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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Here at the OAS office, the appearance of the Fall colours causes everyone to turn their attention to the now fast approaching OAS conference – the 2012 edition being in Windsor this year.

While the organizing committee is busy making the conference a success (and it sure is a jam packed three days of offerings), Board members are scrambling to pull together our annual report to members, and preparing for the discussion we hope you will all participate in regarding the renewal of the Strategic Plan for the OAS. This is both a necessary exercise for articulating our collective vision for where the OAS needs to

prioritize efforts over the next few years, and benchmark against which the performance of the Board can be measured.

We really hope you'll make the effort to attend the ABM on the Saturday afternoon of the conference. I know it is less inviting than a drink and a chat getting caught up with others, but with the discussion this year of the Strategic Plan, getting input from the membership is critical to ensuring the Board incorporating your direction and feedback into the final document, and vision for where the OAS needs to be heading.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Arch Notes* is Meagan Brooks summary of the online

questionnaire people filled in earlier this year (page 7). In terms of giving us a sense of the membership, and the diversity in views of that membership, it is a fascinating read, and insightful for Strategic Planning. As well, please find a brief outline of the kinds of questions and priorities we'd like to think about in drafting the Strategic Plan (page 10).

I know people feel strongly about what the OAS is, should be, and shouldn't be. So please give us a hand in mapping out where we go from here! We'll be looking for you in Windsor.

Neal Ferris
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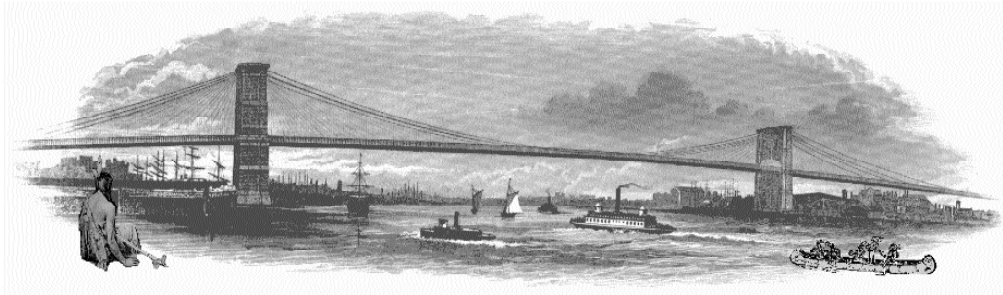


Agenda for the Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
at the Holiday Inn & Suites Ambassador Bridge
1855 Huron Church Road,
Windsor, ON

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| 1. President's opening remarks | 6. Election of Directors |
| 2. Minutes of the previous meeting | 7. Next Symposium |
| 3. Matters arising from these Minutes | 8. Other business |
| 4. President's report | 9. Revised Strategic Plan |
| 5. Treasurer's report | 10. Adjournment |

A Bridge Across Time...

The Archaeology of the Great Lakes Area



The Annual Symposium of the Ontario Archaeological Society

November 9 -11, 2012

Holiday Inn Suites Ambassador Bridge: Windsor, Ontario

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Tour: National Historic Site Fort Malden

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Guided walking tours: Olde Sandwich Towne

Movie: Explosion 1812

Workshop: Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport

Symposium Sessions

War of 1812: Chaired by Dena Doroszenko and Holly Martelle

Paleoindian and Archaic: Chaired by Christopher Ellis

Woodland: Chaired by Peter Timmins

Western Basin: Chaired by Christopher Watts and Lindsay Foreman

For more details and registration, please visit us on-line @

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FISH OUT OF WATER: ONTARIO'S ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATES FLOUNDERING IN A CRM LAKE

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We have all seen it at one point or another, a fish that has somehow made it out of its aquatic sanctuary, be it a river, lake, or indoor tank. We watch as it flops around, on the shore, bottom of our boat, or even our floor, trying to find its way back to the water. This is the analogy that comes to mind when I think about Ontario's archaeology graduates. Here, I draw upon my experiences and observations as a student and archaeologist over the past decade to suggest how our post-secondary institutions and our students can better prepare for a career in Ontario archaeology in the 21st century.

As a 'freshly' minted Ph.D., I know, firsthand, the struggle students face in connecting the disjointed realms of 'academic' and 'cultural resource management (CRM)' archaeology. Like most of Ontario's archaeology graduates, my formal training in excavation and recording, artifact processing, analysis, interpretation, and report writing, was from an academic, research perspective.

Thinking back to my field school, I now realize that I spent six weeks in two separate one metre by one metre square units carefully uncovering and recording the artifacts I found. I catalogued and reported on each find as part of a 'unit' rather than considering how it related to our understanding of the activities conducted at the site as a whole. The 'big picture' was lost along the way, and it is here where we need to improve our teaching methods.

In CRM archaeology, the same steps are followed; the differences mainly arise in the excavation methodology employed (i.e. the shovel versus the trowel) and the rate at which the work is completed (i.e. several weeks to excavate a moderately sized site versus several months or even field seasons in research archaeology). Coming from a research archaeology field school, and if they are fortunate enough, a research archaeology project, students find it difficult to switch to the physically demanding, fast pace of CRM archaeology. Rather than taking several weeks to excavate a one metre by one metre square unit, each individual is expected to excavate two or more units in a single day.

CRM archaeology is business, and time is money. The goal is to collect and record as much evidence of pre- and post-contact Aboriginal and historic Euro-Canadian

occupation as quickly and efficiently as possible. It is returned to the lab/office, processed, interpreted, and the report is written and reviewed by the client and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. If it meets all of the criteria in the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Ministry will issue a letter of satisfaction allowing the client to proceed with his/her project. The length of this process varies from several months to several years, depending on the nature and size of the project.

Given the current state of our economy, and the fact that several post-secondary institutions have recently hired archaeologists whose interests lie outside of northeastern North America, research archaeology in Ontario is going the way of the passenger pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*). As such, it is necessary that we alter our curricula to provide graduates with the skill sets they require to succeed as archaeologists in Ontario.

A solution to both of these problems would be to develop CRM businesses within our academic institutions. This approach would provide revenue for the archaeology programmes while simultaneously teaching students the required excavation, interpretation, and report writing skills that Ontario's CRM-dominated archaeology industry demands. Once the student has completed the CRM field school, the department would then be able to employ him/her throughout the year, adding to his/her practical skill set, and drastically reducing the 'on the job training' required by current graduates.

It is also essential that 'hands-on' lab courses, in which the students are given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the material culture items commonly recovered from Ontario's archaeological sites, are maintained and expanded. A full-year lab course, in which the basics of the manufacture and identification of the main artifact types (i.e. lithics, pre-contact Native ceramics, floral, faunal, and Euro-Canadian ceramics, glass, personal, and structural items) is covered, would be ideal. With such a knowledge base, students would be able to 'hit the ground running', rather than flop around like fish out of water, as many do today.

While each Ontario university with an archaeology programme must make the decisions that best suit it, I am concerned that the wealth of information in our own

backyard is being taken for granted. Institutions that once had very strong Ontario archaeology components are now emphasizing courses on and field schools in Arctic, Central and South American, and European archaeology.

I agree that it is wonderful to provide students with these opportunities; however, if a student does not pursue graduate studies in these areas, this knowledge is useless in acquiring employment in Ontario. Academic archaeology positions are few and far between, and I feel that we should emphasize practicality, rather than the sexy and exotic, in our undergraduate and graduate anthropology programmes.

It appears that some of Ontario's universities have recognized these problems. Changes have been made within individual courses and programmes that reflect the dynamic nature of Ontario archaeology. Unfortunately, these changes are not occurring as quickly as they should, and the onus remains on the student to acquire the necessary skill set required of today's Ontario archaeologist.

This is not an easy task when the media is constantly barraging you with information on the interesting and the exotic. For over a decade now, I have defended my choice to become an Ontario archaeologist. No, people have not been here for 50,000 or 100,000 years. No, there is no evidence of a grand civilization. No, archaeology has not been practised here for more than a couple of centuries. Regardless, I am fascinated by the ways people organized themselves within, viewed, and used their surrounding environment during the 10,000 plus years they have been in this province. There is so much research to be done on all material culture types during this time period; we have

barely scratched the surface.

My advice to current archaeology students and to recent graduates: be versatile, be willing to learn, work hard, and look at the big picture. Ontario archaeology is more than walking fields and digging test pits and squares. Try to picture what the land may have looked like to previous inhabitants and put yourself in their shoes or moccasins as may be the case. Only then will you understand your role.

Although some people love the field and others the lab, both are equally important in reconstructing the lifestyles and choices of the pre- and post-contact Aboriginal and historic Euro-Canadian occupants of this province. Field experience helps you to better understand where the artifacts came from, how they were collected and recorded, while lab experience helps you to recognize and identify artifacts, structures, and settlement patterns in the field; embrace both. Finally, always ask questions and continue to learn. Use what knowledge you already have and continue to build upon it. Everyone has something to contribute: play to your strengths and develop your weaknesses.

Ontario archaeology in the 21st century is CRM archaeology. The successful shift from public, academic archaeology to private archaeology requires a new set of skills: business development and operation. CRM archaeologists are the middlemen, acting on behalf of both the client and the province attempting to meet the interests of both parties. This requires much flexibility, and often, negotiation, so that everyone is satisfied. So, all you archaeology grads out there, consider taking some business courses . . . I am!

ARCHNOTES ARCHIVE ONLINE

ArchNotes has long been the OAS's publication of record. Since first appearing in the late 1950s, it has been a reflection of the dynamism of the society, presenting information about OAS lectures, digs and a wide-range of related activities. It has also consigned to its pages unique information resulting from archaeological excavations and analyses.

While not peer-reviewed, in many instances these research notes and articles constitute the only surviving documentation of many

projects and the musings of their authors and excavators.

Thanks to the work of summer students, Emily Wells (2012) and Micheline Cabral (2011), under the supervision of Jim Keron, you can now access most past issues of ArchNotes as pdf's.

If you know the issue you wish to read, you can access it through: <http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/publications/search-an-issues.php>

If you are not certain which issue contains the information you seek or you would like to explore the index using a key word search, go

to [:http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/publications/search-an-keyword.php](http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/publications/search-an-keyword.php)

But you can easily move between the two of them.

Lastly, from the main Arch Notes page, there is a link to a new Issues and Articles search offering the two options:

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Website Editor*

OAS STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY

By Meagan Brooks

INTRODUCTION

Our OAS Strategic Plan Survey was quite successful. A total of 89 members took the survey over the several months it was available online. This was our first experience using the online survey 'SurveyMonkey' and it seems to have gone smoothly. We did get some suggestions from members about a few questions that could have been worded differently or eliminated, so thank you to those who commented on the process as well as the contents. The resultant data can be divided into five categories: Member Information, Satisfaction, Publications, Future Priorities and Extra Comments. The following summarizes and interprets the results

of the survey. The original results are available at the OAS Website.

MEMBER INFORMATION

The majority of respondents were individuals (72%). Only nine students took the questionnaire, which is unfortunate as more information from this segment of our membership would have been valuable. Most of the responses for member information did not hold many surprises (Figure 1). However *Question 6 : Which category best describes you?* confirmed that 48% of respondents were archaeologists working in the CRM industry. This is a reflection of the Society membership that somewhat goes against the traditional view of the OAS.

Over half of the respondents (59%)

indicated that they rarely attend chapter meetings, while 23% attend every few months. These numbers, while not surprising, are somewhat disheartening. Most of the respondents rarely or every few years attend the annual symposium; similarly the majority of respondents rarely attend the Annual Business Meeting.

Over half of the respondents (66%) do not volunteer for their Chapter. This is also somewhat disappointing and it might be worth considering ways to increase volunteering in the Society. Those who do volunteer do a variety of activities for mostly one to three hours a month.

SATISFACTION

Over all members appear to be

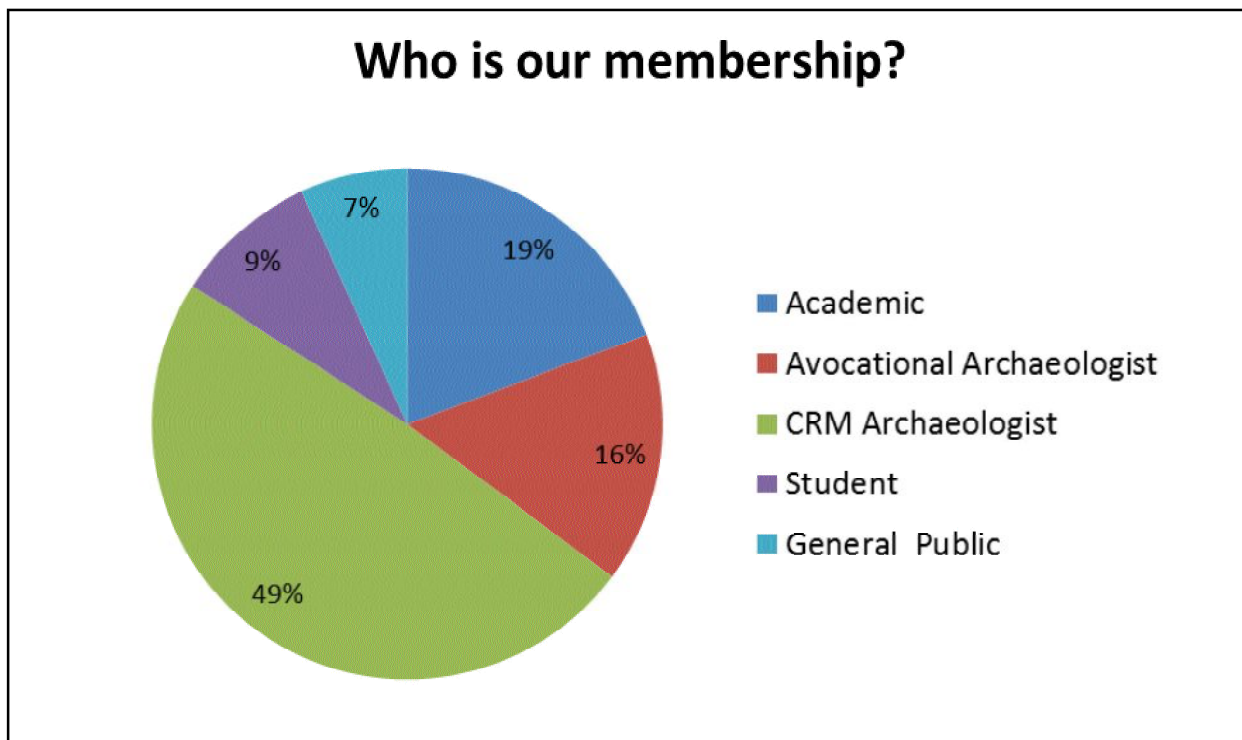


Figure 1: Membership Distribution

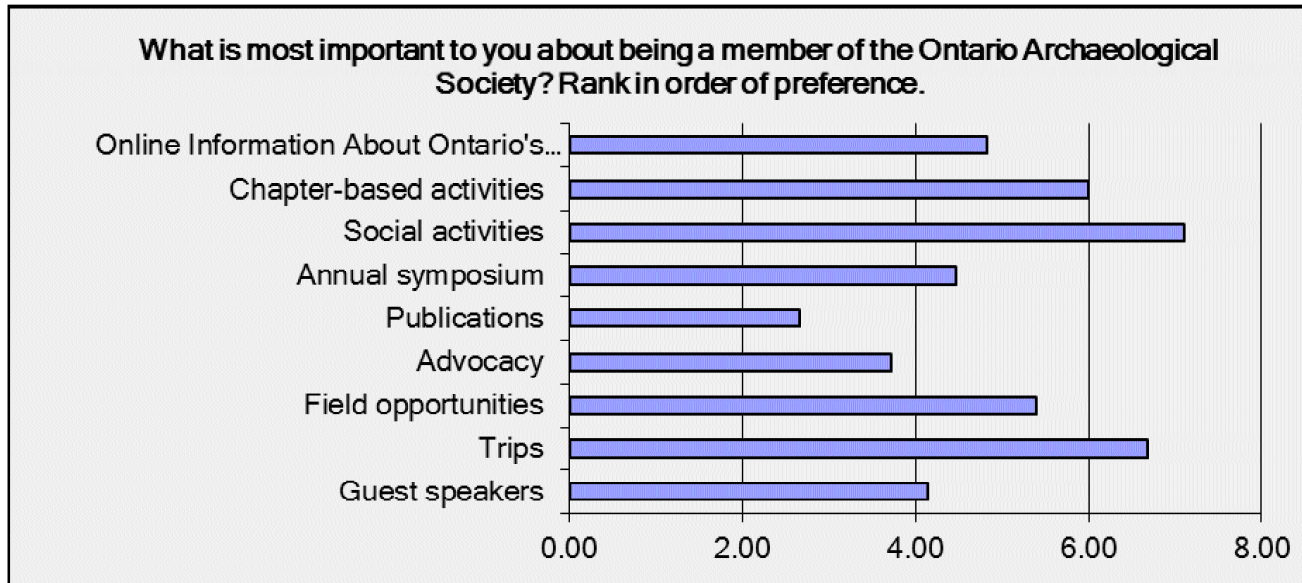


Figure 2: Satisfaction and activities

generally satisfied, with the most common responses being 4, 3, and 5 (5 being very satisfied). The social side of the OAS seems to be what respondents appreciate most about their membership, followed by information about Ontario archaeology and field opportunities (Figure 2). A small number of respondents were not satisfied and hopefully improvements to be made over the next several years, as we implement a new strategic plan, will address the concerns of this segment of our membership.

Similar responses were given regarding communication within the Society, although more respondents were leaning towards the 'unsatisfied' side of the scale. The majority (85%) of respondents receive communication and information about the OAS through online means and prefer their communication through email and *ArchNotes*. This has been the trend in the last several years. In contrast, newer members (23 answered the question) indicated that 73% of them found out about the OAS through another member. While this is not surprising, it does speak to the need to increase efforts in other areas of communication and publicity. Over all

relatively few respondents regularly visit the Facebook page or the OAS list serve. However, half of the respondents regularly visit the Society webpage.

In general, half of the respondents are either satisfied or at least ambivalent (score 3) about the content of the OAS webpage. However, 14% of the respondents reflected negatively on the content of the webpage. Various comments were also included urging upgrades and expanded web resources. The current resources on the webpage seem to be accessed more or less equally, with the online renewal and OA articles database and event information being accessed slightly more frequently. The top five desired web services, as chosen by respondents, can be ranked as follows: Ministry of Culture news and notes, speaker presentations, listings of volunteer/field opportunities, research tools and job listings. This current use and the selected enhancements are reflective of a need to continue increasing our member services portion of the webpage, as well as provide a larger range of research based content. As the respondents were largely CRM professionals, this is not

surprising.

Publications

As one of the preferred mediums of communication (42%), *ArchNotes* was deemed important and very important by the majority of the respondents. The same numbers of respondents were satisfied with the content of *ArchNotes*. Towards the question of reducing the output of *ArchNotes* to four issues per year, the respondents were largely split with a slight bias towards 'yes' (56%), however 70% of respondents were **not** in favour of paying extra for a hard copy.

Of the respondents 78% subscribed to *Ontario Archaeology*, considered it important, and were satisfied with content. As was expected, the satisfaction with the delivery rate was slightly more split, with the majority of the responses (64%) indicating general satisfaction, although 19% of responses were less satisfied. Unlike *ArchNotes*, 70% of the respondents **are** willing to pay a premium for a hard copy.

FUTURE PRIORITIES

Respondents were asked to identify what they felt the priorities should be for the Society over the next five years. Given the wide range of options it is difficult to pick out specific priorities and many were very close in numbers. However an overall ranking is still possible, as can be see below. Advocacy, digital publications and public education were considered the top three priorities, while social events, directly undertaking research and organized trips were considered to have the least priority.

1. advocacy
2. publications – digital
3. public education
4. publications – print
5. field opportunities
6. provide avocational training opportunities
7. provide professional training opportunities
8. fundraise
9. directly undertake fieldwork
10. social events
11. directly undertake research
12. organized trips

EXTRA COMMENTS

The extra comments section was enlightening, demonstrating conflicting points of view as well as valuable suggestions. Comments fall into two categories: Comments related to the questionnaire and comments geared towards future endeavours. Creators of future online surveys can learn from the first category. More interesting, several themes are evident in the second category comments. These include: website enhancements, public and community engagement, conflict between CRM and avocational/academic archaeology.

Website Enhancement and Digital Presence:

These comments reflect the changing nature of communication and use of information within the OAS.

“could expand the web site resources (such as Southern Ontario Projectile Point Types) to the sort of system used by the Ohio Public Library (OPLIN - ‘What’s The Point’)”

“Building the online content of the organization’s website, including reports, out-of-print material (i.e. the ‘Green Bible’, OAS monographs”

“Unless the OAS becomes relevant in the digital age, it will fail.”

“I am firmly against any reduction in hard copies and consider electronic publication as being about the same as spam.”

Public and Community Engagement

These comments each speak to the desire to see more public and community engagement in the OAS. These ideas and comments also feed into ways of increasing membership.

“Archaeology days have to be promoted”

“promoting ethical consultation with descendant communities”

“fund research and public fieldwork opportunities. Public education is a must”

“Public Engagement = Sexy research/digs/discoveries = more funding”

“The OAS should continue to enhance its strengths and mandate of avocational and public outreach”

“OAS should advocate for the protection of archaeological sites.”

“Need to get more public involvement”

“Creating more opportunities for students at both the graduate or undergraduate level would help draw in more membership. Perhaps providing publication opportunities, contacting and creating ties with Anthropology student associations.”

CRM vs Avocational/Academic

These comments reflect the changing demographic of the OAS that has clearly occurred in the last several years.

“The OAS needs to recognise how many members work in CRM”

“get rid of the consultants”

“The OAS should continue to enhance its strengths and mandate of avocational and public outreach, and not venture into the professional CRM aspect of the discipline”

“The OAS should work to be the core leader of archaeology and practice in the province, and strive to serve ALL constituencies”

CONCLUSION

The OAS Strategic Plan Survey has been a useful activity. As a result the Board of Directors will be able to tailor future initiatives, projects and funding towards the areas identified through the survey. Hopefully future surveys will gather more responses from the membership, to continue to refine our future efforts. It is vitally important that as members, you make the most of opportunities to have your opinions heard. As always we encourage you to email ideas and questions to your board. A full summary of the responses is available as a PDF on the OAS Website.

OAS STRATEGIC PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

The following are some broad themes and points to consider in considering the priorities and emphases for the renewed OAS Strategic Plan. They are not meant to be detailed, or comprehensive, so we invite you to raise additional points that are not listed here, as well as provide your thoughts on those here.

These will be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting of the OAS in Windsor. If you don't plan on attending the conference, please feel free to submit written comment, or call a member of the Board, to convey your thoughts on the direction the new Strategic Plan should take.

SCOPE :

- Updating or major overhaul?
- 3 Year or 5 Year duration of implementation?

OPERATIONS:

- Enhance participation at ABM
- Develop workplace procedures, performance measures for OAS staff
- Create a 'New member of Board' orientation package and training for OAS Executive and Chapter Executives
- Update and formalize OAS Policies and Procedures manual
- Determine what function the ED position is most needed for the OAS

MEMBERSHIP/SERVICES:

- Undertake research targeting member retention (e.g., standardized member exit survey, review practices at other heritage organizations), and recruitment
- Determine and enhance services for underserved current membership sectors (CRM, Aboriginal)
- Develop links with other heritage organizations to increase OAS profile, recruit new members
- Provide more online means for members to provide input into the OAS, discuss topics/issues, ID artifacts, etc.

ADVOCACY:

- Define priorities in advocacy (e.g., site management and protection, proactive stewardship, site looting, unethical practices within the community, advancement of knowledge and research, education, etc.)
- Develop advocacy strategies/opportunities that work with community organizations, environmental organizations, First Nations
- Develop strategic advocacy priorities with various levels of government; pursue obtainable goals (e.g., avocational

guides, peer mediation, First Nations collaboration, etc.).

- Develop partnerships with consultant firms/organizations, development sector, to identify and undertake/support initiatives/services for effective management of archaeology within land use development

ONLINE PRESENCE/ELECTRIC MEDIA:

- Enhance online content for all sectors of membership, public
- Look for Partnerships to expand online presence, develop interactive materials (e.g., Museums, educational/research organizations, etc.)
- Explore ways to increase Board transparency, accountability
- Utilize online presence as means of providing volunteer opportunities, member-directed communication
- expand social media presence, cross media apps
- Enhance OAS expertise in this area (e.g., recruit funding for staff/targeted Board member, etc.)

COMMUNICATION:

- Develop strategies for increasing OAS media profile.
- Revise, enhance edukits, brochures, other general info., both hard copy and online
- Review and revitalize as needed OAS all publications, procedures for delivering these on time, policies/opportunities for online accessibility of these

CHAPTERS:

- Recognize, promote and enhance the vital role chapters play as part of the OAS
- Develop pro-active strategies for recruiting new chapters, new chapter members/subscribers
- Increase and integrate chapters' presence online with rest of OAS

EDUCATION:

- Online educational materials, easily identified as OAS, need to be developed, expanded

OTHER:

- Promote, encourage research on Ontario archaeology, with emphasis on existing collections
- Explore ways to provide members access to field opportunities undertaken by 3rd parties
- Develop Avocational training, meaningful roles in archaeological management

PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY DAY – OAS HURONIA CHAPTER

by Peter Davis

The Huronia Chapter (OAS) held its Public Archaeology Day(s) on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12. The chosen site sits in the middle of the Tay Peninsula jutting out into Georgian Bay between Midland and Penetanguishene, off Tay Point Road, in the midst of the lovely, dark and deep Simcoe County Forest. Designated formally BeGx-76, if you are Borden-minded, or the Allen Tract, if you are normal, or even Wow! This is cool!, if you are excitable like me, the site awaits its proper name to be chosen by the Wendat Nation of Quebec.

The deal was come rain or shine, and ... well, yes. That does describe it pretty well.

The weather was forecast to be rainy, on and off, and things got under way Saturday morning quite pleasantly, with as many as 25 people coming out loyally, clutching hot Timmy's in their mitts, carrying backpacks and foul-weather gear. As an old motto has it: there is no bad weather, only bad clothing. We kept that in mind.

John and Marg Raynor had the site-tested RV (Noah's Arch?) positioned at the entrance to the dig location. On Friday the hard-core faithful (has anybody noticed that John Raynor's initials

also stand for Jesuit Relations?) set plastic markers to delineate the path in, as well as tarpaulins to cover the area of excavation. Dr. Alicia Hawkins determined that our task was to be limited to the disturbed part of one large midden clinging to the edge of the ravine. As so many – if not all – Wendat villages seem to appear, this site followed the characteristic pattern: surrounded on at least three sides by a declivity, near a reliable source of water, and on sandy – what isn't in Simcoe County, other than swamps? – upland soil.

Sadly, this location had been looted previously, probably over a number of

years. The midden we were to deal with had an extensive edge cut away and the spoiled earth piled haphazardly. We set about taking pails of dirt by trowelling from these piled portions and screening the soil carefully; guided by the 'old hands' – being careful to note that old hands in archaeology can be quite young and attractive – the duffers like myself were coached in the fine art of telling charred wood from charred corn, charred beans from seed pods, fish bones from mammal bones, and told to keep a wary eye open for pottery sherds, or beads, or any specimens of metal. When we began, we were told that the site was newly-discovered



Figure 1: Tonya Kitay (our Bead Lady) is in the black top, Kristin Thor beside her, back to camera. Sorry, Kristin.



Figure 2: Kristin Thor hard at work; finds went in the paper bags.

(credit goes to Gary Dubeau) and newly-Bordenized, and that at this point it was not known if it was a contact-site or not. So ... we were on the leading edge.

The first half of Saturday – for me at least – entailed learning to recognize what I was handling, all covered in fine black dirt. I did not forget to enjoy my surroundings. The site is large, as even a greenhorn like myself can tell, with several large middens, with only one of which we were dealing. The largest concentration of recovered items would be by far the charred wood, charred corn kernels, and such unromantic stuff as fish bones; but occasional pottery shards cropped up, enough to keep the fire in the belly, some quite nicely decorated with notches and lines.

And then one shell bead was discovered. The finds were passed first to Alicia for her okay, but then our bead-lady, Tonya Kitay, examined them, singing her praises of each and every recovery. This was Tonya's first experience of a dig and she was enjoying each second.

About noon, the heavens opened. Jamie Hunter had opined to Alicia that it might be a good idea to water-screen the sample soil and nature appeared to agree.

Thunder, lightning, all the good stuff, but it might not

last long and a lunch break was waiting to be taken. It served as a good chance to clean our filthy hands. And to sample Marg Raynor's excellent soup.

As the rain tapered off, the crew returned to their posts. So far, we had not determined whether it might be a contact-site, and we were back there to dig our heels in and make something happen – well, we had to, the ground was now slippery as hell. But by the end of day, all the hard campaigners had not found anything that proved European influence, beyond what could have been traded inland from the far-off Atlantic coasts. Although the suspicion was there: we had found a rolled copper bead and a copper cone, perhaps a decoration from clothing. Sunday was another day.

And Sunday was a better day. Only spits of rain. The faces had changed somewhat, several people being otherwise committed, but new recruits had signed on and filled the gaps nicely, and our work resumed. Jamie Hunter arrived and set to work with a will. He had a happy knack of filling buckets with earth, and setting a lovely sherd of pottery right on top, dead center, to keep our spirits up. And the discoveries began. Jamie found a piece of a knife blade – iron – bingo! Certainly a contact site! I found a small, right-angle folded, piece of copper that I was sure was from Canadian Tire and not the 17th century. But Alicia slapped me around and corrected the error of my ways. I was working with Gary Dubeau and Paul Johnston on a standing screen (1/8-inch screen for those technically minded). Paul, on his first dig, had the uncanny knack of picking out beads. Yes, beads! He found two; we joked that he had “beady eyes.”

And Gary Dubeau found a bead – his first ever bead, and he has been doing this work for years! The gods were smiling on us at last. Kristin and her husband and sister found a beautiful red bead with white ‘bloom’ inserts. No doubt now that it was a site dating after European trade was well established. Being located in the Ihonatiria area, this is a very interesting site indeed.

Alicia, in an email sent to Jamie Hunter after the weekend, points out: “Blue tube – Ia19; White football – IIa15; Blue and white tube – closest is Ib18; Red round with white and blue – Ibb1. According to both Kenyon and Kenyon and to Fitzgerald, Knight and Bain this should put it into GBPII. What do you think?” Archaeological-speak, but big brains need their outlets too.

What I think, Alicia, is that I had the time of my life and I am hooked – real bad. I think that the Huronia Chapter, OAS, will be getting my faithful, volunteer service whenever I can manage it in the future. And if you, too, have beady eyes, then you are welcome to join us.

KENNETH THOMAS ODELL BUCHANAN

MARCH 6, 1927 TO JULY 1, 2012

by Pat Julig

Ken Buchanan died on July 1st, 2012 in Sudbury, Ontario. He was a teacher and archaeologist based in the Anthropology Department at Laurentian University, and a key member of the ASLU (Archaeological Survey of Laurentian University) for many years, and published many CRM and Field school reports.

To our students and faculty he is best known for his weekend digs for second year archaeology students, held at the Speigel (Killarney Bay 1) Middle Woodland site in Killarney, near Sudbury.

According to the obituary in the Sudbury Star (2012-07-03), Ken Buchanan, is survived by sons, Greg (Buck) and Cam Buchanan and by a daughter, Marg, and six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The obit also notes: "Ken served in the reserve Navy for many years, and volunteered for a number of nonprofit organizations. He was always an avid sailor, ham radio operator and motorcyclist."

He was predeceased by his wife Eva, several years ago. His family life was very private, but Ken himself was very helpful to others. He was very good with computer hardware and software, and always willing to assist others if they had problems. He was a very bright chap, and knew how to do many things from field archaeology to mechanics, and sailing to ham radio, but was mostly a teacher.

Ken did graduate studies at Trent University. From 1965 to 1975 he taught at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School in Sudbury, Ontario. Once finished with

high school teaching, Ken moved on to work at the Archaeological Survey of Laurentian University (ASLU) from 1976 to 2002, and later teach archaeology courses on a part-time basis



Ken Buchanan at the Speigel Site

at Laurentian University in the Department of Anthropology, from 1990 to 2002. I knew Ken first as an archaeologist and fellow part-time faculty member in our department.

From 1976 to 1990 he worked with Helen Devereaux, faculty archaeologist, on the ASLU. From 1977 to 2001 Ken authored or co-authored over 25 archaeological reports for northeastern Ontario. After the departure of Helen Devereaux, he worked mostly on his own at the ASLU, and directed the Fall

Field schools at the Speigel site (Killarney Bay 1).

Later I worked with Ken on several CRM surveys, at Wikwemikong (2000) and other surveys such as the College Boreal (2004). On these we hired Laurentian students to give them practical fieldwork experience. We also worked together at field schools at La Vase portage sites in North Bay, and I helped him in his digs at Speigel site in Killarney. For much of his time at Laurentian Ken had his own archaeological 'building' in parking lot #4 in the form of a 'portable' classroom that had been converted into his office and repository of numerous reports, samples and equipment pertaining to the Archaeological Survey of Laurentian University (ASLU). He often provided help with the identification of artifacts brought in

by the public, and gave advice regarding local heritage issues.

I knew then, as I did in many such encounters with Ken, that if something was worth doing it was worth doing well. Regardless of the capacity in which you may have known Ken, it was clear that he was a fount of knowledge in many areas. I recall having lunch with him one day in the cafeteria, and Ken was having French-fries, and was putting lots of salt on his fries. A colleague Dr. Fairgrieve had joined us and said "Ken are you not on medication for blood pressure, and

should you use that much salt"? Ken said "I take medication so I can enjoy the salty chips." Never the less he made it into the mid 80's and continued to take long-distant motor bike rides until about a year ago.

We will miss his dry sense of humor and seeing him in his trademark coveralls.

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On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to congratulate the members of the Toronto Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society on the occasion of the chapter's 30th anniversary.

Ontario is fortunate to have a rich and diverse archaeological heritage that affords our citizens many opportunities for learning and discovery. I would like to commend the members of the Toronto Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, both past and present, for the vital role they play in helping to ensure that our province's unique and irreplaceable archaeological resources are given the recognition they deserve. Take pride in knowing that your invaluable contributions do much to define who we are as Ontarians and to enrich our quality of life.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dalton McGuinty'.

Dalton McGuinty
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