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Canadian Archaeological Association
to Ottawa-Gatineau**

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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. Schepanek, Mr. and Mrs. Iain Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson, Dr. James V. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Lou H. Wylie.

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THE CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION – AN INVITATION

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50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The CAA 2017 Organizing Committee is delighted to announce that the 50th annual meeting of the CAA will be held in Ottawa-Gatineau from **May 10 to May 13, 2017**. The meeting will be hosted by the Canadian Museum of History. The conference venue will be the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre in Gatineau, directly across the river from downtown Ottawa and immediately opposite the Museum.

Not only will this be the 50th annual meeting of the CAA, but it will be held in our National Capital Region during Canada's 150th year. We are excited to be a part of this unique opportunity to showcase our country's rich cultural heritage.

We have put together an exciting program of academic sessions and social events, including a chance to see the new Canadian History Hall before it officially opens to the public on July 1, 2017, behind-the-scenes tours of the largest and most diverse collection of Canadian archaeological material in the country, and a banquet in the Museum's beautiful Grand Hall.

Please follow this link to learn more about the program.

<http://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting>

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Many Ottawa Chapter members – Jean-Luc Pilon, Andre Miller, Ben Mortimer, Hugh Daechsel, Ken Swayze and other area archaeologists will be participating in this landmark conference as

presenters and many others as participant and volunteers. For more program information go to <https://canadianarchaeology.com/caa/annual-meeting/session-schedule/schedules-sessions-2017-caa#thursday>

Help is still needed so if you would like to volunteer please contact Stacey Girling-Christie at stacey.girling@museedelhistoire.ca

Family Day, February 21 at City Hall – Ottawa Chapter meets the public



Bob Smith and Elizabeth Imrie served up lots of information at Family Day 2017 – a key spot for the Chapter to interact with the public – something we are very good at !!!

Coming up

May 19, 2017 - Celebrate the opening of the Rideau Canal at Jones Falls Lock Station. The Chapter will be represented along with other organizations and communities – a special event for Canada's 150th and announcing free use of the locks along the Rideau System all summer long - time to go boating! Take Highway 15 south past Elgin then turn west onto Jones Falls Road, if you get to Morton you just missed it!

Jones Falls Locks 39-42 – southwest of the present dam

.....Prior to the construction of the canal, the water from Sand Lake drained through a series of rapids and shallows, over a distance of 1,833 yards (1,676 metres). These rapids were originally known as Long Falls, plunging through a windy ravine characterized by high rocky banks. There were no significant waterfalls. The total drop of water over the 1 mile (1.6 km) distance was 59 feet (18.0 m) to the level of water in the "Drowned Lands," lands flooded below Jones Falls by the pre-canal mill dams at Morton and the Round Tail (foot of Cranberry Lake). A 1,500 yard (1370 m) portage bypassed these rapids on the east side, from the foot of Eel Bay of Sand Lake to the foot of the rapids, located just upstream of the present day bridge near the Hotel Kenney. Near the lower end of the ravine, just to the southwest the present day dam, was Macdonald's Snie, (or Macdonald's Gully) a dry flood channel some 677 yards (619 m) in length.



The area at the time was a wilderness. The rapids were named after Charles Jones of Brockville, the absentee landlord who had been granted land at the head of the rapids (foot of Eel Bay), but had never occupied it. The main portion of the rapids flowed over land granted to Nancy Knapp, another absentee landlord. The base of the rapids was on land held as Crown Reserve.

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Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Park an Ottawa Chapter Tradition

Saturday July 29, 2017



Andre Miller helping Hannah Whitehorne learn about vessel reconstruction
at Bonnechere Archaeology Day 2016

Chapter members have been part of Bonnechere Parks summer events for over 20 years. Spend the weekend with us enjoying the Park, swimming, canoeing, talking to the public ! Our group will be camping and sharing stories around the bonfire! Come on out and join the fun as we deliver a varied program of displays, demonstrations and interactive activities for young and old. No experience necessary!!!

Other events this year

- July 1 Celebrate Canada's 150th wherever you may be !!!
- September 21 Routhier Centre, Nadine Kopp, Parks Canada, on Barracks Hill.
- October 19 Routhier Centre- topic to be confirmed
- November OAS Annual Meeting and Conference – date and location to be advised
- November 16 Routhier Centre, Janet Young, Canadian Museum of History – to be confirmed
- December 14 Chapter AGM and Seasonal Celebration

Have a great summer 2017 !!