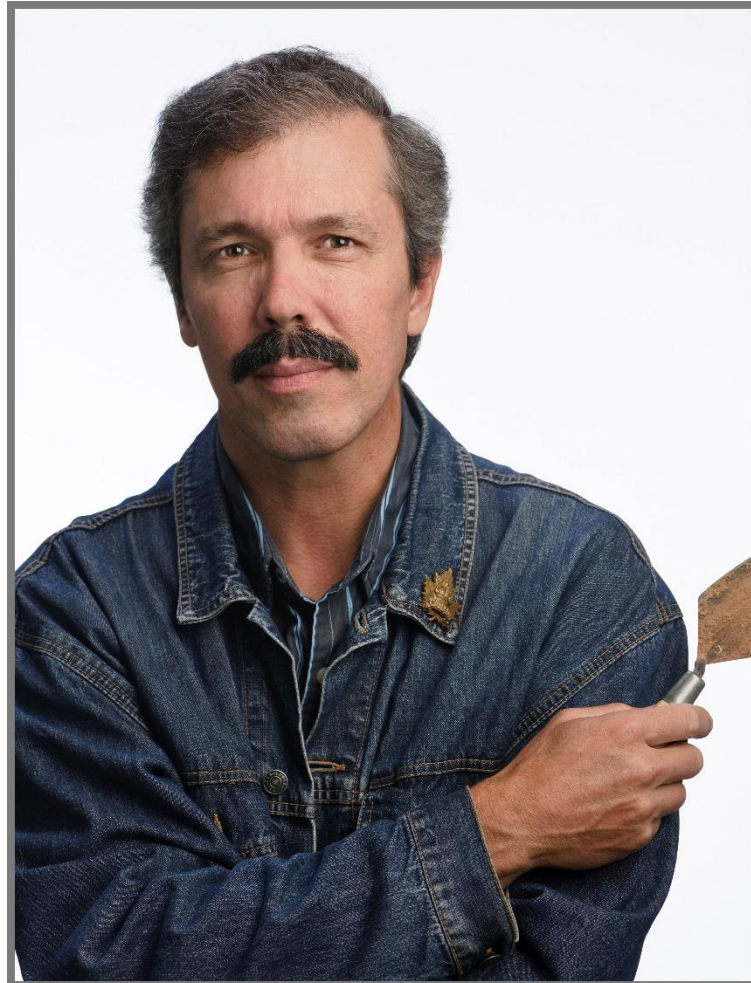


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## BACKGROUND

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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Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon  
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## Ontario Archaeological Society – Ottawa Chapter

### André Miller - President

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The best way to bring you up to date is to take a look back at 2015 and the many Chapter activities and programmes. Here is a recent summary report that I prepared for the Annual Meeting of the OAS in Midland.

**Public Outreach:** In 2015 the Ottawa Chapter OAS took part in several City of Ottawa events. Heritage Day on February 17, with informational displays and mingling with over 45 exhibitors, was organized by CHOO/COPO (Council of Heritage Organizations/le conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa.) Visitors found out how heritage is celebrated in our community; learned about services offered by local heritage organizations, public programs and special initiatives, as well as professional development and volunteer opportunities. We participated at Colonel By Day on the Civic Holiday, Monday August 3, 2015, at the entrance locks to the Rideau Canal. In mid-August members manned a display at Pinhey's Point, a historic house in west-end Ottawa. These activities complemented Archéo-Québec's *le mois d'archéologie*, which crossed the Kichissippi (Ottawa River) for the second time. The cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Museum of History, the Bytown Museum, the National Capital Commission, Heritage Ottawa, the Algonquin of Pikwakanagan and of Kitigan Zibi and GRAO (Groupe de recherché archéologique de l'Outaouais), all were participants through displays, presentations, dig opportunities, talks and guided walks.

On a hot summer day, July 11, 2015, with a hands-on display, a ceramic workshop and pot making at Bonnechere Provincial Park, three Ottawa members took part in Archaeology Day, Lois King, Bill MacLennan, treasurer and André Miller, President.

We had an activity and display at the University of Ottawa for International Archaeology Day, October 4, in partnership with the Archaeological Institute of America, where students told of their experiences on summer excavations, «*From the Ground Up*». The invited guest speaker was Chapter executive member, Ben Mortimer, who spoke on the Barracks Hill cemetery discovered during excavations for the Light Rail Transitway.

**Excavation:** The Ottawa Chapter OAS, was particularly grateful in August 2015 to have opportunities for chapter members to surface collect and excavate at a prehistoric site on the Ottawa River in Leamy Lake Park under the direction of Ian Badgley, archaeologist for the National Capital Commission.

**Communication:** Twitter, Facebook and Meet-up links supplement our direct e-mails and web site, which includes information about archaeology in the Ottawa Valley as well as

Chapter activities. The distribution of 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. We receive several enquiries from the public each month on our [contact@ottawaoas.ca](mailto:contact@ottawaoas.ca) address. The *Ottawa Archaeologist* newsletter, published several times per year, is distributed mainly by e-mail and is available on our web site.

André Miller continues to represent the OAS Ottawa Chapter on the Board of Directors of AAQ (Association des archéologues professionnels du Québec) as Advisor in Organisational Health and Safety (OHS) and Webmaster. He and several chapter members attended the annual symposium of the OAS at Midland.

**Chapter Activities:** Our regular meetings were held at the Routhier Community Centre. They included:

- Thursday, January 22, 2015, Jacquie Fisher, Fisher Archaeological Consulting, presented a background comprehensive explanation with an illustrated presentation of the site BiFw 101 in Vincent Massey Park; followed by *Workshop on materials excavated in August 2014 at BiFw 101, Vincent Massey Park*, by Ian Badgley, Archaeologist, National Capital Commission.
- Thursday, February 19, *Ottawa's "Lost" Cemetery: Preliminary Findings from the Barrack Hill Burial Ground Investigation*, by Ben Mortimer, Senior Archaeologist and Associate, Paterson Group Consulting Engineers, Ottawa; and Dr. Janet Young, Curator, Physical Anthropology, Canadian Museum of History.
- Thursday, March 19, *Geological Attractions in and near the National Capital Region* by Al Donaldson, chair, Ottawa-Gatineau Geoheritage Project.
- Thursday, April 16, *The Treasures of the Archives of the University of Ottawa*; by Michel Prévost, Chief Archivist, University of Ottawa; President, Historical Society of the Outaouais.
- Thursday, September 17, a guided tour and lecture at the Canadian Museum of History, on *The Greeks: From Agamemnon to Alexander*.
- Thursday, October 1, 2015, Professor Hugh Elton, Trent University, addressed the topic of *Siege Warfare in Late Antiquity* partnering with AIA at the Canadian War Museum.

Our membership hovers between 50 and 60, about half of whom live in the Ottawa area and represent both a core of long-term supporters to accomplish our programs and new interested members of the public.

The really good news of 2015 was the Awards presentation at the OAS Annual Meeting in Midland. Ottawa Chapter members and our fellow OAS members walked away with a bevy of awards at the annual Symposium this year. The J.V. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award 2015 went to Dr. Jean-Luc Pion. The Killarney Award for Outstanding Service went to Ellen Blaubergs long standing Chapter member and OAS volunteer. Our own Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award was presented to Peterborough Chapter member Dirk Verhulst. A big thank you to Lois King and Duncan Campbell for preparing the 2015 Peggi Armstrong Public Award, without them it wouldn't be possible. Also a big thank you to Michel Cadieux for the reproduction. These projects take a lot of coordination, logistics, listening and the very good help of the members and friends.

**J.V. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award 2015  
Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon**



**Sheryl Smith presents the J.V. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award to Jean-Luc Pilon**

(excerpt from OAS Awards presentation)

It has been said by friends and colleagues alike that Jean-Luc Pilon lives and breathes the long history of Canada in a way that deserves our admiration and recognition.

Jean-Luc demonstrates the highest levels of scholarship and professional involvement within the archaeology community. In addition to his role as Curator of Central Archaeology at the Canadian Museum of History, he has also been involved with the Canadian Archaeological Association, the Ontario Archaeological Society (including as President) and the Ottawa Chapter. His meaningful contributions as a speaker and in print can be seen at the national, provincial and local level. Jean-Luc has also been involved in archaeology outside of Canada, including Europe, Central and South America, and is a member of the Archaeology Committee of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. He has conducted archaeological research in Patagonia at the southern tip of the South American continent.

Coupled with his work in Canada's north, he has essentially worked as equally far north of the equator as south.

The range of Jean-Luc's scholarship deserves high praise. He has written on everything from the earliest time periods of Canada's history right up to the history of Canada's archaeologists. He has written an impressive number of publications, including national and international journals. He is an author, editor and he is multi-lingual. Jean-Luc's contributions are further enhanced by this collaborative approach to digital projects, and his ongoing support of his colleagues by lending his wide reaching expertise. Jean-Luc received his education at both the University of Toronto and Université Laval, obtaining his PhD from U of T. Dr. Pilon is currently an Adjunct Professor with Carleton University in Ottawa.

Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon's life work has consistently been of the highest standard. He has made, and continues to make, exceptional contributions to development and discovery within archaeology, here in Ontario and beyond. His example has undoubtedly been an inspiration to many within the archaeology community.

Without question, it is with great honour and congratulations that we bestow the inaugural J.V. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award to the much deserving Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon.

### **The Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award**



**Tom Mohr, Peterborough Chapter, presents the PAPA award to Dirk Verhulst**

**Lois King, PAPA Award Administrator**

For the first time since 2011, we have had the pleasure to announce a winner of the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award. Mr. Dirk Verhulst of Peterborough is the 2015 recipient of the Peggi Award. The selection committee was ably chaired by Jim Montgomery with Abbey Flower and Brenda Kennett as the other members. A slight redesign of the physical award has been made with the assistance of André Miller.



Dirk Verhulst is a charter member of the OAS Peterborough Chapter, serving as Secretary and newsletter editor. Now retired from a career in secondary education, Dirk continues as an educator. His articles for “The Peterborough Examiner” include a series on the excavations at Serpent Mounds. He has recently developed a teaching tool to foster public awareness of regional archaeology and its practitioners, to be published later this year. The successful grant applications he has authored have enabled the funding of a variety of interpretative materials and outreach activities.

In planning for the 2014 OAS Symposium, Dirk worked hard to forge partnerships with many local museums, educational institutions, and cultural groups. The resulting Archaeology Week was a great success. Dirk was instrumental in the development and implementation of Peterborough’s archaeological policy and serves on the city’s Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory committee. Dirk’s many volunteer activities, dedication to the ideals of education, commitment to teamwork, and extensive community connections have made a significant contribution to the Society and to its public archaeology objectives.

**Killarney Award for Outstanding Service (1)**  
**Winner: Ellen Blaubergs**

(excerpt from OAS Awards Presentation )

Ellen Blaubergs is a 35 year member of the Ontario Archaeological Society. The organization has benefited from her hard work and good humour in many ways over the years. She served on the Board of Directors for five years, and she worked as the Executive Director in 1997-1998. In 2003 she stepped up and organized the annual symposium in Orillia after previously held plans fell through at the last minute. She has played an active role in outreach events in Toronto and at Bonnechere Provincial Park, despite the distance from Orillia. However, a very important contribution that she has made in recent years has been the organization of the silent auction at the annual symposium. The OAS depends on income from events like the symposium, and it is a rare person who volunteers for fundraising activities. The silent auction is a significant fundraiser for the organization that requires much advance planning. Thank you, Ellen

**Other award winners !**

Norma Knowlton, Toronto Chapter – The Killarney Award for Outstanding Service (2)

Dr. Conrad Heidenreich - The J. Norman Emerson Silver Medal

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - The Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management

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**Elizabeth Imrie** reports on the Joint symposium of the Ontario Archaeological Society and the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, Midland, Ontario October 16 to 18.

This year's symposium was impressive and wide-ranging. The symposium title, **Circles of Interaction: The Wendat and their Neighbours in the Time of Champlain**, presented an opportunity for participants to examine the relationships between the Wendat who inhabited the region, the French and their other neighbours in the area.

The present Huron-Wendat Nation hosted a day-long conference session which investigated the relationship between the Wendat and the St. Lawrence Iroquois. This eventually hostile relationship apparently led to the dispersal of the Wendat people from the area in 1649. Questions do remain concerning other possible factors which may have contributed to the abandonment of their land. Descendants in Canada can be found in the Midland area and in Wendake, now located within Quebec City. Composed of approximately 3,000 members, the latter group is attempting to promote the study and use of the the Wyandot language. Thirty of their membership attended the symposium and actively participated in all aspects of the program. Members from the three existing Wendat groups in the United States also attended and it is clear that these four groups value their connections and appear anxious to maintain and encourage informal meetings in the future. Certainly their presence at the symposium was greatly appreciated and added another dimension to our various events. I think that in some way we all feel a certain Wendat connection.



One of the tours offered to participants was to archaeological sites in the area, led by archaeologist, Jamie Hunter. Ossossane, considered to be a principal settlement with a double palisade and several long houses, provided a vivid picture of life in a prehistoric Wendat village. The ongoing excavation is under the direction of archaeologist Alicia Hawkins who presented a description of two villages side by side, but separated in time by at least 100 years. It is encouraging to note that students from Laurentian University have the opportunity to work on the site. Tours of the Huronia Museum, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and the Martyrs' Shrine Museum and Archives added greatly to the picture of life in Huronia and increased our understanding of the role of the many players and factors present in the region at that time.



**Stacey Girling-Christie, Ottawa Chapter Vice-President,  
at the information table for the Canadian Museum of History, OAS Symposium**

## NEWS AND NOTES AND COMING EVENTS

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See our links from the Chapter's web site [www.ottawaoas.ca](http://www.ottawaoas.ca)

Unless otherwise noted all Chapter meetings take place the third Thursday of the month at the City of Ottawa Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues St. corner Cumberland St. Main Floor, parking available.

**November 19** Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues St. Ottawa  
*A Cultural Landscape under our Feet*  
Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon Curator, Central Archaeology

A recent archival discovery dispelled any lingering doubts about the location of an ancient communal burial containing the remains of at least 20 individuals. For more than a century and a half, it was believed to have been in the vicinity of Lebreton Flats. But the documents, signed by Dr. Edward Van Cortlandt, are quite clear; the burial ground was near the current location of the Canadian Museum of History. This new bit of information caused us to take a step back and review all that was known of pre-contact use of the north shore of the Ottawa River and the picture which emerged will be revealed to you during the presentation.

**November 27** - Sherbrooke Quebec, Archéo-Québec

You are invited to the 16th annual meeting of Archéo-Québec, the 27th of November in Sherbrooke, Quebec. The event will take place at the Museum of Science and Nature with the theme « De la recherche archéologique à la diffusion et la mise en valeur ». A tour of the exhibition *Clovis, Caribou Hunters*, followed by a workshop and reception, is included. For schedule of presentations and to register please contact: Theresa Gabos, Coordonnatrice 514-872-7720, [info@archeoquebec.com](mailto:info@archeoquebec.com)

**December** - Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration – date and venue to advised.

**December** - Call for nominations for Executive positions of the Ottawa Chapter. Please consider participating in your Chapter Executive. Nominations may be made in advance or at the Annual General Meeting. If nominating someone, they must be in good standing with the Chapter and OAS and must agree that their name stand. Please contact Ottawa OAS@gmail.com with the heading « Nominating Committee » for more information.