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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.

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

This is the last meeting until September and the last issue of Profile until early September. See you in September!

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

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

See article in Toronto Globe and Mail, March 15, 2008. John Allemang, "Sam the Sham" (yes!)

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

Toronto Chapter Has Display at City of Toronto Heritage Showcase: February 28, 2008



Fig. 1. Roberta O'Brien, Edith George, Tony Stapells and Annie Gould. (Photo, Jane Beecroft) Toronto Chapter members discuss the T.O.A.S. with Edith George of the Weston Historical Society. This event was organized by the Toronto Historical Association.

OAS SYMPOSIUM: October 17-19, 2008

Collaborations: Past Peoples, Future Partners, Sharing Knowledge

This is a Toronto Chapter event and your help is needed.

Contact:

Janice Teichroeb to volunteer
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Christine Caroppo Clarence to donate to the Silent Auction ccaroppo@rom.on.ca

For More News Check the OAS Website

OAS Member Gets AWARD

February 22, 2008 Mississauga Heritage Foundation's (MHF) Lifetime membership Winners included Frank Dieterman, who edited the MHF publication, *The 10,000-Year History of Mississauga*. Dieterman was honoured by the recognition. "I'm an archaeologist by training, so I enjoy digging," said Dieterman, referring to the research aspect of his undertaking. "It's just a passion you fall into."

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CONFERENCES/ EVENTS 2008

**October 17-19 OAS Symposium,
Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto
Collaborations: Past Peoples, Future
Partners, Sharing Knowledge**
*This is a T.OAS Event, contact Sylvia
Teaves or Cathy Crinnion.*

**Nov. 6-8, 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 2009

Feb. 13 to 15. This coincides with Valentines Day and Family Day Feb. 16th if you wish to stay an extra day.

ARCHAEO-SIGNS

Last issue's mystery sign was the monument for Samuel de Champlain in Honfleur. Where is this sign from?



Fig. 1, Photo M. Kapches
Send in your **Archaeo-Signs** photos.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.historicalatlas.ca

This website is based on the **Canadian Historical Atlas** series, the maps are interactive. But not all are done, so you have to check back as the project is completed. The maps also include information to linked sites.

Anthropology in the News

www.tamu.edu/anthropology/news.html

This site is updated weekly. Recently they highlighted an article published online in PLoS One, "Three Stage Colonization Model for the Peopling of the Americas" published Feb. 13, 2008.

Articles of Interest:

January 23, 2008

While waiting to board a flight home to Toronto from Cairo an article was spotted in *USA Today*, "National parks Robbed of Heritage." Seems looting is endemic in US parks and there is a lucrative sale of artifacts found. Unfortunately there is not enough enforcement to stop this destruction.

March 14, 2008 Globe and Mail an informal article on Samuel Champlain and check out the comment page also. Conrad Heidenreich did correct Allemang, we do know where Champlain was born, and this was a topic of discussion on the website comments page.

April 4, 2009 Globe and Mail Article on Attic Archeology. "While visiting his widowed mother in Kansas in the early 1990s, Alan Latta learned of a small metal box brimming with Latta family papers given to her by a friend's son, who worked in demolition. Although these letters, receipts and documents (some dated as early as 1801) didn't pertain to his particular branch of the family, he did send them to the editor of the Latta Genealogy Newsletter (it's a Scots name)." According to Marti Latta, Alan suggested the term "Attic Archaeology" to the writer of the article and the G&M consistently drops the "a" in archaeology!

Notice

Saturday May 24th

There will be an excavation opportunity at Bruce's Mill for T.OAS members. See the notice at the end of the newsletter. Phone in advance to let TRCA staff know you are coming.

The Boyd Archaeological Field School,

an award winning field school for high school students is now accepting application for its 32 summer. The course will run between July 27 and August 16 at Claremont Field Centre in North Pickering. This exciting course includes an introduction to archaeological theory, an excavation of an archaeological site in the GTA, analysis of artifacts, the study of prehistoric Aboriginal cultures, experience in Aboriginal uses of the environment, flint knapping and other lost skills. Students will earn a Grade 12 Credit in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDC4U) through the York Region District School Board and the Toronto and Region Conservation. We offer students a unique opportunity to explore their interests in archaeology, anthropology, indigenous studies, history, museum studies, human geography, forensic science, and more.

Space is limited, to enroll, go to our website:

www.trca.on.ca/archaeological_field_schools

Corrections:

1. Profile 25(1) Fig. 2 was taken by Dave Hunt who had to go to a lot of trouble to take this perfect photograph (just ask him!)
2. Norma E. Knowlton is not Norma K. Knowlton.

ABSTRACTS:

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.

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 kilometres 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.

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Lost and Found: Archaeology at Bruce's Mill

Enjoy a guided hike as we step into the past and explore an archaeological site at Bruce's Mill. An unknown potter in the early 1800s left behind ruins to be discovered by archaeologists in 2007. Hear the story unfold and participate in an archaeological excavation. Please bring appropriate closed-toe shoes for safety purposes.



Saturday, May 24
9 a.m. to noon

Bruce's Mill Conservation Park

Whitchurch-Stouffville

3291 Stouffville Rd., three kilometres east of Highway 404

Family Nature Events are recommended for adults and children over seven years of age. **Call the Stewardship Hotline at 416-661-6600, ext. 5660, to register.**



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