



Newsletter: Toronto Chapter Ontario Archaeological Society
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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

ALL MEETINGS are Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. Anthropology Building, Room 246, University of Toronto, 19 Russell Street.

Last Minute changes are possible so please check website for updates.

February 20 Members Night: (1) Christine Caroppo Clarence, will talk about the Royal Ontario Museum's Archaeological Newsletter.
(2) Norma Hall and Sylvia Teaves, "Dorsets, Beothuks, and French Raiders: Excavating at Three Sites in Newfoundland"

March 19 Dr. Gary Warrick, Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, "Written in the Earth: The Story of Davisville" a video. Gary will be on hand to present this.

April 16 Dr. Justin Jennings, Curator, Royal Ontario Museum. "Becoming Wari: Ancient Globalization in a Southern Peruvian Valley"

May 21 Dr. Gary Coupland, Professor, University of Toronto "This Old House: Hierarchy, Communalism, and the Spatial Order of Northwest Coast Plank Houses."

September 17 Ken Lister, Assistant Curator, Royal Ontario Museum, "Abandoned Landing: The Lost Leg of the French Portage."

October 15 Dr. Conrad Heidenreich, Professor Emeritus, York University, "Champlain before 1604."

November 19, Debbie Steiss, MA, Partner, Centralized Support Services, Archaeological Services Inc. Toronto. "The Science of Managing Archaeology"

CHAPTER NEWS

T.OAS 2008 Board Named

Following the election held January 16, 2008, the Board of the Toronto Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society, for the year 2008 is:

President: Sylvia Teaves

Vice-President: Janice Teichroeb

Treasurer: Norma K. Knowlton

Secretary: Annie Gould

Respectfully submitted: Charles Garrad.

Volunteers Needed!!!

ANNUAL HERITAGE SHOWCASE

The Toronto Chapter OAS is once again joining with The Toronto Historical Association and 16 of their member

organizations in the Annual Heritage Showcase to be held on:
Thursday, Feb. 28th from 9 to 5pm, at the Toronto City Hall Rotunda.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Toronto Chapter display and answer questions from the public about our archaeological heritage.

The Toronto Historical Association (THA) is an umbrella organization representing volunteer heritage organizations from across the City of Toronto which actively participate in heritage preservation and public education programs about Toronto's heritage. The Toronto Historical Association's mission is to serve the public interest by educating, researching, protecting and advocating for heritage in Toronto and to assist member groups in carrying out these objectives.

Working together, bringing Toronto's past into the future

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ARCHAEO-SIGNS

Do you have photographs of signs from archaeological sites? As we all know some signs are warnings of danger (e.g., Fig. 1) and others are bizarre translations of what the site is all about. Send in your **Archaeo-Signs** photos and let's guess where the sign is from. (This sign needs no explanation, Pyramid at Giza, Egypt).

For example who knows where Fig. 4 was taken?

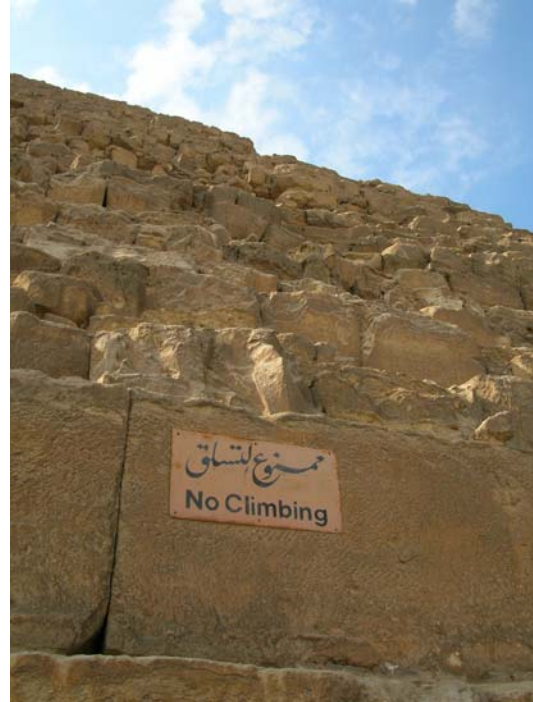


Fig. 1, Photo: M. Kapches

CHAPTER EVENTS

WINTER WEEKEND FEB 1-3.

By Marjorie Tuck and David Hunt

Thirteen people made the annual trek (now 15 plus years) for this winter weekend of fun and activities at the historic 75-year old Solitaire Lake Lodge, part of the Limberlost Wilderness Reserve, just east of Huntsville. This year, two new members from Cambridge joined the crew of winter aficionados. Some of us took advantage of the booking to arrive a day early and stay a day longer. Others had to cope with escaping from yet another Southern Ontario storm on the Friday. But the chili dinner was ready, waiting to get people into the mood for whatever they wished to do. This included cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, walking, birding, or taking photos (Fig. 2). Others chose more relaxing activities such as reading in front of the fireplace, solving a jigsaw or crossword puzzle or just

catching up on social or archaeological news.



Fig. 2. Photo: Marjorie Tuck

Since we prepare our own meals, we always enjoy delicious food and anticipate the Saturday night dinner as it's the decision of whoever volunteers for this task. The usual high standard was maintained with the offering of a delicious meatball Stroganoff, followed by an upside down berry cake, topped with whipped cream.

The highlight of Saturday evening, or low point, depending on your team, is the trivia challenge. This year the version was Canadian Trivia and had the usual outcome, I won't say more. Although to be fair, according to *Profile*, the guys won in 2003.

We've never been able to find another place that allows a group of up to 18 to enjoy each others' company and prepare our own meals in a cozy, quiet lodge in winter (Fig. 3). So if this sounds appealing, please mark the weekend of January 30 to February 1, 2009 and join us. We want the tradition to continue. And if you wonder what this has to do with archaeology, during this weekend many theories and questions are discussed, so please bring yours next year.



Fig. 3. Photo: Vickie Hayler

Meet your new Vice-President:

Janice Teichroeb. Janice is a graduate of Trent University (MA 2007) employed in the Archaeology department at the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. Her thesis research focused primarily on the use of local metasedimentary (non-chert) toolstone during the Archaic period at the West Burleigh Bay site north of Peterborough. Though her research encompassed traditional lithic analysis to identify technological choices made by the people who camped at the site, Janice was primarily interested in looking beyond the tools and the flaking debris in an attempt to understand why these people overwhelmingly chose what appeared to be a poor quality raw material during this particular period of time. Her research looked at material quality, knapper competence, technological changes during the Archaic, and site location, as well as cosmological inferences suggested by the artifact assemblage and the surrounding landscape. While Janice is interested in all aspects of Ontario Archaeology she is particularly fascinated by excavations at PaleoIndian and Archaic period sites.

Prior to attending Trent University to study Archaeology Janice had a

successful business career and was involved in a number of volunteer and community organizations, often serving on the executive. She has been a member of the OAS since 2002 and is looking forward to being an active and contributing member of the Toronto Chapter in 2008.

UPCOMING

CONFERENCES/ EVENTS

2008

May 7-11, Canadian Archaeological Association Annual Meeting, Peterborough, Ontario.

October 17-19 OAS Symposium, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto
This is a T.OAS Event, contact Sylvia Teaves or Cathy Crinnion to volunteer.

Nov. 6-8, 2008, Eastern States Archaeological Federation Meetings, Holiday Inn Lockport, N.Y.

2009

Jan. 7-10, Society for Historical Archaeology, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

Winter Weekend: January 30 to February 1, 2009

SPEAKERS ABSTRACTS

February 20 (1) Christine Caroppo Clarence, Assistant Editor, Royal Ontario Museum's Archaeological Newsletter.

(2) Norma Hall and Sylvia Teaves, In the summer of 2007, we returned to Newfoundland as volunteers on three very different sites. At the British Colony of Avalon in Ferryland (founded in 1621) they excavated in the

foundations of the Governor's Mansion where the fragmentary remains of the original 17th century wooden floor joists were uncovered. We also excavated part of a building wall that had been destroyed during a raid on the Colony by the French in 1696. Later, we spent some time with the Burnside Heritage Foundation working on a Dorset encampment (2400-1200 BP) at the Sailor South Site near Salvage, and the Beothuk Indian Beaches Site (560 BP) which could only be reached by a 40-minute ride up the rugged Atlantic coast in a small open boat. The presentation focuses on the environment of these sites, the excavations and some of the artifacts uncovered.

March 19 Dr. Gary Warrick. A video co-produced by Carol Bruce and Gary Warrick. It covers the archaeology and history of the early 19th century Mohawk-Mississauga community of Davisville, on the Grand River in northwestern Brantford.

April 16 Dr. Justin Jennings. To most of us, the word "globalization" evokes images of recent phenomena like call centers in India, McDonalds in Russia, or the speed of international finance. In this talk, I will argue that globalization at its heart is the reaction to a burst in interconnectivity and that there have been earlier globalizing moments in human history with cultural consequences similar to those of today. As an example, I will discuss how globalization theory helps us understand the relationship between the people of the Cotahuasi Valley of Peru and the Wari State (600-1000 AD).

May 21 Dr. Gary Coupland. Scholars from various disciplines have long maintained that the built environment,

and houses in particular, reinforce, even shape to a certain extent, aspects of social structure, the set of social rules by which we live. In other words, there is congruency between the spatial order of our lives and the social order.

Traditional Northwest Coast societies are often described as “intermediate”; that is, they lacked the political centralization of complex chiefdoms and archaic states, but at the same time, they were more complexly organized than small-scale, egalitarian, hunting and gathering bands. In short, they combined two key and in many ways conflicting elements of social structure: hierarchy and communalism. In this presentation, I will look at the organization of domestic space within the famous cedar plank houses of the Northwest Coast. I will examine the ways in which the spatial order of these houses not only reinforces the principles of hierarchy and communalism, but in so doing, eases some of the tension between them.

September 17 Ken Lister. This will be an account of tracing Paul Kane’s voyage through the wilderness of northern Ontario with an archaeological twist.

October 15 Dr. Conrad Heidenreich. I will try to present an interpretation of Champlain’s life up to the end of his first voyage to Canada with a brief sketch of his later career. Much of this material is based on research done for a new translation and edition of Champlain’s writings for The Champlain Society. The following topics will be examined: What do we know about the youthful Champlain? His probable schooling and technical training. His role in the army of Henri IV in Brittany (1595-98). The

voyage to Spain and the West Indies (1598-1601). Circumstances leading up to the voyage to Canada (1600-1603). The first voyage to Canada, 1603. Character traits of Champlain. Summary of Champlain’s later career to his death.

November 19 Debbie Steiss. In North America, the vast majority of archaeological research is now undertaken by consulting archaeologists. Managing the investigation of archaeological resources and the resultant archaeological record depends as much on sound project management as archaeological expertise. When professional archaeologists develop skills in organizational strategies and structures, they and archaeology benefit. In the case of ASI, the search for a better understanding of the science of managing archaeology led to a clearer outline of our internal processes and information flow and subsequently to an innovative integrated work system.



Fig. 4, Photo. M. Kapches

From Norma Knowlton, the Toronto Chapter, OAS Financial Statement:

Year ended - December 31, 2006 Chapter TORONTO			
INCOME AND EXPENSES			
	2006	2005	
BANK BALANCE - START OF YEAR	3,666.63	3,414.92	
PLUS - CASH RECEIPTS			
Membership fees for the Chapter	742.00	799.00	
Membership fees for the Provincial Society	175.00	209.00	
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Donations	98.50	73.00	
Interest	0.00	0.00	
Publication sales	18.00	58.00	
Other sales	0.00	123.36	
Symposium profit	0.00	0.00	
Public outreach programs	0.00	0.00	
Other receipts	67.00	100.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,100.50	1,362.36	
LESS - CASH PAYMENTS			
Membership fees for the Provincial Society	175.00	241.00	
Administration	335.99	854.65	
Publications	308.33	0.00	
Public outreach programs	0.00	0.00	
Donations			
Awards			
Other payments (Projector \$969.00) <i>AT</i>	1,062.99	15.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,882.31	1,110.65	
BANK BALANCE - END OF YEAR	2,884.82	3,666.63	
OTHER ASSETS			
Petty cash	27.55	94.12	
DLP (Projector)	968.99		
Promotional materials	143.75	100.00	
OAS Display unit	19.80	22.00	
Ceramic Mugs - Speakers gifts	135.00		
2 Sunshades	82.80	92.00	
1 Laptop	112.50	125.00	
1 Inkjet Printer	22.50	25.00	
1 Memory Stick	82.80	92.00	
	1,595.69	550.12	
BANKING INFORMATION			
Bank and branch	As of 08/08/2005	TD Canada Trust	Yonge and Finch
Account number	1970-521774		
Names of signing officers	Allan Ternowski	Robert O'Brian	Sylvia Teaves
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	Allan Ternowski	Date	Feb 19, 2007 <i>2007</i>
Auditor	Cherry Van Lieshout	Date	March 22, 2007

**Ontario Archaeological Society
Symposium 2008**

Dates: October 17-19, 2008

Please join the *Toronto Chapter & Toronto and Region Conservation* as we co-host the *35th annual symposium*, returning to Toronto for the first time since 1997!

Venues: Black Creek Pioneer Village.
<http://www.blackcreek.ca/>
Hilton Garden Inn, Vaughan

Featuring:

Collaborations (with Aboriginal peoples and other descendants)

Papers in celebration of Bob Burgar's career in archaeology (now a full-time teacher)

Historic period session (inspired by Black Creek Pioneer Village setting)

poster session

bookroom

trade show

workshops/discussion forums

silent auction

For further information and/or to offer your time/energy/expertise, contact:

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