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Heather Stronach and Jean-Luc Pilon receiving Chapter members at the Canadian Museum of Civilization for a visit of "Secret Riches: Ancient Peru Unearthed" on March 13, 2008. Photo courtesy of André Miller.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Heather Stronach



The good weather is coming..... we have already had a taste of it! With the new season upon us, the Chapter is gearing up for summer activities. Be sure to take a look at André's column because there is a new opportunity this year.

In this issue you can read about Cara's continuing work on the electronic archive of Chapter holdings; an opportunity to submit nominations for the PAPA award and to contribute to the Gordon and Margaret Watson Bursary.

The Executive would like to thank Jim Molnar for spearheading the production of the 2005 OAS Symposium proceedings. It is a handsome finished product. We also would like to extend thanks to Jean-Luc Pilon for a most interesting tour of *Secret Riches – Ancient Peru Unearthed* – a recent exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. We have been planning ahead and we have lined up another year of a variety of speakers and activities for the Chapter's monthly General Meeting. Keep an eye on the Chapter website over the summer as we post this information.

On a slightly different note, Chapters of the OAS (along with any partners) take turns planning the annual OAS Symposium. At the Symposium in Kingston last year, the Ottawa Chapter offered to spearhead the OAS Symposium for the year 2011. To remain focussed on planning that Symposium and, at the same time, to continue to offer existing and expanding Chapter activities, the Chapter Executive has prepared a Strategic Plan to guide the Chapter through the next few years. To keep you informed, you will find the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan set out in this newsletter.

The next step is to prepare the Operational Plan which will stipulate the specific actions to be taken, timelines along the way, people required to lead the various tasks, and any hurdles to be overcome so that the Chapter can achieve the goals and objectives that have been set. It is ambitious, but the Executive feels that it is an important piece in moving forward in the next few years.

The last Chapter meeting before the summer break is, traditionally, a social gathering. This year we will continue with that tradition on May 8th 'Chez Glenna'. For time and directions, see the invitation on the next page. I look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you a fun-filled, healthy and happy summer,

Warm Regards,
Heather

INVITATION

Please join us for the Ottawa Chapter's
next General Meeting and Spring Party on
Thursday, **May 8th**, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
Our host Glenna Roberts will welcome us at 20 Driveway.
Please bring a tasty treat and your photos and stories to share,
beverages will be provided.
Hope to see you then!

(Glenna's building is situated at the canal end of McLaren Street. Parking is available on the street or in the lot on the north side of building. By Rapid Transit bus, exit at Campus station, cross the canal by the new Somerset foot bridge. Glenna's building is the high rise building on the left (i.e. south of Somerset)

Call 613-235-7358 for further directions, if needed.

OAS OTTAWA STORAGE INVENTORY UPDATE

Cara Pelletier, Director-at-Large

This year's special project is the Ottawa OAS Storage Inventory. Various members of the Ottawa Executive have put time and energy into listing what we have in storage at the Diefenbunker: posters, banners, artifact reproductions and casts, displays, educational kits, dig kits, camp kits, and publications. But it all needs to be organized in a user-friendly way, and with a loan procedure for easy circulation. This is where I come in.

All of the objects fit into categories, which are then listed in detail as a log (spreadsheet), electronically and then printed out periodically. As this happens virtually with the spreadsheet, it is also reflected in the storage room. In the real space at the Diefenbunker, boxes will be grouped according to categories and then assigned specific numbers/letters for easy reference and use. I-A, I removed a chunk here. The organizational list will be posted clearly, and colour-coded. A circulation log will keep track of the "ins" and "outs". Working the same way as a library system, it will help the Chapter endure and flourish in the present age and continue to provide vital services like Public Archaeology Days to the members, and provide steam for Outreach, Advocacy, and Education. This job is ongoing, and the bulk of the re-organization will take place over the next few months and throughout the Summer. It's a good thing, too, because I have a feeling that OAS activities are going to be so popular that we'll fully need it by then!

If any members are interested in helping out, there are opportunities here. Please contact me at caralouisepelletier@yahoo.ca or 613-263-0427.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2008-2011

VISION: The Ottawa Chapter of the OAS acts as a reference in archaeology in the region.

MISSION: The Ottawa Chapter is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to raising awareness of archaeology in the region through competent, effective and professional education, outreach, advocacy, communication and recognition, while providing a well-maintained and efficient infrastructure.

Strategic Goal 1 – Education – Raise awareness of archaeology, the Ontario Archaeological Society and the Ottawa Chapter by providing stimulating archaeological opportunities to Chapter members and the public – in the field, in the classroom, at ‘heritage’ events, Chapter meetings and OAS Symposia.

Objectives:

1. Provide outreach programmes for all ages.
2. Provide Chapter archaeology opportunities
3. Spearhead the development and management of an OAS Symposium in Ottawa in 2011.
4. Plan stimulating and effective monthly Chapter meetings.
5. Maintain traditional OAS Ottawa ties with Bonnechere Provincial Parks such as annual summer and fall activities.

Strategic Goal 2 - Communication – Raise public awareness of the Chapter’s role and effectiveness in the field of Ontario archaeology and promote public participation by means of publications, the Chapter website, heritage events and media opportunities.

Objectives:

1. Provide a relevant, up-to-date, eye-catching website.
2. Respond to public inquiries received by the Ottawa Chapter.
3. Invite and/or take advantage of media opportunities to promote the Ottawa Chapter or specific Chapter events.
4. Attend heritage events in the Ottawa region (e.g., Heritage Day, Colonel By Day, etc.) on an ongoing basis to raise the Chapter’s profile and to build connection with the local heritage community.
5. Publish and distribute documents that raise awareness of the Ottawa Chapter – its purpose, its activities and its concerns.

Strategic Goal 3 – Liaison/Partnerships – Foster and encourage Chapter partnerships.

Objectives:

1. Create liaisons with other heritage organizations, institutions and societies.
2. Strengthen and maintain existing liaison with other OAS Chapters to foster a sense of community within the OAS.

Strategic Goal 4 – Advocacy – Raise awareness of the Ontario Heritage Act, as well as other legal documents and protocols related to the field of Ontario Archaeology and become an advocate for archaeologically important sites where circumstances warrant.

Objectives:

1. Develop mutually beneficial channels of interaction with the City of Ottawa regarding Ontario archaeology specifically within the City limits.
2. Present the Ottawa Chapter to the NCC as a viable voice on archaeology protocols in the region.
3. Respond to other relevant advocacy issues pertaining to Ontario Archaeology in the Ottawa Region as they arise.

Strategic Goal 5 – Recognition – Promote recognition of contributions to archaeology and encourage participation to those ends.

Objectives:

1. Expand the recognition of the PAPA award and encourage applications each year.
2. Promote contributions to the Watson Bursary to achieve the goal of \$6,250.

Strategic Goal 6 – Administration – Improve the effectiveness of Chapter operations.

Objectives:

1. Complete outstanding projects; specifically general Chapter brochure, Archaeology and You brochure.
2. Maintain current membership base while encouraging new members,
3. Increase attendance at Chapter activities and events.
4. Encourage member participation in the operation of the Chapter.
5. Secure sufficient funding to carry out the Chapter's objectives and monitor the financial results against generally accepted performance measures
6. Secure centrally-located, permanent accommodation for a Chapter office, library and storage, meeting space.
7. Streamline and maintain ongoing administrative processes to facilitate the operation of the Chapter.

THE PEGGI ARMSTRONG PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In 1996, The Ottawa Chapter launched a new public archaeology award – the *Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award* in memory of Peggi Armstrong (1957-1997).

As a long-standing member of the OAS and the Ottawa Chapter, Peggi was a driving force behind the development of a public archaeology component of the Chapter's activities. The commitment and creative enthusiasm introduced by Peggi, led to a broadening of our programme mandate and a continuing public interface with the regional communities of Eastern Ontario.

Over the years, spurred on by Peggi's enthusiasm and initiative, the Ottawa Chapter has developed an active public archaeology programme in Eastern Ontario, working with provincial parks, municipal agencies, and the school system. The Ottawa Chapter is aware that OAS members, institutions and organizations work diligently in their corner of Ontario towards the preservation and advancement of archaeology through activities, programmes and formal education studies.

So, what would Public Archaeology look like? Public Archaeology stimulates public interest in the study of archaeology through the use of displays, demonstrations, workshops, training in excavation techniques, site tours, or the development of educational programmes and materials. Public Archaeology includes the promotion of awareness of cultural resources and heritage preservation. Public Archaeology fosters individual or collective efforts to advance the ethical practice of archaeology

If you, as an OAS member, know of a person, a group, or an institution that is a potential candidate for this award, check the Ottawa Chapter website for details (www.ottawaoas.ca) and send your nomination, by August 15th, to:

Selection Committee - Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award
c/o Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society
P.O. Box 4939, Station E
Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5J1

This will allow time to process the nominations and present the award(s) at the OAS Symposium in the Fall.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Executive and your questions will be forwarded to the Chair of the Selection Committee. There is room for more than one award in any given year, so don't hesitate!

THE GORDON AND MARGARET WATSON BURSARY AT TRENT UNIVERSITY

Gordon D. Watson, a founding member of the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, and his wife Margaret, worked side by side on many archaeological projects. Gordon's lifelong interest in archaeology began with the discovery of Indian artifacts on his parents' prairie homestead. Later, in the late 1960s, he and Margaret discovered prehistoric pottery on the grounds of their cottage at Constance Bay, Ontario. With the assistance of Dr. James V. Wright and of Clyde Kennedy, Gordon undertook a small scientific study which was published in *Ontario Archaeology*. Upon his retirement from the Department of National Defence Gordon proceeded to earn a Master of Arts degree in archaeology at Trent University (1981). His thesis was entitled, "The Wyght Site: A Multi-component Woodland Site on the Lower Rideau Lake, Leeds County, Ontario". For more than thirty years, Gordon documented 8000 years of prehistory in the Rideau Lakes and Constance Bay areas. In 1998 he donated his collection of twenty thousand artifacts from 38 archaeological sites to the Canadian Museum of Civilization. At that time, David Morrison, Curator of Archaeology, said, "It wasn't just that Gordon had amassed so many artifacts that they were important, it was that they were handled with proper scientific diligence."

In 1991, Gordon was the recipient of the OAS Emerson Award that recognizes the contribution of a non-professional archaeologist. In 1998, he received the Spirit of Trent Award from Trent University for his unique contribution to archaeology. In 2001, he was presented with the OAS Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology award.

Gordon passed away on July 18, 2007, predeceased by Margaret. In recognition of their dedication to archaeology, their support of the Ottawa Chapter and their inspiration to others, the Ottawa Chapter, in partnership with Trent University, is paying tribute to Gordon and Margaret in the form of a bursary to be awarded each year to a graduate student studying Canadian anthropology/archaeology.

As expressed by the Trent Advancement Office, student financial need has never been greater and donations to support bursaries and awards are working to eliminate financial difficulties for students. Your donation could make a difference to generations of students.

For the complete donation form, please access www.ottawaoas.ca. Charitable Registration Number: 11926 8928 RR0001. All donations will receive a Tax Receipt. Cheques payable to Trent University.

For further information about this bursary, contact Sherry Booth at 705-748-1011 ext. 7593 or sbooth@trentu.ca.

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY – SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2008

André Miller, Director of Public Archaeology

There is fun for everyone this summer and continuing on into September. We look forward to seeing you at these activities!

1- Bonnechere Provincial Park - Friends of Bonnechere Park - 2008

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9: ARCHAEOLOGY FOR KIDS

Join members of the Ontario Archaeological Society Ottawa Chapter as they present hands-on historic archaeology activities such as artefact reconstruction, clay pot making, excavation methods, and traditional fire-making. Always a very popular event for the entire family!

2- Friends of Murphy's Point – Murphys Point Provincial Park – 2008, 2009

ECO-ARCHAEOLOGY: A WEEKEND WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

It's not just for kids anymore! Grown-ups can now join in the archaeological fun at Murphy's Point Provincial Park, 22 km southwest of Perth on Big Rideau Lake. This is a special, intensive eco-archaeology workshop offered by the Friends of Murphys Point Park. Join a professional archaeological crew in the ongoing research at the historic McParlan House/Burgess Mill Site on Hogg Bay within the park. The McParlan homestead (circa 1820) included a house, mill and outbuildings. Archaeological assessments and ongoing public archaeology programs with school children have shown a wealth of artifact deposits.

For detailed information about the workshop and accommodations, call Beth at (613) 267-5340 or contact friendsofmurphyspointpark@yahoo.ca. Information about the Friends of Murphys Point Park can be found at www.friendsofmurphyspoint.ca

ARCHAEOLOGY FOR KIDS – MAY, 2009

This is a 'heads up' for the ongoing program that introduces Grade 5 classes in the Perth area to archaeology. Volunteers are needed, to assist during this event. Come and enjoy Spring in nature and help give students a learning opportunity they will never forget! Free training will be provided. Call Steph at 613-264-0447 to volunteer some time. Don't forget to sign up for the [Polar Plunge on January 1, 2009](#) – a fundraiser for this event.

3 – Pinhey's Point Park and the City of Ottawa

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 27-28: HERITAGE RIVERFEST

Navigate the rich traditions of the Ottawa River and the First Nations people, fur traders and lumberjacks. Learn how this great river was formed; build a bark canoe; take a ride in a voyageur canoe; watch lumberjacks in action! For further information and directions, check the Pinhey's Point website www.pinheyspoint.ca, or email: museums@ottawa.ca, or phone: 613-580-2424 Ext. 243114.

4 – Ottawa Riverkeeper

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

This summer, join the Ottawa Riverkeeper on a Voyageur canoe trip from Victoria Island, stopping for lunch at Kettle Island and continuing to Petrie Island for a guided tour of the island. Meet at 8:30 am at Victoria Island for registration, a review of safety measures, and to learn about the eco-work of the Riverkeepers and the history, cultural significance and ecology of the Ottawa River. Departure from Victoria Island will be 10:00 am. Shuttle buses will return you to Victoria Island at the end of the outing. For information visit the Riverkeeper's website www.ottawariverkeeper.ca or, to register for the event, contact Delphine Hasle 613-321-1120.

For your information, **Bonnechere Park** opens on Friday May 16, and are planning the following events:

May 24 - Natural History Day – Bonnechere Park

Come out and celebrate Renfrew County's natural resources with a day of talks by wildlife experts on species such as the Blanding's Turtle, Loggerhead Shrike and Damselflies. There will also be an update from MRN on Species at Risk. Participants are invited to bring natural treasures for show-and-tell. Kids' activities will feature elements of the new FBP Save Ontario Turtles interpretive program. Guided field trips will round out the day. Participation is FREE but numbers are limited. If you would like to attend, you must pre-register by calling 613-732-5511.

June 14 - Friends Day - All About Turtles! – Bonnechere Park

Join us for the launch of our new Save Ontario Turtles outreach program, featuring interpretive activities, a guided hike, Turtle Tally and picnic lunch. For more details and times, view our online calendar of events: <http://www.bonnecherepark.on.ca/html/parks/calendar.html>

NEWS, INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The Boyd Archaeological Field School, winner of the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award in 2006, is once again offering its summer field course for Grade 12 students. Accommodation and meals are included in the cost of \$1140, \$1425 for out of province students. *The Archaeology and History of Southern Ontario* will be offered July 27-August 16 at the Claremont Conservation Field Centre in the east Greater Toronto Area.

For information contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@trca.on.ca , call 416 661-6600, extension 5323, or visit the website www.trca.on.ca/archaeological_field_schools.

A Message from Christopher Ellis, Past President and Member of Board of *The Museum of Ontario Archaeology, London*, Ontario, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2008. It is requesting ONE TIME financial support, so as to be able to complete reconstruction and renovations before the annual Native Harvest Festival in September. Any donation will be very much appreciated, a charitable receipt will be issued for the full amount and your name will be included on the "Recognition Wall".

The Museum is located on the site of a Neutral Indian village where, 500 years ago, more than 200 people lived in 30 long-houses surrounded by a tall palisade. A 5 metre high palisade of 300 cedar poles and a 20 metre birch-bark long-house have been re-built by First Nations (Anishnabe) craftsmen. The indoor Interpretive Centre has been upgraded and re-designed. The Museum is one of only three across Canada which continues ongoing archaeological research on the site of a former Aboriginal village.

"The Museum of Ontario Archaeology has become a place where First Nations people are now invited to educate others as well as themselves. It enables us to bring to light our proud heritage of living on this land, and to share our unique indigenous knowledge and ancient teachings which are being lost." Larry Shabogesic McLeod, Little Man Thunder, Traditional art/teacher.

For more information please contact Cindy Barrett at 519-473-1360. Donations to be sent to: Museum of Ontario Archaeology, "London's First Village" Revitalization Plan, 1600 Attawandaron Road, London N6G 3M6.

A Message from R.J. Harlick, author of the Meg Harris mystery series:
Just released! [THE RIVER RUNS ORANGE](#)

A couple of years ago when I was doing research for my latest mystery novel, I contacted Lois King, who provided me with material (the *Ottawa Valley Prehistory*) that I used in the book. This book, *The River Runs Orange*, 3rd in the Meg Harris mystery series, is about ancient remains being found on the shores of an Ottawa Valley river. **I would like to invite you and any other members of your Chapter to my book launch on May 12, 7:00 pm at Library and Archives Canada.** You can obtain more information about the book and my series from my website, www.rjharlick.ca . Hope you can make it!