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Newsletter: Toronto Chapter Ontario Archaeological Society

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UPCOMING SPEAKER

September 17 Ken Lister, Assistant Curator, Royal Ontario Museum, "*In Tangled Silence: The Lost Leg of the French Portage.*"

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

March 19th, 2008, Toronto Chapter members are obviously having a lot of fun! You can join in come to a meeting, meet old friends and make new ones too. (Photo by Carol Bruce).



**MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT: Sylvia Teaves**

I do hope that everyone had a great summer - despite the wretched rain and the storms that plagued us seemingly forever!

Many of our Chapter members have been very active throughout the summer months planning for the 2008 OAS Symposium with our co-sponsors, the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority. By now you should have received the registration material in the mail and you will see that we are have a very ambitious program planned with lots of great presentations and fun social activities.

We are particularly excited about the opening event on Friday afternoon, which involves a 4-hour Round Table discussion with Aboriginal Elders from four main cultural groups: the Huron-Wendat Confederacy, the Six Nations Confederacy, the Algonkin Anishnabe Nations, and the Métis Nation. This will provide a unique opportunity for Aboriginal Leaders and Archaeologists to get together and learn from each other through the exchange of information on everything from aboriginal cultural values to archaeological goals and ethics. We believe that this will be an important and enlightening session for both OAS members and the aboriginal groups represented.

As this is a Chapter event, we need to have every member to get involved. There are a number of ways that you can do this. First, I encourage as many people as possible to register early. Not only is there a financial gain to you by doing this, but it gives us some cash flow for up-front expenses.

Second, when you register, I hope you will also consider making a small donation to help support the

attendance of an Aboriginal Elder. This year we have had to step outside usual OAS practices and pay for expenses such as travel and accommodation for these guests, so any amount you can give would help us keep within budget. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

Third, please do respond to Christine Caroppo's appeal for items for the Silent Auction. We are making this a really big event this year and our goal is to raise \$1,000. If all of us dig deep into the back of our closets for unused items that can be 'regifted' to the auction, we should be able to reach this goal. And don't forget to keep bidding when the auction is open on Saturday!

Fourth, we really do need as many people as possible to volunteer their time during the Symposium. Janice Teichroeb will be sending out a list asking for people to sign up for specific tasks in specific time slots. Please do volunteer for at least one task. If all of us do a little, we can spread the load so that no single person is overloaded. Finally, I would hope that as many of you as possible will demonstrate your support for the Chapter by attending the Symposium. For those who may have difficulty reaching the hotel venue for the Friday and Sunday parts of the program, we do offer one-day registration on Saturday at the Black Creek site, which is accessible by TTC. I hope to see you all there.

Other ongoing Chapter activities include a great slate of speakers that Mima Kapches has lined up throughout the fall (and into the New Year). I do encourage you to come out on the third Wednesday of the month. Our new quarters in the Board Room of the Anthropology Building (19 Russell

Street at Huron) are a great improvement on the basement in Sid Smith.

And last but not least, I hope you have set aside Saturday, November 29, for the Annual Members Christmas Party. This will be at my home, and hopefully it is scheduled early enough that we will not be snow-bound like last year! Look for more information in the next Profile.

See you at the Chapter meetings and at the Symposium!

O.A.S. SYMPOSIUM 2008

October 17-19, 2008

Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto,
and
Hilton Garden Inn, Vaughan

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Program Highlights

Friday, October 17
Hilton Garden Inn, 3201 Hwy 7 West,
Vaughan
Program begins at 1 p.m.

*Collaborations: Round Table Discussion
with Aboriginal Leaders*
Workshop A: Careers in Archaeology
Presidents Meeting
Evening Reception
Slide Presentations:
Tribute to Bob Burgar's 25 Year Career in
Archaeology
- *Visual Tour of Black Creek Pioneer
Village*

Saturday, October 18,
Black Creek Pioneer Village, Jane &
Steeles, Toronto
Program begins at 7.30 a.m.

Paper Session Themes: Bob Burgar Tribute
Papers, Pre-Contact, Historic,
Collaborations

Poster Session
Book Room: *New and Used Books, Book
Signings, Exhibits, Huge Silent Auction, and
more*
Self-Tours of Black Creek Pioneer Village
Banquet with Entertainment

Sunday, October 19
Hilton Garden Inn, 3201 Hwy 7 West,
Vaughan
Program begins at 8.00 a.m.

*Annual Business Meeting and Discussion of
OAS Strategic Plan*

NB: These workshops are concurrent
Workshop B: Artifact Curation
Workshop C: Butchering Practices
Workshop D: Lithics

**Included in the registration are: Free
access to Black Creek Pioneer Village all
day Saturday; Reception on Friday
Evening; Breakfast and Lunch on
Saturday; Breakfast on Sunday.**

*The Hilton Garden Inn is located on
Highway 7 West, midway between Highway
400 and Jane Street.
Accommodation for OAS Symposium
attendees is \$119 per night for a double
room. Please make reservations directly
with the hotel at 905-660-4700, mentioning
the Ontario Archaeological Society.*

Black Creek Pioneer Village is located at
Jane and Steeles. It is just a few minutes by
car, taxi or Viva Bus from the hotel; there will
also be OAS shuttle buses running between
the hotel and Black Creek at selected times
on Saturday (check the schedule at the
Registration Desk). Black Creek provides
free parking. It is also directly accessible by
TTC (Steeles Bus 60 and Jane Buses 35C &
D go to the corner of Jane and Steeles;
Jane Bus 35B goes into Black Creek, but
you need to check times with the TTC).

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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*”

**Annual Members Christmas Party,
Saturday November 29 (see next issue
for details)**

**January 21, 2009 is Members’ Night,
let us know if you wish to make a
presentation.**

**February 18, Robert von Bitter. Ontario
Ministry of Culture, “Management of
Archaeological Site Data at the Ontario
Ministry of Culture”**

ABSTRACTS:

September 17: Ken Lister In the mid-19th century, Canadian artist, Paul Kane, traveled with the Hudson’s Bay Company canoe brigades and during his journey he sketched the Native Peoples he met and the Canadian landscape. He returned to his Toronto studio and by 1856 had completed more than 100 oil paintings inspired by his sketched images. On March 5, 1904, thirty-three years after the artist’s death, the Lieutenant Governor opened an exhibition of Kane’s paintings. This cycle of paintings would eventually come to the ROM along with a series of misidentifications that still haunt the collection more than a century later. One painting titled *French River Rapids* illustrates trade canoes beached at a portage landing and it has been assumed that this scene represents an unknown location on the important French River trade route between Lake Nipissing and Georgian Bay. However, in a confusion of trees and brush the location of Kane’s image has been discovered 830 kilometers to the northwest at the eastern

end of the French Portage in Quetico Provincial Park. This discovery not only grants geographical context to the painting, but it restores the identity of this portion of the French Portage that may harbour archaeological evidence of long-term Native and non-Native travel.

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.

*November is the annual T.OAS party.
Saturday November 29th.*

No meeting in December!

January is Members Night... Stay tuned for information on presentations.

February 18th Robert Von Bitter of the MCC will speak on: Management of Archaeological Site Data at the Ontario Ministry of Culture

This presentation will provide a history of how archaeological site information has been managed at the Ontario Ministry of Culture over the years. The Ministry's use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) will be highlighted, as will, recent work focused on integrating various silos of archaeology related data. Finally, an outline of the Ministry's information management goals will be given, including those involving electronic service delivery.

Websites of Interest

The National Historic Sites Board has established a series of walking tours of Toronto that visit National Historic Sites (of course!). These are accessible on their website, just Google "Toronto National Historic Sites Urban Walks." There are maps and details of each significant site for you to read.

NEWS

Carol Bruce, the producer and director of the film "Written in the Earth: The Story of Davisville" did send the film to the CAA where it won an award! Good work Carol. The DVD is available through www.Goodminds.com for \$49.95.

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Chapter member Carl Benn has left the City of Toronto for an exciting new post, that of Chair of the History Department at Ryerson University. Good luck Carl, don't forget to tell your students about the Toronto Chapter of the OAS!

Margie Kenedy, had a letter to the Editor Toronto Star, June 24, 2008 (AA7), "Aboriginal day all but forgotten."

Cathy Crinnion and the TRCA, had a big spread in the Toronto Star, August 18, 2008 (A8-A9), "A summer class teens really dig."

If you see chapter news please let me know.

T.OAS CONTACT INFORMATION

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Upcoming meetings:

November 6-9, 2008, Eastern States Archaeological Federation Meetings are being held in Lockport, New York. The Saturday papers are dedicated to the Chert specialist Dr. Jack Holland and there are some really great papers. Several Ontario archaeologists are giving papers, plan to attend.

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REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT NOTE: To help us plan for numbers, please indicate all events you wish to attend, even if there is no separate charge involved.

NAME

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PHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

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	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Enclosed</u>
_____ Member Registration – prior to September 30	\$70	_____
_____ Member Registration – after September 30 and at door	\$90	_____
_____ Non-Member Registration	\$100	_____
_____ Student Registration – prior to September 30 *	\$40	_____
_____ Student Registration – after September 30 and at door *	\$50	_____
_____ One-Day Registration (Saturday only)	\$65	_____
_____ Round Circle Discussion with Aboriginal Elders	n/c	_____
_____ Friday Reception	n/c	_____
_____ Saturday Banquet **	\$50	_____
_____ Saturday Banquet – Guest Rate **	\$60	_____
_____ Please provide name of guest _____		_____
_____ Saturday Banquet – Student Rate **	\$35	_____
_____ Sunday Breakfast and Members Annual Business Meeting	n/c	_____
_____ Workshop A (Careers)	n/c	_____
_____ Workshop B (Artifact Curation)	\$10	_____
_____ Workshop C (Faunal)	\$10	_____
_____ Workshop D (Lithics)	\$10	_____
_____ Donation to help support the participation of an Aboriginal Elder [Donations of \$20 and over will receive a tax deductible receipt]		_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

* Students must provide a copy of their current student I/D.

** Vegetarian meal requested

PAYMENT METHODS

By cheque or money order, made out to “TOAS (2008 Symposium)” mailed to:
Toronto Chapter, OAS
Box 48, Adelaide Street Post Office
Toronto, ON, M5A 1N1

(b) By **PayPal** at the Symposium web page:
www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/2008symposium/2008symposium.html