A snapping turtle upper palate at Suzanne Needs's archaeo-osteology table at Archaeology Day. The lower mandible is on the table to the right.

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President's message

Holly Martelle
President

Well, fall is just around the corner and the Ontario Archaeological Society and its Chapters have witnessed another year of successful summer events. Congratulations to Katrina Guy and the organizing committee for putting together an absolutely fantastic program for Archaeology Day at the Ashbridges Estate. While amidst the chaos of trying to set up for the event early on Saturday morning I took a moment to reflect on how much work it took to pull together all of the small details and to recruit helpers. Katrina and the energetic group of volunteers and presenters all deserve a heartfelt thanks from us. It was a rewarding and enjoyable day!

Congratulations to the Ottawa and London Chapters, both of whom hosted their own successful "Archaeology Day" earlier this summer. These events provide one of the Society's best avenues for reaching out to the public and educating them on the importance of Ontario's archaeological resources. It seems that many of us are trying to meet similar goals by hosting these events, so why not unite them? I have been informally passing around the idea of a Province-wide Archaeology Day. It was brought to the attention of last year's Board that Quebec now has a provincially recognized archaeology week. So why not Ontario? I recently made an inquiry to the Ministry of Culture to see if there was funding available to help develop and advertise the concept of "Archaeology Days" in Ontario. Alas, the provincial coffers are empty. Nevertheless, this is an idea that we should not walk away from so quickly. If any of you have ideas or suggestions as to how we can develop a concept and attract money to fund it, I would love to hear from you.

Standards and Guidelines

One other news item of note is the recent release by the Ministry of Culture of the final draft of the Standards and Guidelines for Consulting Archaeologists. A meeting is planned for Saturday, September 23, 2006 in Toronto to discuss the document and any new issues that have arisen since the first draft released in July of 2004. One welcomed improvement is the addition of a section on mandatory requirements for Aboriginal consultation. Once the guidelines are finalized, archaeologists will be required to consult with local First Nations during various stages of the archaeological process.

However, the details of who, how and when to consult will continue to be worked out over the course of time, as archaeologists and First Nations work together to coordinate a formal consultation process at the local level. The final document will be available at www.culture.gov.on.ca/english/culdiv/heritage/arch_cus tsvc.htm in the next couple of months, according to the Ministry.

London symposium

Once again, I would like to personally invite all of you to attend our annual symposium in London. Jim Keron, Chris Ellis, Nancy van Sas, Lindsay Foreman, Darcy Fallon and Steve Timmermans have put together an excellent program of events. One of the highlights of the program will be a session in honour of Dr. Michael Spence, one of Ontario's foremost biological and forensic anthropologists. I hope to see you all there!

A brief note from the editor

As you can feel, this issue is somewhat thinner than the 30-page monsters we've in the past, in addition to being late. A number of things conspired to do that, one of which was that I didn't get an "anchor" article for this issue—a substantial piece for the bulk of the newsletter, which I then add to with shorter from here and there.

If you see me walking toward you at the symposium with my hand out, please don't just shake it in greeting, leave a manuscript there was well.

We'll all be the richer for it.

Andy Schoenhofer
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From the OAS office...

Lise Ferguson
Executive Director

On Saturday, September 16 we had a cloudy but rain-free day for the THIRD annual “Archaeology Day” at the OAS! Close to 200 people visited, participated, displayed, talked, toured and generally had a good time on the grounds of the OAS office, the historic Jesse Ashbridge House in Toronto. We were really glad to have some “regulars” (I would say participating three years in a row makes these people “regulars”). We also had a number of new participants and activities this year, including:

- SOS—Save Ontario Shipwrecks—what a great match with the OAS! This is one provincial heritage group the OAS is in more contact with now that the Ontario Heritage Alliance is active again;
- Heritage Toronto (with a very snazzy and interesting display);
- a walking tour with Marti Latta (who talked on the archaeology of the Ashbridges property, on which I eavesdropped when they came near the OAS booth);
- Marti was followed by a local historian who took the group off the property to talk about the history of the neighbourhood;
- more kids’ activities (like Celtic-design temporary tattoos!);
- storytelling (John Steckley told some Native creation tales, and Dayle Elder kept the little kids entertained with other interesting stories);
- and the history of a local landmark, saved from the wreckers’ ball, called Maple Cottage (of “Maple Leaf Forever” fame).
- We had not one, but two talented flint knappers (Dan Long and Andy Schoenhofer, with Darcy Fallon kibitzing all day from the sidelines).

Returning “old-timers” included:
- the OAS Toronto Chapter (with the Chapter display unit and with a hands-on activity to teach kids how archaeologists excavate a site);
- Rudy Fecteau (palaeobotany);
- Suzanne Needs-Howarth (archaeo-osteology);
- Ellen Blaubergs (blue and white china and reconstructing pottery);
- Community History Project (on local heritage and preservation issues);
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (on TRCA sites and the field school, plus some artifact id’ing);
- and Archaeological Services Inc. along with a new participant this year, the City of Toronto (with a display of the city’s Archaeological Master Plan).

The best things about Archaeology Day are the number of connections made and the fact that our partnering with outside organizations creates an opportunity to showcase other great groups to present a fuller picture of Ontario’s history to OAS members as well as the public. It expands our horizons and those of the day’s participants as well.

It also provides a fun day with lots happening on the grounds of a local heritage house that is valued greatly by the neighbourhood. Gene Domagala is a local Beach-area historian, well known for his walking tours. Some participants came out because they knew of Gene and wanted to go on his walking tour, so these people got to learn a lot more than usual that day. His regular tour participants would not normally be exposed to the OAS and the other groups at Archaeology Day. Gene also provides a needed service for us because he arranges to get tables for Archaeo Day, and we are really grateful for this kind of practical assistance.

We have been running a used book sale each year, which has been wildly successful and makes the OAS a few hundred much-needed dollars. We have a section for archaeology and related titles, and also a section of non-serious stuff including—gasp!—Harlequin romances (because everyone needs some mindless reading, too). The great thing about the book sale is that there are a lot of great books, some long out of print, that appeal to the archaeology crowd but the other titles draw in neighbourhood people and passers-by.

Special thanks from me to Katrina Guy, Volunteer Coordinator Extraordinaire, who really did a great job recruiting and wrangling dozens of volunteers, without whom this event would not happen. Thanks to the Archaeology Committee, chaired by Carole Stimmell, and Committee members Christine Caroppo and Cathy Crinnion for all their hard work planning this fabulous event.

Many thanks to all our volunteers:

Jane Beecroft
Colin S. “Paddy” Reid, of Kenora, Ontario. Paddy passed away on Monday, August 28th at his home on Longbow Lake.

Paddy was born in Ireland in 1942, immigrating to Canada as a young man. He joined the Canadian armed forces and served with distinction as a Peacekeeper in Cyprus as well as numerous other assignments. Paddy retired from the forces having reached the rank of Captain to pursue a career in archeology. After graduating from the University of Toronto, Paddy came north to the Lake of the Woods area to work as an archeologist for the Province of Ontario. For many years, Paddy worked with the First Nations communities, discovering, exploring and preserving their histories and culture for future generations. He was a very well-respected academic having published numerous papers relating to First Nations and the fur trade. Paddy’s collection of Northwest Coast art is a testament to his love of that culture.

On retirement in 1996 Paddy took great pleasure in reading, traveling, gardening and the companionship of his beloved Siberian huskies. His current buddy “BJ” will miss him dearly as will the friends and neighbours he leaves behind.

In keeping with Paddy’s wishes a private gathering of remembrance will be held at a later date.
Corrections

I blame no one but myself; a few errors got in to the last edition of Arch Notes. A couple of them have been “fixed” in place:

1. note that nominations happen at the fall Symposium, but elections actually take place in the early new year when nominees are officially elected to the board by the membership through a mail-in ballot (I’ll be reminding you of your voting responsibilities when the time comes);

2. we have added the usual “Other business” agendum to the agenda for the Annual General Meeting at the Symposium;

3. the article about Paul Sweetman was written by Bill Fox with some additional introductory material by Holly Martelle, not Charlie Garrad, as indicated.

4. that article failed to include a photo of Paul that we had available to us, which is printed above.

Andy Schoenhofer

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Upcoming events

Award presentation for the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award (2005)

The award is going to the Boyd Archaeological Field School and will be presented at 2 p.m. on October 27 at the Boyd office in Woodbridge.

The Boyd Archaeological Field School is being honoured publicly for its commitment to the training of students in archaeological fieldwork and interpretations of past peoples through the presentation of the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology (PAPA) Award for the year 2005. The PAPA Award, administered by the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS, recognizes the large number of student graduates (more than 1,000), the innovative design and delivery, the development of enduring public archaeology resource materials and the scope of the partnerships who have been brought together over the years to make this field school available to students from Ontario, the country and beyond.

Call Angie Parisi at (416) 661-6600, extension 5295, or aparisi@trca.on.ca to find out more (if you get this in time). [With luck, we'll have pictures for the next Arch Notes—Ed.]

Recent chapter speakers

Here's a round-up of who has talked at chapter meetings around the province lately (that I could find out). Get in touch with any of them if you're from a nearby chapter and are looking for a speaker for this season some time.

- On September 14, London Chapter heard from Dr. Lisa Hodgetts of the Dept. of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario, who spoke on her research near Churchill, Manitoba in a presentation called Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherers of Southwestern Hudson Bay.
- Ottawa chapter got a guided tour of the Museum of Civilisation, so that won't travel well to other parts of the province, unfortunately....
- In October, Toronto Chapter heard Dr. Holly Martelle, of Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants, present Thank you Mr. Sackrider! A Tale of the Rediscovery of a Long Lost Middle Iroquoian Village in London, Ontario. She has woven a detective tale that starts with some 1959 field sketches from a little-known Ontario avocational archaeologists named Ernie Sackrider.
- Also remember to invite Symposium speakers—they will often be happy to give their talks to Chapters, especially with the luxury of not having a 20-minute time limit to talk to.

ESAF AGM: Nov. 8-12

The Eastern States Archaeology Federation Annual Meeting, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Fitchburg, Massachusetts (about one hour out of Boston).

The Canadian Hospitality event is on the Friday, and the session Cooperation between Native Americans, Archaeologists, and Local Officials (Chair, Doug Harris) is Saturday morning.

For registration, contact Donald Winkley at dwinkley@att.net.
More information at esaf-archeology.org.

Ontario APA AGM: Nov. 25

The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Association of Professional Archaeologists (APA) will be held on Saturday, November 25th at 10 a.m. at the Oneida Business Park, near Oshweken, Ontario.

The meeting will feature presentations and discussions on the theme of cooperation and consultation between Ontario archaeologists and First Nations. It will include a discussion of Unit 6 Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology recently proposed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture in their new Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. They hope to have several First Nations representatives in attendance to share their views on how a formal consultative process between Ontario archaeologists and First Nations would best be achieved.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Join the APA today and get the remainder of 2006 added to your 2007 membership for the same low price.

More info from: Peter Timmins at ptimmins@uwo.ca or 519-661-2111 ext. 85097, or on the WWW at apaontario.ca.
Speakers and papers at the OAS Symposium: who you'll see if you go; what you'll miss if you don't

Session I: Papers in Honor of Michael Spence


Jerimey J. Cunningham (University of Calgary): Reconsidering Woodland Pots: The Ethnoarchaeology of Decorative Variation in Mali.


Lindsay Foreman and El Molto (University of Western Ontario): Who was Buried at the Varden Site (AdHa-1)? Osteological Insights into the Time of Interment and the Cultural Group Association of the Mortuary Component of a Long Point Fishing Station.

Kevin T. Gibbs (University of Toronto): Utilitarian Pottery and Ethnic Identity in the Oaxaca Barrio, Teotihuacan.

Jamie Ginter (University of Toronto): Investigating the Origins of the Odd Fellows Skeletal Collection: Exploring Links to Early Medical Training.

Adria Grant (Archaeologix Inc.): The Roffelsen Site (AcHn-33): A Younger Phase Western Basin Tradition Specialized Site in Southwestern Ontario.

Linda Howie (University of Sheffield): Community Life in a Glen Meyer Village: Ceramic Variability, Group Identity and Social Interaction at the Praying Mantis Site.


Holly Martelle (Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants): From Teotihuacan to Huronia: Ceramic Micro-styles and Craft Specialization.


Susan Pfeiffer (University of Toronto): Palaeopathology and Archaeology: Convergence in the Study of Holocene South African Foragers.

Dana Poulton, Christine Dodd (D. R. Poulton and Associates), Michael W. Spence (University of Western Ontario), James T. Sherratt (University of Toronto) and Christopher Neil (D. R. Poulton and Associates): "The Ways to Dusty Death": Three Projects Involving the Recently Emeritus Professor Michael W. Spence.

Shari Prowse (Ontario Ministry of Culture): Much ado About Netsinkers: An Examination of Netsinker Use and Manufacture at Five Woodland Period Archaeological Sites within Southern Ontario.

David G. Smith (University of Toronto) and Jenneth E. Curtis (Parks Canada, Atlantic Region): The Woodland Settlement System at Cootes Paradise, Ontario, Canada.

Peter Timmins (University of Western Ontario): Long-term Site Preservation in a Land Development Context: The Brian Site Example.

Sandra Wheeler and Lana Williams (University of Western Ontario): Due Diligence: The Role of Forensic Archaeology in Crime Scene Investigation.

Session II: Contributed Papers

Andrea Carnevale, Katherine Hull (Archaeological Services Inc.), Suzanne Needs-Howarth (Zooarchaeological Consultant) and Eva MacDonald (Archaeological Services Inc.): The Grave Tale of the Riddle Site.

Dillon Carr (Michigan State University): Deer Lake Revisited: Current Research Problems in the
Identification of Paleoindian Sites in the Upper Great Lakes Region.

Chris Ellis (University of Western Ontario): The 2006 Test Excavations at the Davidson Site: An Archaic Broadpoint Component.

Charles Garrad: The Petun as Neutrals.

Michael W. Gregg (University of Toronto): The Politics of Preservation: Archaeological Resources and the Planned Redevelopment of Toronto’s Central Waterfront.

Eva MacDonald (Archaeological Services Inc): Planning For Archaeology at Ball’s Falls Heritage Conservation Area, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario.

Holly Martelle (Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants) and James R. Keron (Independent Scholar): Avocational Archaeology in Ontario: History and Directions.


David Slattery (Horizon Archaeology): In Defense of Contract Archaeology.

Kristy Snarey (Mayer Heritage Consultants) and Chris Ellis (University of Western Ontario): Evidence for Bow and Arrow Use in the Smallpoint Late Archaic of Southwestern Ontario.

John Steckley (Humber College): The Sagard Code (Or is That An Inquest).

Steven T.A. Timmermans (London Chapter, OAS) and S. Brooke Milne (University of Manitoba): An Explanation for Paleo-Indian Habitation Patterns in Northeastern North America.

Christopher Watts and David Smith (University of Toronto): Tentative Title: The Engagement Site (AdHl-81), an Early Late Woodland Component.

Avocational archaeologists are invited to participate in a discussion session to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006 during the annual OAS symposium in London, Ontario.

The proceedings will include a review of the history of avocational archaeology in Ontario, beginning with the founding of the OAS, the advent of licensing, the ACOP program and recent legislative and regulation changes. This will be followed by an open discussion seeking input from attendees on issues, challenges and needs of avocational archaeology as they are facing us today.

The intent is to gather information to help guide the OAS in championing avocational archaeology in today's regulatory environment and to provide input to the Ministry of Culture with respect to proposed changes in avocational licensing.
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