

THE OTTAWA ARCHAEOLOGIST



Talking Up Public Archaeology
Jeff Earl and Art Shaw
At the March Meeting
(see page 3 below for details)

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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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Our *Cover Story* The Lansdowne Ironworks National Historic Site**Here is a synopsis of the story:**

It was known by 1784 that an iron deposit was situated about 2 miles from a 16' waterfall on the Gananoque River. After prolonged competition for the privilege of opening an iron smelter, in 1800 the Executive Council of Upper Canada gave their blessing to the proposal by Wallis Sunderlin of Tinmouth Vermont. By 1802 a water powered blast furnace was in operation on the east bank of the river, and 1200 acres of land were granted to Sunderlin to supply charcoal for the furnace. At the same time a bridge was built across the river, a saw mill erected, and a forge with trip hammer was built on the west bank to manufacture wrought iron for the Royal Navy dockyards at Kingston, as well as local blacksmiths. At its height, it was said to produce a ton of cast iron per day and 400 lbs of wrought iron. The location became known as Furnace Falls, and boasted a hotel with a 10 gallon still, and several houses. A grist mill had been added before the whole industrial complex was destroyed by fire in 1811. Wallis Sunderlin died the same year. The iron works was never rebuilt. This was the first iron smelter in Upper Canada. In 1828 new saw and grist mills were built on the east bank. In 1846, Furnace Falls was renamed Lyndhurst. In 1857 a beautiful stone 3-arch bridge was built over the river very close by, which is now the oldest bridge in Ontario. By 1870 there were sawmills and grist mills on both sides of the river, and in 1912 a hydro generator was installed in the mill on the west bank. The last remnants of the furnace stack were demolished in 1881 to build a new grist mill on the east bank, which was demolished in 1960. The mills on the west bank burned down in 1953. In 1932 the Historic Sites and Monuments Board designated it a National Historic Site and erected a stone cairn. In 2008 a Stage 1 Archaeological report was written and the site registered on the Ontario registry as BdGa-37. In late 2016, the Township of Leeds & 1000 Islands purchased the west bank for parkland and possible archaeological exploration. Sesquicentennial Archaeological project In the Spirit of Canada's Sesquicentennial, The Municipal Heritage Committee for Leeds & 1000 Islands, in conjunction with the Lyndhurst Rejuvenation Committee, proposes to conduct Archaeological Research on the properties described in the Stage 1 Report of 2008. An application is being prepared to Parks Canada for a Cost

**Sharing Program which will pay 50% of the cost up to \$25,000. We have to raise an equal amount to match the grant.
(This request for donations is from the organizers of the dig not the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS.)**

Here are two web sites concerning the dig with lots of photos.

<http://deltamill.org/ironworks>/<http://www.lyndhurstvillage.ca/>

And photos below of the audience in rapt attention at the talk by Jeff Earl and Art Shaw.



Talk by Art Shaw (second from left) and Jeff Earl (see top photo) with interested club members

Two Presidents



Steve Cumba and Marian Clark

I had the chance to meet up – after many years – with Steve Cumbaa, like myself, a Past President of the Ottawa Chapter.

The occasion was a PD day tour of the collections at the Canadian Museum of Nature Research Centre for my two grandchildren. It was fascinating, exciting and at times overwhelming to see specimens millions of years old from across North and South America. Perhaps I can persuade Steve to do another tour for our members at some future date. Although retired, Steve is Researcher Emeritus, Palaeobiology at the Canadian Museum of Nature and is actively continuing his research.

Check out a video overview of the collections at <https://nature.ca/en/research-collections/collections>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues Avenue, Ottawa, ON, at the north end of the Byward Market. Meetings commence at 7:30 p.m. on the Third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will start on September 20th, 2018.

July 13-15 - Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Provincial Park - Join fellow Chapter members at Bonnechere Park for some fun, sun and public archaeology. Enjoy interacting with the campers and sharing your enthusiasm for archaeology. If you have an activity to contribute let us know. There will be 2 campsites set aside for us and one rustic cabin where we can congregate and have access to the River with a canoe, easy meals with a BBQ and space to enjoy a different part of the Park. Please contact the President or any other Executive member at **ottawaoas@gmail.com** to let us know **by July 10th** that you are coming for the week-end.

August 6, 2018 Colonel By Day

The next Colonel By Day takes place on the Civic Holiday Monday, August 6, 2018 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the entrance locks to the Rideau Canal beside the Bytown Museum, just west of the Chateau Laurier.

Festivities begin at 11:00 am with an opening procession. Live entertainment will be presented throughout the day, with performances by local musicians, dancers, other costumed characters along with other activities. Admission to the Bytown Museum will be free from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help publicize the activities of the Ottawa Chapter of OAS. Contact: ottawaoas@gmail.com

September 20, 2018 We resume our regular meetings at the Routhier Centre.

October 18-21 Council of Northeastern Historic Archaeology, Halifax N.S.
<https://cneha.org/conference.html>

November 9–11 45th Annual Symposium OAS Chatham Ontario – see OAS website for details as they are posted.

Connections and Pathways through the Past

2018 OAS Symposium - Chatham-Kent

The OAS Board of Directors is happy to announce the date, location and theme of the 45th Annual OAS Symposium. This year's symposium will be held at the Chatham-Kent John D. Bradley Convention Center, in Chatham, Ontario, from November 9-11, 2018.

The conference will explore the theme of "Connections and Pathways through the Past." Come and explore the historic "Forks" of the Thames River and MacGregor Creek, a meeting place for Indigenous people, War of 1812 battle site, connection point on the Underground Railroad and mecca of early Black settlement.

**The Call for Papers is now active! - See the OAS web site for details:
www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca**

Obituary - March 22, 2018

Louie Kamookak, 58, respected teacher and Inuit oral historian, and Honorary Vice-President of The Royal Canadian Geographical Society, died this morning in hospital in Yellowknife. He was instrumental, through his family's oral histories and his longstanding personal research, in pointing out the location of the

"Erebus", one of Sir. John Franklin's sunken ships.

For his services to the Franklin cause, in both exploration and the preservation of traditional knowledge, the Royal Canadian Geographic Society (RCGS) gave the title "honorary vice-president" to Mr. Kamookak in 2016. It's one of the highest honours the organization can bestow.

RCGS CEO, John Geiger said, "He was incredibly important to the society. Louie was ... the last great Franklin searcher. He's someone who devoted decades of his life ... to educating young people. He's educated people across Canada and across the world." The society has established the Louie Kamookak Medal for noteworthy activity in making Canada's geography

better known to Canadians or abroad, or for advancing the discipline of geography. It will be awarded to Mr. Kamookak posthumously. He was invested as a member of the Order of Nunavut in 2016 and an officer of the Order of Canada in 2017



**Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award
Guideline for Nominations**

Name of Nominator:

_____ (must be a member of the Ontario Archaeological Society)

Name of Nominee: individual, group or institution who has contributed significantly to Public Archaeology in Ontario as defined below. If the nominee is a professional, the contribution to public archaeology should be above and beyond what is normally expected of the position.

Criteria by which the nominee for the award will be judged:

1. Stimulates public interest in the study of archaeology.
2. Promotes awareness of cultural resources and heritage preservation;
3. Fosters efforts to advance the ethical practice of archaeology.

Please attach a letter addressing each of the above criteria that pertain to the nominee. For each of the criteria please include as appropriate:

- a) the nature and size of audience reached;
- b) methods used;
- c) development of innovative materials or activities.;
- d) demonstration of tangible results;
- e) scope of public archaeology events, partnership or sponsorships;
- f) any other relevant information

Please document with photos, printed materials or third party support where possible.

Nominations should be forwarded to:

Selection Committee, Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award
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Longtime Newsletter Editor:

It's time to say a big thank-you to Marian Clark for her faithful service to the Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society as Editor of the Ottawa Archaeologist over many years. No, she's not disappearing completely - just taking a break from Newsletter activities. You will see her at our annual Bonnechere Archaeology Day washing and mending artifacts and hopefully at our fall meetings.

So THANK YOU, MARIAN!!!!

From all the Ottawa Chapter Members.

Cover Photo: Courtesy of Marian Clark

This Newsletter was put together by Karen Lochhead, with help from Marian Clark, members of the Ottawa Chapter Executive and a read headed assistant elf.
May, 2018.