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Newsletter: Toronto Chapter Ontario Archaeological Society  
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**NEW!!!** Join the Toronto Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society Facebook Group for all the up to date information about meetings and interesting links. Information is also posted on the Chapter's webpage.

**Rudy Fecteau and other Ontario Archaeologists in their younger and more adventurous years! (Our April meeting)**



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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

**NB: Starting in September the Speaker will begin at 7:30 pm and the business meeting will follow after.**

May 19, Marti Latta will talk about 'The Thomson-Walker Site Revisited'.

ALSO AT THE MAY MEETING JOIN US TO CELEBRATE CHARLES GARRAD'S BIRTHDAY.. ONE OF OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS!

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September 15, James Connolly. "The origins and spread of stock-keeping in Eurasia: new insights from old data." Starting in September the Speaker will begin at 7:30 pm and the business meeting will follow after.

October 20, Andrew Stewart will talk about the archaeology of Fort York and the fundraising campaign for the new interpretive and visitor's centre.

November 17, Kristjan Ahronson will talk about his work on the archaeology of Vikings.

## NEWS:

The Toronto Chapter members were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of long-time member Valerie Sonstenes. Valerie passed away April 9<sup>th</sup> while at work on Gabriola Island, B.C. For more details read Arch Notes or check the OAS Facebook pages.

## President's Report:

Spring has arrived! Sharpen your trowels and mark your calendars for a couple of upcoming events; Archaeology Day at Black Creek Pioneer Village on Sunday May 30, and the annual OAS Symposium in Killarney on the weekend of September 24 to 26 (see Arch Notes for more information).

Archaeology Day will once again be held in conjunction with Doors Open at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Last year over 5,000 visitors were at the village and I expect the numbers will be similar this year. Needless to say chapter volunteers are essential to holding this event in order to promote archaeology, promote the Toronto OAS chapter, and to discuss preservation of Ontario heritage to the general public. Please speak to Sylvia Teaves if you have an hour or more to help at this event. Even if you can't volunteer your time, consider coming out to the village anyway. It's a great venue and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is hoping to open up a couple of excavation units by the Stong House (one of the original buildings in the village) to

demonstrate archaeology in action. There may even be opportunities for chapter members to get their hands dirty. Also, please check your bookshelves for archaeology and heritage related books to donate to the book table. Sales were brisk last year and we are in need of additional books.

In addition to our monthly meetings the Toronto chapter is interested in organizing a day or weekend trip that would interest our members. If you know of any interesting archaeological, or archaeology related sites within driving distance of Toronto please contact Marti Latta.

New for September 2010 will be a change to our meeting format. Traditionally we have held our business meeting followed by a guest speaker. Beginning this fall, the meetings will begin with the guest speaker, followed by refreshments (with an opportunity to discuss the current topic), and the business meeting will complete the evening. Chapter meeting information continues to be posted on the chapter website at [toronto.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca](http://toronto.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca) as well as on our Facebook page. Look us up!  
Janice

**In February Chapter members spent the weekend at Limberlost Lodge. Below is a photograph of those who attended. The Chapter would like to organize more trips.. see the note from our Vice-President Marti Latta below.**



#### **FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES:**

**FROM our Vice-president Marti Latta:**

**In order to promote two of our primary mandates - education and social interaction -- the new Executive has proposed a chapter visit to a site or sites of archaeological interest.**

**We need to learn from you, our members, what site(s) you would like to visit. A day trip might be good for our first outing, but we can certainly consider more extensive programs for the future; don't let distance hamper your creativity. A bus trip would be fun, if there is enough interest.**

**Send any thoughts and suggestions to me at [latta@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:latta@utsc.utoronto.ca) with a heading OAS Trips.**

#### **ABSTRACTS:**

##### **James Connolly**

Since 2007, several colleagues and I have been compiling information from hundreds of published reports on early animal domestication from sites distributed throughout Southwest Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean. The synthesized dataset provides us the ability to detect and interpret changes in animal exploitation patterns over long temporal periods and large spatial scales. Through a set of nested analyses, we have clarified both the timing and the location of key events in the emergence of agropastoralism, and have provided additional insights into the biogeographical context of the evolution of domestic cattle, pigs, sheep and goats. In this presentation I will outline our research program, analytical approach and results of our ongoing analysis, but I will focus on providing an up-to-date overview of the sites and archaeological contexts of the earliest domestic livestock in Southwest Asia.

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# The Ontario Archaeological Society Inc.

## Chapter financial report

Year ended - December 31

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INCOME AND EXPENSES			
		2008	2007
BANK BALANCE - START OF YEAR		2,718.03	2,897.55
PLUS - CASH RECEIPTS			
Membership fees for the Chapter		914.00	670.00
Membership fees for the Provincial Society		596.00	211.00
Donations to Chapter		83.61	132.70
Publication Sales		59.00	14.00
Other Sales		-	-
Other Receipts		300.00	-
Symposium: Program Events	10,469.00	-	-
Donations	4,161.75	-	-
Silent Auction	2,217.50	-	-
GST Refund	763.77	-	-
Total Symposium Receipts	17,612.02	17,612.02	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		19,564.63	1,027.70
LESS - CASH PAYMENTS			
Membership fees for the Provincial Society		596.00	211.00
Administration		396.27	343.85
Publications		145.69	30.00
Outreach Programs - see Symposium		-	300.00
Other payments		20.70	196.44
Symposium Expenses: Venues	15,236.20	-	-
Entertainment	500.00	-	-
Elder Support	1,947.11	-	-
Administration	353.20	-	-
Total Symposium Expenses	18,036.51	18,036.51	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		19,195.17	1,081.29
BANK BALANCE - END OF YEAR ( 2 ACCOUNTS in 2008)		2,967.33	2,718.03
OTHER ASSETS			
Petty cash		129.64	135.48
DLP (Projector)		784.88	872.09
Promotional materials		116.68	129.37
OAS Display unit		16.04	17.82
Ceramic Mugs - Speakers gifts		56.00	153.56
2 Sunshades		67.07	74.52
		1,170.31	1,382.84
BANKING INFORMATION			
Bank and branch	As of 08/08/2005		
Account numbers			
Names of signing officers	Norma Knowlton	Sylvia Teaves	Janice Teichroeb
LIABILITIES and OBLIGATIONS DECLARATION			
The Chapter Treasurer certifies that the Chapter has not made any financial commitments that exceed the balance in its bank account as at December 31 of the year stated above, and that the Chapter has not committed the Provincial Society to any financial obligations without the prior written consent of the OAS President. In addition, the Chapter certifies that it is compliant with its obligations under the Constitution of the Society, and with its Charter.			
CERTIFIED CORRECT			
Treasurer		Norma Knowlton	Date: November 22, 2009
Auditor		Norma Hall	Date: December 15, 2009