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Children participate in the "Junior Archaeologist Club" activity day at Pinhey's Point Historic Site.

Photo courtesy of André Miller

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Join us for two exciting talks at our September meeting!

Thursday, September 11, 7:30
Routhier Community Centre
172 Guigues Street at Cumberland
(parking off Cumberland, just north of St. Patrick).

Dental Microwear Analysis from Altun Ha, Belize

From my M.A. thesis research: Using a bioarchaeology framework, a dental sample from Altun Ha, Belize, was examined to further address the possibility of intra-site dietary differences between elite structures. Enamel microwear frequencies were integrated with stable carbon, nitrogen and oxygen isotope ratios, as well as overall dental health and archaeological mortuary data to contribute to what is known of Maya life at the site.

Presented by **Stephanie Goodfellow**

An archaeologist with Golder Associates Ltd.; B.Sc. Trent University (2000 - 2004); M.A. University of Western Ontario (2004-2006); Director Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society 2008

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Applying Trauma Analysis to James Bond: The Potentials and Limitations of Osteoarchaeological Approaches to Palaeotrauma

Trauma is one of the most frequently observed pathological processes among ancient human remains, accompanied by osteoarthritis and dental disease. As a result, there is a lengthy history of research regarding palaeotrauma. However, recording and interpretation problems continue to exist in palaeotrauma analysis and as Lovell (1997) has recognized critical evaluation using all available diagnostic information is sadly lacking as osteoarchaeologists continue to struggle in extracting the cause of an injury and its wider socio-cultural implications. The assessment of trauma subjected to James Bond among all 21 James Bond films is presented as a basic illustration to raise awareness of the potentials and limitations of osteoarchaeological approaches and methods to palaeotrauma analysis.

Presented by **Erin Wilson**

An archaeologist with Golder Associates Ltd., Ottawa (formerly with Heritage Quest); Masters degree in Osteoarchaeology, University of Southampton, England; member of the Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society since 2005.

MEETING PROGRAMME FOR 2008/2009

All meetings take place at the Routhier Community centre, 172 Guigues Street (at Cumberland), Ottawa and begin at 7:30pm, unless otherwise stated.

September 11, 2008

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October 9, 2008

Sheguiandah: An Ancient Quarry Site on Manitoulin Island by Robert E. Lee

Sheguiandah "...is one of the largest quarry/workshop complexes in North America, one of Canada's oldest sites, and the first site preserved under Ontario's landmark Archaeological and Historic Sites Protection Act (1953)." [Bradley T. Lepper, p. 81, *Ontario Archaeology, No. 71, 2001*]

Presenter **Robert E. Lee** is an independent biologist who specializes in lichens and is a leading member of the McCowan Field Naturalists. He worked and visited Sheguiandah and many other early sites as a teenager with his father, the discoverer and original excavator of the site, Thomas E. Lee, National Museum of Canada (now the Canadian Museum of Civilization). He will use his father's slides to illustrate the lecture, as well as slides he took when the site was re-investigated in 1990.

October 17-19, 2008

OAS Annual Symposium

Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto ON

November 13, 2008

Soldiers, Curiosities, and Aboriginal Art Histories: 18th c. Collecting and Contemporary Interpretations by Ruth Phillips, Carleton University

18th century military collectors in the Great Lakes were responsible for the earliest collections of Hadenosaunee (Iroquois) and Anishinaabe (Ojibwa, Potawatomi, Ottawa) items we can identify. The speaker argues that they collected in two very different ways. Some collectors were directly involved in diplomatic negotiations with Aboriginal people and came to know and understand much more of what these elaborate outfits meant in the context of Aboriginal systems of beliefs. Others, however, bought items as 'curiosities', in convents, through trade at forts, etc. and those collections tend to be both more aesthetically appealing today and less coherent in terms of Aboriginal world-view.

Presenter **Ruth B. Phillips** has been Canada Research Chair in Modern Culture and Professor of Art History at Carleton University since 2003. She was associated with the university from 1980

to 1997, at which time she took up the position of Director, Museum of Anthropology and Professor, Art History and Anthropology, University of British Columbia. . She brings a wealth of experience to her scholarship. Amongst many positions she has held: consultant, National Gallery of Canada in the incorporation of First Nations art; member of team for Across Borders: Beadwork in Iroquois Life, McCord Museum; curator, Northern Woodlands section, The Spirit Sings, Glenbow Museum. Author and recipient of many research grants, she directs the Great Lakes Alliance for the Study of Aboriginal Art and Culture, an international collaborative project involving researchers in universities, museums and Aboriginal communities. She was recently elected Fellow in the Royal Society of Canada.

December 11, 2008

AGM and social, location to be announced.

January 8, 2009

Repatriation at the Canadian Museum of Civilization by Stacey Girling-Christie and Janet Young, CMCC

February 12, 2009 at 7:00pm

Egyptian Code of the Afterlife with exhibition curator Matthew Betts
Tour at the Canadian Museum of Civilization

March 12, 2009

Stylistic Variation in Middle Woodland Pottery: Archaeological Sites of the Ottawa Valley by André Miller, Parks Canada

April 16, 2009 (3rd Thursday of April)

19th century Ceramics Workshop with Suzanne Plousos, Parks Canada (**by registration**)

May 14, 2009

Spring social, location to be announced.

A REVIEW OF THE CHAPTER'S SUMMER EVENTS

Archaeology Day at Heritage House Museum. Story and photos by Rory MacKay

Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls hosted a "Can You Dig It" archaeology activity day in July 2008, under the direction of Randolph Orr, a student of archaeology.

About 30 young children were involved in a variety of activities around the museum with the focus being on archaeology technique. Even though the humidity and heat were very high, when I arrived at the museum site just before noon I found the children and their leaders actively digging in the garden plot. There a number of "archaeological finds" had previously been planted. The staff made a valiant attempt to keep the children working in their own squares and digging by layers.



A break for lunch provided me with an opportunity to set up my Power Point presentation, prepared for the occasion, and my simulated dig (which some will remember from Bonnechere last summer). After lunch, with the children anxious for more hands on digging, I spoke to them about archaeology and the activities of the OAS. The students were attentive and seemed to enjoy the "slides" of some of our past activities in archaeology. I tried to impress upon them the importance of our buried past, and that archaeologists do not search for treasure. I made occasional reference to the artifacts in the simulated dig, particularly when explaining the insignificance of artifacts without context. I think they got it.

At the end of my brief talk the children asked many questions, which suggested to me a few additional points to make within the presentation. The type of questions showed that the talk had



been well received and understood by most. This was further demonstrated when the children began asking me to see what they had found in their resumed excavations in the garden. The excitement was contagious.

Randy Orr and the staff of the Heritage House Museum extended their gratitude for representation from the Ottawa Chapter of the O. A. S. on a hot mid-summer day a long way from home, but as I drove back to Gananoque I realized that the pleasure had been all mine.

Junior Archaeology Day, Pinhey's Point Historic Site, August 2, 2008

For the second year, the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS conducted four half-day sessions of a Junior Archaeologist Club at the Pinhey's Point Historic Site. André Miller, Stephanie Goodfellow and Ben Cleland represented the Chapter, in collaboration with City of Ottawa and museum representative Heather Montgomery.



It was a great success! Eleven kids with their parents attended, 25 people in all, and on a rainy day. Between rain showers, lightning and thunder, they dug up artefacts buried by Heather in the sandbox area at the site.

Serious, basic instruction was provided by Stephanie, André and Heather to the future archaeologists, with careful note taking and recording of every artefact discovered. The Chapter is grateful to everyone at Pinhey's for managing the publicity, the signs and the activities, and giving us this opportunity to engage the public in archaeological activity.

Bonnechere Public Archaeology Day, by Glenna Roberts

Cowardly OAS members avoided camping this year – the weather prognosis was just too wet. On Saturday morning August 9, it was bright and sunny as we left Ottawa at 7:00 a.m. Near Renfrew a broad band of grey could be seen on the horizon. At Pembroke it became overcast and remained so to the park. Nothing daunted, we brought out our display materials on the beach of Round Lake and by 9:30 were ready to welcome curious families of campers. Bill MacLennan took charge of the clay pot making and decorating. André Miller filled his portable box with sand and buried some artifacts to be discovered and plotted on graphs. Rory Mackay had brought along his stratified site made from plastic slabs, each of which had artifacts imbedded from a different era and culture, modern beer caps at the top, lithics at the bottom. Dave Croft offered archaeological lore beside the chapter display board and discussed a small assembly of real artifacts that people could handle, while handing out our brochure on the importance of provenance and not looting. I was back to my old favourite which requires no expertise whatsoever – putting together three-D jig-saw puzzles of broken plates and cups with masking tape to show what archaeologists do in the winter. My discourse was greatly assisted by the loan from the park of a piece of real native pottery found nearby. The large sherd consisted of a number of easily identifiable smaller pieces, which had been glued together, each individually catalogued. Suddenly the exercise seemed meaningful even to the youngest. Although advertised as a children's exposure to archaeology, most were accompanied by parents who became as deeply involved as did their kids – sometimes even more so.

When most of the participants had made the rounds, Luke Dickerson, Park Ranger and ten year veteran of the event, began his display of fire-making with a fire board and bow drill. He drew an immediate and enthusiastic circle of on-lookers, permitting us to begin to pack up our gear, just as the first light sprinkle of rain began. By noon, all was safely stowed and we retired to lunch in the park shelter. It was good opportunity for a discussion with Paul Smith, the park director, and his staff (Luke, Jessica and Amy, all of whom had helped us throughout the morning.) Despite the teaming rain, we finished on an optimistic note, looking forward to next year and future cooperative events in the watershed of the Bonnechere River.

Colonel By Day. August 4, 2008

This year marked the first Rideau Canal Festival - a four-day celebration of heritage, boating, biking and the environment on the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The finale of the festival fell on the first Monday in August, a Civic Holiday officially known as Colonel By Day in Ottawa. Featured were live entertainment, traditional music and dance, costumed characters, heritage craft demonstrations such as blacksmithing, rug braiding, musketry, and even birch bark canoe making by the Algonquin of Pikwaknagan.

Ottawa Chapter Director Cara Pelletier assisted at the OAS display wearing a very un-archaeological Bytown Museum 19th century dress. Our location by the second lock gave a good vantage point for watching the boats go through and listening to the Irish musicians. There were lots of children and their parents to chat with, who all enjoyed handling a small collection of native artefacts and discussing their possible functions. As the objects were of unknown provenance, they formed a good opening for offering a copy of our "Don't loot" brochure, which Yvon Riendeau will be putting on our web site for all to see. As always, the occasion formed an opportunity to talk not only with the public, but with members of other heritage organization.

Ottawa Riverfest at Pinhey's Point Historic Site, August 30 and 31 2008

This August long weekend, Pinhey's Point Historic Site, hosted a celebration of the traditions of the Ottawa River. The event boasted activities, demonstrations and performances including live local music, candlemaking, lumberjack performances, traditional storytelling, carriage rides, and costumed historical re-enactors.

The Ottawa Chapter of the OAS took part at this event with display boards, pamphlets and a sandbox dig activity for children. A number of members (including André Miller, Bill Maclennan, Glenna Roberts, Lois King, Ben Cleland and Stephanie Goodfellow) participated. The weather was perfect and more than 100 children took part in the activities. André reports that on Saturday probably our youngest archaeologist to-date put his trowel in the ground. This young boy was also the great grand son of Chief William Commanda (Elder of one of the Algonquin Tribes in the region). We also had many inquisitive adults stop by to hear more about what our organization is all about. The handouts Glenna prepared outlining the

upcoming lecture topics for our general meetings were also a big draw. All in all the weekend was a huge success.

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(as at September 2008)

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Hike at Bonnechere Provincial Park with Rory MacKay Saturday September 27, 2008

Again this year there is no Dig, Pig and Jig scheduled, but a fall walk and evening at Bonnechere Park might be a good time for us to discuss next year's proposal for a dig on the Little Bonnechere River, currently under consideration by the executive with the guidance of Rory MacKay. Mark your calendar for the walk and hold on for details about staying overnight at the staff house. Friends of Bonnechere will also be participating.

10:00 am: Depart the Davenport Centre for a guided hike to one of the original homesteads along the Little Bonnechere River. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and pack a lunch.

“The Last Priests of Isis” 7:30 PM Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Professor Jitse Dijkstra (University of Ottawa) launches his new book 'Philae and the End of Ancient Egyptian Religion' with a lecture investigating the lives of priests at the splendid temple of Isis in southern Egypt, the last site of traditional Ancient Egyptian worship. Bring a friend and find out more! Salon A, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington, Ottawa

“The Quest for Cleopatra: Search for the lost city -- Recent Discoveries in Alexandria” Thursday, October 2, 7:00 p.m. A ticketed event (\$15) at the Canadian War Museum



Children enjoy the activities at Pinhey's Point “Riverfest”, August 2008.
Photos courtesy of Stephanie Goodfellow.