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**Congratulations to Marian Clark, the recipient of the Bonnechere Parks  
2006 Board of Directors' Award**

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Please note that to be eligible for membership in the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS, one needs to be a member of The Ontario Archaeological Society, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

### Heather Stronach

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Oh, how time disappears when you're having fun! ..... Once again, we are nearing the end of the year. With that comes the Chapter's Annual General Meeting, the election of Executive Committee members, and a recap of this year's activities. I invite you to join the Executive for the AGM and for the festive celebration that follows.

I would like to thank Marian Clark who agreed to serve as Chair of the Executive Nominating Committee and the two supporting members on that committee – Jim Montgomery and Jeff Earl. The focus of the Nominating Committee is to prepare a slate of officers for election to the Chapter Executive. If you are interested in the work of the Chapter or if you would like to nominate someone else, please contact Marian at [meclark@cogeco.net](mailto:meclark@cogeco.net).

Marian Clark has also been the well-deserving recipient of the Bonnechere Parks 2006 Board of Directors' Award in recognition of her support towards protecting, preserving and promoting the natural and cultural heritage of the Little Bonnechere River over the past many years. Congratulations, Marian!

In addition to Marian's award, this year has been one of stimulating speakers on a variety of topics at monthly meetings – including a guided tour of the Petra Exhibit. There has been public archaeology involvement at Higginson's Tower, Bonnechere Provincial Park, and Murphy's Point Provincial Park. The Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology award was formally presented to Boyd Archaeological Field School for their many years of a far-reaching field school. Early in the year, there was a high school class visit where the discussion was on Harris Matrix, no less! The Chapter participated at the Relay for Life and Heritage Day. Some members attended the AIA conference in Montreal and the OAS Symposium in London, Ontario.

So-o-o-o,

This is a perfect time to renew your membership and remain involved, or become involved, in Chapter activities. We will have membership forms available for you at the AGM or you may wish to use the ones at the end of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 'Chez Glenna'. A huge thank you is extended to Glenna for offering her place to wrap up this year's activities. See you at 7:30, 20 Driveway, Apt. 503.

Holiday Greetings and Warm Regards,

*Heather Stronach*

Heather Stronach  
President



*OTTAWA CHAPTER OAS*  
*~ INVITATION ~*

The Chapter's **Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration** will take place on **Thursday, December 14, 2006**, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**Join our host Glenna Roberts at her home,**  
Apt. 503, 20 Driveway, Ottawa (Ring #127),  
situated at the canal end of McLaren Street.

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

The Annual General Meeting agenda will include:

- Presentation of the 2006 Directors' Reports
- The Election of Officers for 2007

Also....

- Please bring munchies or treats to share and your photos and stories from 2006 events!

**Deadline for Chapter donations:**

Please note that in order to be processed for a 2006 charitable donation receipt, donations to the Chapter, the OAS, or the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Fund must reach our Treasurer by **December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006** (you can bring your donations to the meeting, at the latest). Please advise Bill MacLennan by phone at (613) 824-5144, if you are sending a cheque through the mail.

Membership renewals:

**Just a reminder that all OAS and Ottawa Chapter memberships expire on December 31st. The AGM is a perfect opportunity to renew your Chapter fees directly with our Treasurer, so please fill out the attached membership form and bring along your payment (cash and cheque accepted).**

## OTTAWA CHAPTER OAS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2007 Marian Clark

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This year's Nominating Committee is comprised of: Marian Clark, Chair, Jim Montgomery and Jeff Earl, Members. Their task is to prepare a slate for the Executive Committee for 2007. Any member in good standing with the OAS and the Ottawa Chapter may stand for election.

In accordance with our constitution, there may be up to 7 members comprising the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director Public Archaeology, Director Newsletter, and Director at Large.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to propose the following candidates:

President: Heather Stronach  
Secretary: Glenna Roberts  
Vice President: Vacant  
Treasurer: Bill MacLennan  
Director Public Archaeology: Andre Miller  
Director Newsletter: Irene-Ann LaCroix  
Director at Large: Vacant

Yvon Riendeau has agreed to continue to coordinate information for the web site and we appreciate his great efforts.

Members may nominate candidates, with their permission, to any member of the Nominating Committee and nominations will be accepted at the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter, December 14, 2006.

To make a nomination please contact **Marian Clark** by phone at 1-613-264-0377 or via email at [meclark@cogeco.net](mailto:meclark@cogeco.net) .

REVIEW OF THE OAS SYMPOSIUM IN LONDON, ONTARIO  
October 27-29, 2006  
Heather Stronach

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I welcomed the opportunity to attend the annual OAS Symposium hosted by the OAS and the London Chapter. My primary purpose for registering was to attend the Presidents' meeting on the Friday evening. This is a time when the OAS brings the Chapters up to date on OAS activities and business matters. This meeting is also a time for each Chapter to share what their focus has been and what their future plans are. This was an opportunity for the Ottawa Chapter to briefly talk about our membership, public archaeology activities, monthly speaker series, advocacy, and future plans.

The OAS distributed an MOU (memorandum of understanding) between the Chapter and the OAS. This document forms the basis of the relationship between the Chapters and the OAS. Some of the topics in the document are: membership, fiscal management, corporate governance and insurance. All Chapters distribute this document to their Executive Committee at their January meeting.

There was a 'meet and greet' on Friday evening and the sessions were held on Saturday. One of the highlights of the symposium was an all-day session in honour of Michael Spence, one of Ontario's foremost biological and forensic anthropologists. The other session was one of contributed papers. What an amazing feat it was to run these two sessions concurrently! Speakers had 18 minutes to speak, which left two minutes for attendees to change rooms and get settled; and for organizers to re-jig AV equipment and line-up presentations electronically. All things considered, this ran remarkably well. One very dynamic presenter commented that he was always scheduled before the coffee break because they knew his reputation for running overtime. He didn't disappoint them!!

There were approximately 35 presentations on a myriad of topics. There was something for everyone. In particular, Holly Martelle, President of the OAS, gave a presentation on Avocational Archaeology in Ontario: History and Directions. This was followed by a discussion on the topic and a proposal to revive the Archaeological Conservation Officer Programme (ACOP). There will be more information on the outcome of this session at a later date.

Of course, there was the banquet on Saturday evening and a tour of the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (formerly, the London Museum of Archaeology) and the adjacent Lawson Pre-Contact Iroquoian Village on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend those activities.

London is a lo-o-o-ong drive from Ottawa so you will be pleased to know that next year's Symposium will be held in Kingston (to be organized by C.A.R.F.) November 2-4, 2007. It isn't too early to mark the date on your calendar!

PEGGI ARMSTRONG PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD RECIPIENT  
“BOYD ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL”  
Jim Molnar

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The following is the press release that the Conservation Authority put together about the PAPA award presentation. The ceremony went well. Many former teachers from the course were there, as well as Bob Burgar who was the archaeologist in charge from 1982 to 2005. One of Bob's field habits is to wear a red bandana, which became a symbol of participation in the course, and bandanas were awarded to graduating students. It's not very clear from the release, but over the years, the field school has excavated at many different sites in the Toronto area. A lot of work was done on the Iroquoian village called the Seed Barker site.

STUDENTS DIG ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES  
- Boyd Archaeological Field School to Receive Prestigious Award -

(TORONTO - October 26, 2006) Tomorrow, Boyd Archaeological Field School's contributions to youth education will be recognized with the presentation of the prestigious Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award. For 30 years, the Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) Field School has been an important base of learning for many of the province's future archaeologists.

“The Boyd Field School program offers students and community members accessible, hands-on public archeology resources and materials,” said Dave Croft a co-founder of the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archeological Society (OAS) and past award winner. “The program provides another dimension to classroom and community archaeology, providing a stepping stone for many of the province's future archaeologists.”

The Field School graduates approximately 30 to 40 students each year, offering youth an introduction to archaeology theory and the opportunity to excavate a real archaeological site. The award will recognize Boyd's commitment to training students in fieldwork and in the interpretations of past peoples.

“We are honoured to join this list of those recognized for their efforts to provide archaeological opportunities to the public in Ontario,” said Cathy Crinnion, an archaeologist with TRCA's Archaeology Resource Management Services Unit. “It is through partnerships with institutions like the Royal Ontario Museum, local school boards and organizations like Rouge Park that we've been able to make the Field School program a success.”

Named after an inspirational volunteer dedicated to promoting archaeological research, the Peggi Armstrong Award recognizes individuals and institutions dedicated to the preservation of archaeological heritage through public awareness programs, partnerships, demonstrations, and educational materials. The award is administered by the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS. Previous award winners include Toronto's Spadina House Museum and the Ontario Heritage Trust (formerly Ontario Heritage Foundation).

## FRIENDS HOST ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ARCHAEOLOGY EXCAVATION FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

### Friends of Murphys Point Provincial Park

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Almost 150 Grade 5 students dug a little deeper into local history last week as part of the Friends of Murphys Point Park's annual archaeology program.

For a third year, the Friends have offered the Hogg Bay Archaeology Project to local schools. Students work under the direction of licensed archaeologists, Murphys Point Provincial Park staff and trained volunteers in this curriculum-based, hands-on educational experience.

This year Berkana, St. John, Stewart, Sacred Heart, North Elmsley and Glen Tay schools participated.

"It was a great week," said Stephanie Gray, Friends of Murphys Point vice-president and chair of the Hogg Bay Committee. "The weather was good to fair, the enthusiasm was excellent and community support is growing."

The program runs for five days, with a new Grade 5 class participating each day. After a guided hike to the site, each group is divided in half. One half excavates with the archaeologists in the morning, while the other participates in related activities, such as artifact cleaning and processing, mapping exercises and a tour of the site. The groups switch in the afternoon.

The archaeological excavation is taking place at the McParlan House/Burgess Mill site on Hogg Bay within Murphys Point Provincial Park. The restored homestead and the ruins of the sawmill date back to the 1820s, and the site is an excellent example of early settlement and industry (lumbering, farming, transportation) on the Rideau Canal.

Tests of the site have shown good potential for ongoing public archaeology programs, with thousands of artifacts unearthed so far. "The students have excavated everything from sherds of ceramics and glass, pieces of butchered animal bones, fish scales, buttons, clay smoking pipes and a range of building materials, such as nails from various eras, shingles and mortar," Ms. Gray explained. The artifacts date from the early 1800s to the present.

The program emphasizes the importance of conducting archaeology in a controlled, licensed environment. "The students learn that once you excavate a site, you essentially destroy it," explains Brenda Kennett of Past Recovery Archaeological Services, one of the principal archaeologists for the program. "As a result, it is important that an excavation be conducted in a scientific manner so the information can be collected in a way that gives us the most information about a site possible."

The Hogg Bay site is registered with the province. The principal archaeologists are licensed to excavate it, and they must report their results to the ministry of culture.



“The students have a real sense of ownership with this project,” Ms. Kennett adds, “because every artifact they find and process is recorded in the report that we submit to the province. They, like us, are conducting real, scientific research.”

The program not only provides a unique, hands-on learning experience, but it opens a window into the past. “The results from the excavations will fill in blanks about the history of this site,” Ms. Gray explains. “We hope to learn more about who lived here, how they lived, where the outbuildings were located and what they were, and more about the lumbering operation, for example.”

The students’ enthusiasm for program is demonstrated by their meticulous concentration as they dig for artifacts and carefully record their findings. “They are learning so much,” Ms. Gray said, “but we don’t have to hit them over the head with the messages. They absorb by doing.”

The Friends conduct an annual fundraising campaign to subsidize the program for five days. Students pay only for busing to and from the park. “Community support has been growing. We couldn’t provide this opportunity without the generosity of our many sponsors,” Ms. Gray said. “We hope to be able to expand the program in future years.”

For more information about the Hogg Bay Project, call Ms. Gray at 613-264-0447 or visit them out at [www.friendsofmurphyspoint.ca/hoggBayDig.htm](http://www.friendsofmurphyspoint.ca/hoggBayDig.htm).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Join us at the Routhier Community Centre for our next  
**Ottawa Chapter Meeting** on January 11, 2007 at 7:30pm  
with Nicole Brandon discussing  
“Stoneware at Ferryland: Tracking Consumer Trends in an  
Early Fishing Settlement in Newfoundland”

Nicole Brandon attended Wilfrid Laurier University for undergraduate studies in Canadian pre-contact archaeology, and recently completed her MA from Memorial University of Newfoundland where she switched gears to concentrate on the early colonial period. She has had the pleasure of working on diverse archaeological projects in Ontario, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Bermuda. Nicole is known most recently for her seemingly endless work on the LeBreton Flats Redevelopment Project.

### **Archaeological Institute of America Lecture**

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:30 pm

Auditorium, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington St.

Did you know that there were pyramids in Mexico? Archaeologist and retired diplomat, **Jim Langley**, will discuss “The Great Pyramids at Teotihuacan” in an illustrated presentation.

Further information: 613-562-5800 ext 1332.

### **New Life for a Landmark: The Conservation of the Library of Parliament**

Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Auditorium, Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe Street (at the corner of Laurier Ave.)

**Mary Soper**, Project Director for the Conservation, Rehabilitation and Upgrade of the Library of Parliament Building for the Parliamentary Precinct Directorate of Public Works and Government Services Canada, will speak about the unique challenges this project entailed - from the weathervane atop the roof to the cramped and crowded basements below ground.

Further information: 613-230-8841.

### **Masters of the Plains: Ancient Nomads of Russia and Canada**

Presented at the Canadian Museum of Civilization from December 1, 2006 to September 3, 2007  
For 5,000 years, two peoples were separated and united by their geography. One lived on the North American Great Prairies, the other on the Steppes of Europe and Asia. Their common bond was the northern grassland environment and the nomadic lifestyles they created. How did their unique cultures develop and diverge? *Masters of the Plains* reveals surprising answers. Featuring more than 400 artifacts from Canada and Russia, this major exhibition presents discoveries into these ancient cultures and their legacies. Developed by the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Samara Regional Museum, Samara, Russia.

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Please provide a separate cheque for any donation to the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award. These funds are administered by the Ottawa Chapter on behalf of the OAS and are kept separate from the Chapter's funds.

**Please make all cheques payable to Ottawa Chapter, OAS.**

NOTE: The Ottawa Chapter no longer collects dues for the OAS. The notification for renewal with the Society will be made directly from the Toronto Office. To be a member of the Ottawa Chapter, OAS it is necessary also to be a member of the Ontario Archaeological Society Inc.

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**All donations over \$10.00 will receive a charitable receipt through OAS, Inc.**



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Life Membership with "Ontario Archaeology" \$750.00

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