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SUMMER GET TOGETHER  
For  
PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT  
BONNECHERE PROVINCIAL PARK

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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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 Left to right Rory MacKay, Bill MacLennan, Stacey Girling Christie  
 Marian Clark, Glenna Roberts, Andre Miller  
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**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

*Archaeology is fascinating to people when it is communicated to them in plain language.*  
*William H. Marquardt*

Ottawa Archaeology Outreach Events, Summer 2016 – It was busy and exciting – and great weather too! The following events and activities kept us going throughout the summer.

First up was Bonnechere Provincial Park’s Annual Archaeology Day on the shores of Round Lake. Overnight camp sites were made available to Chapter Members on Friday and Saturday nights. We got one right on the river with a nice view ! Inclement weather forced activities indoors to the Davenport Centre which meant that the programme was more focussed. We had the clay pottery workshop, the vessel reconstruction workshop and a display of some of the artifacts from Chapter digs at Bonnechere. Rory MacKay, Bill MacLennan, Glenna Roberts, André Miller, Marian Clark, and Stacey Girling-Christie and Lorne Sheridan and Hannah Whitehorne were on hand to help out. Here are some photos of our archaeo participants.



A young camper showing off a clay vessel – made with coil wrap technique



Andre and Hannah mending china – a key task in the reconstruction of vessels

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The day would not be possible without the help of Park Staff who quickly reorganized the venue because of rain – and brought it all indoors. We also were able to set up some display from digs in the Park in previous years, and show off awards and mementoes of our events. Rory MacKay brought his collection of posters and displays of historic archaeology and engaged the public in stories and conversations about the Park and the settlements along the Little Bonnechere River.



Tara Keels, Stephanie McCullough and Mackenzie Schmidt Park Staff enjoying the activities – thanks for the help !!



The Friends of Bonnechere Parks Award plate given to the Chapter for all our support of their projects over the years. Sample reports, certificates, artifacts and tools of the trade – all part of the fun !!

Next up was Pinhey's Point Historic Site, Dunrobin, Monday July 25, with a lecture by Randy Boswell, Ottawa Citizen, "Ottawa Archaeology in the Age of the Gentleman Amateur."

On Colonel By Day, Monday August 1, the By-Town Museum once again hosted displays and activities along the Rideau Canal from Wellington Street to Lock #1, Ottawa. Ottawa Chapter OAS members displayed artifacts and literature on Ontario archaeology and engaged with the public and handed out OAS web-site business cards. Lois King, Glenna Roberts, Stacey Girling-Christie participated.

Civic Holiday Long Weekend, Ottawa Chapter President, André Miller, assisted Peterborough Chapter OAS with displays at the Gemboree in Bancroft, Ontario.

August 1-2, 22-23, Moore Farm Estate, Gatineau, Québec, Public Archaeology conducted by Ian Badgley, National Capital Commission..

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On Friday August 5 at Ottawa River beach in Leamy Lake Park, Gatineau, Québec. A smudging ceremony was conducted by Kirby White Duck of Algonquin-Anishinabe of Kitigan Zibi, to launch the Public Archaeology excavation conducted by Ian Badgley of the NCC. The event was covered by local TV.

And finally on Saturdays August 20 and 27, the Kettle Island Clean Up took place. Ottawa Chapter President, André Miller, in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy and the Ottawa Riverkeeper, led tours emphasizing Ottawa River Pre-Contact period and the fragility of archaeological heritage.

## **NEWS AND NOTES AND COMING EVENTS**

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

October 2 - International Archaeology Day - visit a museum, join a dig it is your day !

October 7 – 9 Annual Conference, Council for Northeastern Historic Archaeology,  
Ottawa, Ontario A full weekend of lectures, tours and treats !  
[www.cneha.org/conference.html](http://www.cneha.org/conference.html) and Happy Thanksgiving !!

October 20 7:30 "Wampum", Jonathan Lainey, Canadian Museum of History, presentation and meeting of the Chapter members, Routhier Centre

November 16, 10 a.m Wednesday Radio Carbon Dating Lab, University of Ottawa,

November 4 – 6 Conference and Annual General Meeting Ontario Archaeological Society,  
Waterloo, Ontario

December 15, Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration, Ottawa Chapter OAS  
Party Room, 20 Driveway

