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## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

All talks are in room 246, 19 Russell Street, and begin at 7:30pm. University of Toronto.

November 18, Michael Chazen, U of T, on the new U of T Archaeology Centre and South African Archaeology.

December 16, Members Only Xmas party, details later in Profile.

## 2010

January 20, Members Night: Dena Doroszenko and Mima Kapches on Grosse Ile and the Roberval-Cartier site, Quebec; Sylvia Teaves; Charles Garrad, 2009 in Review.



Sue Bazely looking back before flight to Grosse Ile at recent CNHEA Meetings. (M.Kapches)

February 17, Ron Williamson, ASI, on the Don Jail Project.

March 17, Steven Cox Thomas will be talking about some of his projects analyzing faunal remains on Ontario archaeological sites.

April 21, Rudy Fecteau, on Botanical Remains

May 19, Marti Latta.



Which way to the Straiton cottage? A great sign in Muskoka. (M. Kapches).

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sylvia Teaves

President, Toronto Chapter

This has been a terrific year for the Chapter and we can all pat ourselves on the back for our involvement in so many events. Highlights of the year included the following:

Instead of participating in Archaeology Day as an OAS event, this year we took this over as a Chapter event (i.e. when and where this is held is now a Chapter decision). Our partnering with Black Creek Pioneer Village during Doors Open Toronto resulted in many thousands of people coming by our exhibits. The latter included our popular children's 'archaeology' dig boxes; pottery reconstruction tables (the adults like these too); our Chapter exhibit and information table; and the sale of used books which netted around \$120 (which we shared with the OAS).

This year, our annual Winter Weekend at Limberlost Wildlife Reserve was moved to the second weekend in February to take advantage the extra day provided by Family Day. As

always, this weekend was an outstanding success with 16 members and their families enjoying the comfy lodge, great trails, excellent food and drink, and great company.

Some of our members participated in the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) exhibits at Black Creek during March Break.

A number of members participated in the dig at a 19th century homestead during the Claremont Archaeology Festival, also run by the TRCA.

We negotiated with the OAS to do the mailing of Arch Notes, which provides us with \$100 per mailing. We are committed to use these funds for the benefit of our members (see separate information about this year's Christmas Party).

We had a great slate of interesting speakers throughout the year.

Our Membership has grown to an unprecedented 83 – up from 66 last year and just 49 the year before.

As I will be moving into the Past President position next year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a lot of people who have helped to make the past three years a success.

First, my heart-felt thanks to all the Chapter members who put hundreds of volunteer hours into organizing the OAS Symposium last year. I truly do appreciate all your efforts.

Second, my special thanks to the members of the Executive who, as always, have been hard working and supportive throughout the year. This includes Vice-President Janice Teichroeb who was always there to back me up; Treasurer Norma Knowlton who had to wrestle with the Symposium finances as well as those of the Chapter; and Secretary Annie Gould who has faithfully held this position for nearly three decades.

Third, my sincere thanks go to our most energetic Speaker Co-Ordinator Mima Kapches who already has excellent speakers lined up well into 2010. Mima has also done a terrific job as Editor in producing our Chapter newsletter, Profile.

Last, but definitely not least, my thanks to all our members who continue to support the Chapter by coming out to hear our speakers and participate in Chapter events. We plan to continue providing interesting activities throughout the coming year. My thanks to you all!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY !

We have a lot to celebrate this year (see separate Report from the President) including raising some funds for the Chapter through the sale of second-hand books at Archaeology Day as well as through mailing Arch Notes for the OAS. As a result, your Executive has decided to do something special for the Membership this Christmas.

Instead of having our usual pot-luck party, the annual Christmas Party will be entirely free to Members. Yes, we will be providing the food, wine, beer and soft drinks – all you will need to bring is yourselves and copious quantities of good cheer!

Another change this year - instead of being held at my home, the party will be held at our usual meeting location, **Rm.246 in the Anthropology Building, 19 Russell Street.** This is to encourage any Members who may be shy about going to a private home. If you have not attended our annual Christmas Party before, we really hope that you decide to come this year.

**The date of the party is Wednesday, December 16. Please note that we will be starting earlier than usual at 7 p.m.**

Because we do need to have some idea about how much food and drink to order, I would still appreciate it if you would **RSVP** to me, preferably by e-mail ([sylvia@teaves.com](mailto:sylvia@teaves.com)) or by phone (416-236-7381) **by December 14** at the latest.

We have some fun things planned for the evening. Also, nominations for next year's Executive will close that evening (see separate Call for Nominations) so this will be the last chance to submit a nomination. Mostly, we hope you will join us in celebrating a great year for the Chapter.

Sylvia Teaves, President

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Yes, it's that time of year again. Nominations are now open for positions on your Chapter Executive for 2010. The positions available for election are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The remaining position of Past President will be assumed by out-going President, Sylvia Teaves.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, or if you would like to nominate someone else (with their prior permission) please notify Norma Hall at [amronh@rogers.com](mailto:amronh@rogers.com). If you do not have e-mail you may send your nomination to: Nominations Committee, OAS Toronto Chapter, Box 48, Toronto's First Post

Office, 200 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, ON, M5A 1N1, to arrive prior to December 11.

Nominations will close at the December 16 Chapter meeting. In the event that there is more than one nomination for any position, elections will be held at the January 20 Chapter meeting.

This is your chance to contribute to your Chapter in a meaningful way. We look forward to your involvement.

**Winter Weekend February 12 – 14, 2010  
Limberlost Wilderness Reserve - Solitaire  
Lake Lodge**



A view of Buck Lake from the Ski Hill

Toronto Chapter's last winter weekend was so well received by participants, that many attendees reserved a spot for their return in 2010. Some spaces still remain so grab a chance to share the great winter vistas and activities offered at the Lodge. Don't let climate change and global warming rob you of winter's fun. Sign up before it's too late. The details are outlined below.

**Venue**

Historic 75 year-old Solitaire Lake Lodge, a part of the Limberlost Wilderness Reserve, adjacent to Algonquin Park, just east of Huntsville. Five twin/double and two four-bed occupancy rooms provide accommodation for up to 18 people, on a first come, first serve basis. More Lodge information is available at: <http://www.limberlostlodges.com/>

**Dates**

Arrive Friday Feb. 12/10, depart Sunday afternoon Feb. 14/10.

For any additional time either before and/or after the above period, please contact the Limberlost Reservation Manager direct (Judy Rivers 705-

635-1584) and also let the co-ordinators below know.

Monday, Feb. 15th is now an Ontario Family Holiday, so you may want to consider staying longer. Bring your own food for any additional time.

**Costs**

The Lodge rate is \$82.50/person/night (including tax). Children under 12 free. Payment to the lodge by cash or cheque, no credit cards.

The cost of food purchased for the weekend (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners) is shared by attendees, as well as meal preparation and clean up.

Volunteers are needed for grocery shopping and to cook the meals.

Bring some extra change and small bills for food payment (previous year's food bills have approximated \$30.00 per person).

One dinner is a welcome pot of chili for those arriving Friday night.

Bring your own special refreshments or snack food.

**Location and Directions**

From Toronto, take Hwy. 400 north to Hwy. 11 north, and turn east onto Hwy. 60, bypassing Huntsville and continuing past Grandview, and Deerhurst.

10 km past Huntsville, turn left/northeast on Limberlost Road (Muskoka Road 8), and after driving 9 km, turn right/southeast on South Limberlost Road. After 3 km the Limberlost Forest and Wildlife Reserve gates will welcome you at the end of the road. Go through the gates (open & close them please) past the office and deer yards to the lodge on the right with parking in front.

**Transportation**

Each participant is responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.

Anyone in need of or offering car pooling please contact Dave or Marjorie below.

**Sign-up**

Please contact Dave Hunt or Marjorie Tuck at [jordave@mergetel.com](mailto:jordave@mergetel.com) or call (905) 892-4773 for any other questions and to reserve your spot on the winter weekend.

## Craigleith Heritage Depot is one year old

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Abby Watts, assistant at the Depot and historian and archaeologist Charles Garrad cut the cake at an anniversary celebration to mark a full year since the Craigleith Heritage Depot was opened.

It's been a year since the grand opening of the Craigleith Heritage Depot, and archaeologist Charles Garrad hopes it will become the centre of a heritage district to preserve the 370 year-old history of the area.

Garrad gave a lecture as part of the regular Depot lecture series, entitled 370 Years of Craigleith. Garrad went through the original maps first drawn of the area including one by Samuel De Champlain, though the inaccuracies in Champlain's map prove he was never in the area.

Garrad talked about the original pioneers to the area, namely the Flemings, who dug a quarry near the water and were responsible

for naming Craigleith, after a Scottish quarry they used to pass on their way to Edinburgh before they emigrated.

The Flemings built the first schoolhouse, and established the first school board.

But it was the earliest civilizations that interested Garrad the most. Craigleith was the site of an amalgamation of the Wolf, Deer and Turtle tribes to form what is today called the Wynadot tribe.

Garrad says he's been trying to have two village sites in the area named as heritage sites for the past 40 years. They are now archaeological dig sites and Wynadot people have been to the sites in recent years.

He's hoping that the Depot can become part of a heritage district, and that the rich cultural history that dates back to the 1600s can somehow be preserved, remembered and embraced.

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