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Newsletter: Toronto Chapter Ontario Archaeological Society

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Charles and Lorie enjoying the festive party!



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.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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

2010

February 17, Ron Williamson, ASI, on the Don Jail Project. The film "The Hangman's Graveyard" will be presented and the Executive Producer Craig Thompson will be present to answer questions. SEE Toronto Chapter OAS Facebook Group for Interesting Links about this 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, : "Archaeobotany in Canada: A Personal View." The focus of this

presentation will be on plant remains I have identified from sites across Canada during the last 35 years. It will include my findings of floral remains excavated from prehistoric, historic, environmental and marine archaeology sites, from eight of our ten provinces.

May 19, Marti Latta will talk about the collections at U of T including her recent work on Cahiaque.

The Toronto Chapter takes a break in the Summer then starts meeting again in September, speakers for 2010 and 2011 are:

September 15, James Connolly will talk about his Mediterranean archaeology.

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.

December is the Chapters Festive Party and January is Members Night.

Speakers for 2011 include Arni Brownstone of the ROM, Megan Brooks and Heather Henderson on historic archaeology in Toronto, Susan Maguire the archaeologist of Fort Niagara, NY and Lisa Marie Anselmi about the native archaeology of the Niagara region of New York State.

ELECTIONS 2010

The Executive for 2010 are: Janice Teichroeb is President, Marti Latta is Vice-President, Norma Knowlton is Treasurer and Annie Gould is Secretary. All other volunteer

positions are the same.

Message from New President: Happy New Year!

I am honoured to serve as the Toronto chapter President for 2010 and am looking forward to another year of amazing speakers (thanks to Mima!) and sharing in our common interest of Ontario Archaeology. I'd like to thank Sylvia Teaves for her excellent leadership of the chapter over the past couple of years and am exceptionally grateful that she has agreed to remain on the executive as guide and mentor in the official position of Past-President. Sylvia's tenure as President was a busy one, especially in 2008 when the chapter hosted the OAS Symposium. Thank you so much for all of your hard work and expertise.

For those of you who don't know me I'll share a bit of my background and my personal interests in Archaeology. I've always been interested in ancient history and archaeology. No beach vacations for me – fortunately my husband shares my interest in touring museums and ancient cities and sites. One year we planned a Roman tour of England, visiting as many Roman sites as we could fit in – from popular locations such as Bath and Hadrian's Wall to lesser known Ravenglass and the fort at Hardknott Pass – with a few henges and Arthurian-legend-kind-of-places thrown in for the heck of it. However, my career as an archaeologist is fairly recent. Ten years ago I decided to take a couple of courses at Trent University “just for fun”. Six years and two degrees later I landed a job as a field archaeologist at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Though I'm fascinated by the cultures, the art and the architecture of civilizations around the world I was only ever interested in studying the archaeology of the people where I live. There is still so much to learn about the history of our own backyard. I am committed to promoting the stewardship of Archaeological sites to the general public and am always looking for opportunities to share our knowledge of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

Archaeology Day is one way that the Toronto Chapter accomplishes that and I look forward our chapter hosting one again this coming year. In addition to me and Sylvia, the 2010 executive includes Annie Gould as secretary, Norma Knowlton as treasurer, and new to the executive this year as Vice President, but one of the original founders of the chapter, is Marti Latta. By the way, did you know that Annie has been the secretary since the inception of the chapter? Thanks Annie for your years of dedication and commitment to the chapter! In fact as one of the more recent members of the Toronto Chapter I am very thankful that each executive member brings a wealth of chapter experience to the table. I'll be learning from you!

The chapter will continue to offer a variety of events and activities to the members. If you have any suggestions that you think would appeal to our membership please feel free to discuss them with any of the executive. (Anyone up for an Archaeology themed trip??)

Janice Teichroeb

Member Receives Honour:

For those of you who haven't yet heard, Charles Garrad has been featured in *On The Bay Magazine* as one of the most influential people of 2009, and deservedly so. Congratulations! See Chapter Facebook page for link to the article.

DON'T FORGET DUES are DUE!

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