

Circles of Interaction:

*The Wendat and their neighbours
in the time of Champlain*



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015
FROM 4:30 TO 6 PM**

**AT THE
BEST WESTERN HIGHLAND INN,
MIDLAND**

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2015 FROM 4:30 TO 6:00PM AT THE
BEST WESTERN HIGHLAND INN, MIDLAND ON**

1. President's opening remarks
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (see pages 4 & 5)
3. Matters arising from these minutes
4. President's report
Constitutional amendment(s) (see page 3)
5. Treasurer's report
Financial statement
Discussion of membership rate for e-mailed versions of *Arch Notes*
Endowment funds
Appointment of auditors
6. Election of Directors
7. Next Symposia – 2016? 2017?
8. Progress of 2014–2019 Strategic Plan
9. Other business
10. Motions of thanks
11. Adjournment

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The 2015 OAS Board of Directors – Back row: Paul Racher, Debbie Steiss, Grant Karcich, Chris Dalton, Bill Fox; Middle: Abbey Flower, Rob MacDonald, Margie Kenedy; Front: Sheryl Smith, Lorie Harris (Executive Director), Dana Millson, and Nicole Brandon

Proposed Amendment to the OAS Constitution

The following amendment to Article 7, Section 7 of the OAS Constitution is proposed in order to up-date the title and role of the current Membership Director portfolio, as follows:

Existing Title/Description in OAS Constitution:

Article 7 – Duties of Directors

7. The Membership Director shall maintain and update the Society's membership list, ensure notifications of membership renewals and proof of memberships are being issued, review and propose to the Executive Board membership fee structure and categories, and develop membership drives.

Proposed Title/Description Amendment:

7. The Director of Member Recruitment will develop and supervise member recruitment programs, assist members with the creation and maintenance of their profiles in the online membership system, supervise and help maintain the online membership database, and undertake periodic analyses of membership data to inform recruitment and other Executive Board initiatives.



THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

HOLIDAY INN WATERFRONT HOTEL

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

OCT 25, 2014 AT 5:15 P.M.

Board members in attendance:

Robert MacDonald, President
Sheryl Smith, Vice-President
Jim Montgomery, Treasurer
Debbie Steiss, Treasurer-Elect
Chris Dalton, Director
Dana Millson, Director
Grant Karcich, Director
Nicole Brandon, Director
Bill Fox, Director
Claire van Nierop, Director
Lorie Harris, Executive Director

Regrets:

Lindsay Foreman
Peter Popkin
Neal Ferris
There were 30 members in attendance.

Call to Order:

President Robert MacDonald welcomed those in attendance and

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thanked them for attending the business meeting. He thanked the organizing committee from the Peterborough Chapter for a fantastic conference so far. Co-Chair of the committee, Tom Mohr, announced we had 180 delegates registered as of Saturday. Rob commented that this was a sign of revitalisation of the Society, following on the heels of the Symposium in Niagara Falls in 2013. He felt that student participation was on the upswing, a very hopeful sign.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Upon motion (Gray/Kapches) the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Carried unanimously.

Matters Arising:

None.

President's Report:

President Robert MacDonald referred the attendees to his published remarks in the Annual Report. He thanked all who assisted the Executive Board especially our Executive Director Lorie Harris. He mentioned his appreciation to directors Peter Popkin and Lindsay Foreman who are leaving the Board this year, along with Past President Neal Ferris.

Among the activities to be noted, he mentioned the Strategic Plan and the way the Board is tracking its activities. We have submitted three grant applications: as always, our request for funds under the Provincial Heritage Organization programme (and we learned today that the Ministry of Culture has approved it); the Student Employment Programme grant allowed us to hire Lynna Nguyen who was a valuable employee – she did a new brochure, business cards, web site

etc. He encouraged Chapters to take business cards for public events. Lynna also catalogued the Donaldson collection of books and journals that were donated to the OAS for sale. The third grant application was related to the avocational aims of the Society; we proposed to revamp of the Avocational Manual as it was 10 years old, do a pilot project on cataloguing long time collectors' holdings. We had positive reactions from Ministry staff for the avocational proposal, but there was no funding available at that time. He promised that we would look for further opportunities.

Rob felt that the relaunch of the Grand River chapter was very good news. Director Dana Millson did a membership trends analysis for us, which will be a guide for further work in carrying out the Strategic Plan. Social media is also a trend that is happening more and more. He commented on the CAA meetings which were in London this year; the OAS had a table there. He had met Ministry staff and staff of the Ontario Heritage Trust as President including the new minister Michael Coteau from Toronto.

Member and Past President Christine Caroppo mentioned that an email from our new database Wild Apricot sent the email to her spam filter, and asked that we advise others to re-set their filter settings to accept email from this account; she was advised that the invitation email was sent to 572 members and rebounds are being counted and searched. We have 430 valid email addresses so far.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Montgomery reported on an active and positive year. He noted that in the Annual Report, one page was missing on the operating expenses Profit & Loss (it was displayed on the screen and will be added to the final file copy). Our primary asset is mutual fund investments which have a market value of \$270,000. Fund reinvestment is calculated by our auditors and will be approximately \$12,000 this year. The Board has allocated some to augment any endowment funds that might fall short (see Endowment Funds on p 9 of the Annual Report). He commented that he had spent three years on the board and had a very positive experience. He noted we are fortunate to have Debbie Steiss stepping in as our new Treasurer at the January meeting. Our strength is in our members for sure.

Member and Past President, Christine Caroppo, thanked Jim for his service. She asked that two mistakes be corrected in the report. First - on p. 9 "Sonstenes" is to be spelled properly. Second, on p. 11, the

correct name of the student scholarship fund is "Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship Fund."

Member and Past Treasurer Jim Keron asked about moving endowment money out of one area and directing it to other areas?

Jim Montgomery replied that our accountants do an examination letter for us. They recommend fund accounting and a full audit but we are not doing that as it is very expensive. All fund restrictions that are in place now will be staying. Income from investments will be moved to support certain funds as needed – this year both the Awards and Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship funds will benefit.

Christine Caroppo cautioned that at the time the Endowment Fund was established, it was a matching grant, and the initial capital needs to go back to the provincial government if we ever close down the Society. She recalled that the government grant was \$60,000. Jim Montgomery was directed to confirm that amount.

Upon motion (Montgomery/Keron) our auditors for 2015 will be Thamesford Accounting. Carried.

President Rob MacDonald commented that the position of Treasurer is the most technically demanding of any position on the Board. He thanked Jim for his service to the OAS.

Nominating Committee:

Rob Pihl, the Chair of the Nominating Committee presented a draft slate of candidates:

President Elect - Paul Racher;

Directors - Margie Kenedy and Abbey Flower.

All three have agreed to stand. He called for nominations from the floor. He called again for nominations from the floor. He called a third time for nominations from the floor. There being none, he declared nominations closed. The slate was adopted by consensus.

Symposia Locations:

Symposium 2015 will be in Midland and will be organized by the Huronia Chapter. Tom Mohr presented the new OAS flag to John Raynor noting that it was smudged at our opening ceremony and was being sent on to Huronia with a good heart. John welcomed everyone to Midland and announced that the dates will be Oct 16-18 at the Best Western Highland Inn. The theme will be, 'Huronian before and after Champlain'. The chapter has committed to a public presentation on some aspect of Champlain's legacy.

The 2016 Symposium is open to bidding by another chapter. We reviewed previous recent locations: 2014 – Peterborough, 2013 – Niagara Falls (run by the Board), 2012 – Windsor jointly organized by London and Windsor chapters, 2011 – Ottawa, 2010 – Killarney with help from Laurentian University, 2009 – Waterloo, 2008 – Toronto.

Member Ella Garrad suggested the whole OAS should organize a Symposium in 2017 in Toronto as part of Canada's Sesquicentennial Celebrations.

Other Business:

Christine Caroppo mentioned a paper presented at this meeting by Dr. Holly Martelle on the history of female archaeologists in Ontario.

Upon motion (Caroppo/Martelle) the OAS was directed to publish a new volume of *The Presidents Remember* to take in the time elapsed from the last presidency featured (Caroppo's in 1990) to the present, noting that it is time to value our own collective

memory. She urged us to use whatever funds are available for that purpose. Member and Past President Charles Garrad recalled that the previous volume had been financed by advance subscription.

Carried unanimously.

Motions of Thanks:

Upon motion (Smith/Mohr) all outgoing directors and volunteers were thanked, along with the stellar work of our Executive Director, Lorie Harris. Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Upon motion (Miller/Hawkins) the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm. Carried.

*Notes taken by Sheryl Smith,
Vice President*



The Peterborough organizing committee shows off the new OAS flag.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2015

Amongst the benefits of having been involved in Ontario archaeology for over three decades is seeing not only how the OAS has grown and developed over that time, but also gaining a sense for where it might be heading in the future. I suppose that, in microcosm, this is what we do as archaeologists; study the past to glean insights that will help us navigate the future. I hope the last 12 months have been as rewarding for you as they have been for me, as we witness existing plans coming to fruition and new plans taking shape.

Before reviewing some of our accomplishments this year, I would like to thank the folks that I work with most closely in order to achieve the Society's objectives. Sheryl Smith (Vice-President), Debbie Steiss (Treasurer), and Lorie Harris (Executive Director), have all continued to guide me well through my second year as President. I also wish to thank returning Directors Bill Fox (Avocational Services), Chris Dalton (Chapter Services), Dana Millson (Membership), Grant Karcich (Publications), Claire van Nierop (Public Outreach), and Nicole Brandon (Student Services), as well as our editorial leads Chris Ellis (*Ontario Archaeology*), Sheryl Smith and Carol Stimmell (*ArchNotes*), and Jean-Luc Pilon (web site) for their on-going dedicated and dependable service. Our new Directors this year, Margie Kenedy (Heritage Advocacy) and Abbey Flower (Member Services), have both done outstanding jobs in their new portfolios and we look forward to their continuing contributions. Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to my friend, colleague, and successor, President-Elect Paul Racher. I have very much enjoyed working with Paul on several initiatives over the last few months, most notably renewing the OAS relationship with the Association of Professional Archaeologists (APA) and strengthening our (now quarterly) engagement with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS). His thoughtfulness, insight, and good humour are much appreciated and will serve the OAS well over the coming years.

One of our most significant achievements this year has been the successful launch of our long-awaited new membership management system and web site, both of which were developed using the highly rated Wild Apricot software platform. Initiated by the previous Executive Board under the leadership of Neal Ferris, the scope and functionality of this system was expanded from the original concept as the possibilities that it offered became apparent. While this had led to some unantic-

pated complications and delays in rolling out the system, putting us one year behind the target roll-out date stated in our strategic plan, we have been reaping the benefits of this investment ever since its launch, including a more robust and well-managed membership database, improved membership payment functionality and financial tracking, enhanced communications with members via email, blog, and online forums, consolidation and updating of our web site while lowering our overall costs, the ability to set up custom web sites for all the chapters at little or no additional cost, and the ability to spread the administration of the system across a larger number of people.

We are still working to allow members to sign up for chapters at any time throughout the year, instead of just when they do their annual society membership renewal, as this was one of the functions not originally planned for.

We are also working to improve the accessibility of the online journal and newsletter offerings, although these improvements overlap with more ambitious plans for digital publication outlined below. While a few members have had difficulties with the new system—and we thank everyone for their patience during the transition period—we are encouraged by the fact that, by the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2015, membership subscriptions have already exceeded those of previous years! The extent to which this can be attributed to our snazzy new web site is hard to say, although it clearly isn't hurting us! I congratulate the folks behind the scenes who have been working on our behalf to get this up and running. On the technology and membership management side, these include Neal Ferris, Debbie Steiss, Arek Skibicki, and Lorie Harris, while on the web site design and implementation side these include Jean-Luc Pilon, Claire van Nierop, and especially our student intern and resident web-wizard, Lynna Nguyen.

In the course of the latter work, the need to expand the team responsible for our social media platforms, as called for in our strategic plan, became clear. These platforms had expanded beyond our original web site to include services such as Facebook and Twitter. In addition, the on-going need to keep these services current, with respect to both content and appearance, and to moderate posts by members and the public was exceeding the capacity of any one individual. Fortunately, not only was our existing web master, Jean-Luc Pilon,

willing to stay involved and provide invaluable experience, insight, and corporate memory to the enterprise but our Director of Public Outreach, Claire van Nierop, was able to augment the web site development work that she and Lynna Nguyen were doing by recruiting members to help administer the Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Our objective has been to establish for social media something akin to the Editorial Advisory Board which currently supports the efforts of our journal editor, Chris Ellis. This board currently includes Matt Boyd (Lakehead University), Alicia Hawkins (Laurentian University), Susan Jamieson (Trent University), Suzanne Needs-Howarth (Perca Zooarchaeological Research), Shari Prowse (Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport), and Ron Williamson (Archaeological Services Inc.). A Social Media Advisory Board, when fully constituted, would similarly spread the work amongst a group of members thereby keeping the ideas fresh and helping to avoid burn-out.

As noted in my report last year, and mentioned in several of my Arch Notes messages, electronic publication of our journal and newsletter are inevitable outcomes of the digital age. *ArchNotes* is already produced digitally, and I now anticipate moving to some form of digital publication for **Ontario Archaeology** within the next year. While we don't foresee abandoning hard-copy publication 'cold turkey', it is clear that the status quo is neither desirable for an increasing number of members nor economically sustainable under the current subscription fee schedule. The Executive Board has already approved charging a premium to members who insist on receiving hard copies of **ArchNotes**, and by the time you read this, I plan to have a detailed range of similar options with respect to **Ontario Archaeology** ready for consideration and approval by the Executive Board. Preliminary investigations suggest that, thanks to advances in digital publishing processes and technology, we may actually be able to deliver improved products at lower costs than we currently incur for traditional publishing. In any case, we will be seeking to lower our costs while at the very least maintaining our current production values. Failure to maintain or improve our quality standards would threaten the reputation that **Ontario Archaeology** enjoys as a highly respected regional journal, albeit one in an increasingly competitive, global, academic publishing arena.

As you may have noticed by now, fiscal responsibility continues to be a dominant theme of my administration, led by the desire to get the best mileage out of our lim-

ited resources. In addition to our annual funding from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) through a Provincial Heritage Organization (PHO) grant, this year we also successfully applied for two Student Employment Program (SEP) grants. Again this year, we were delighted to welcome Lynna Nguyen back as one of our student interns. Her time was again divided between OAS HQ (Tuesday-Thursday), where she helped Lorie with various office tasks, and ASI HQ (Monday/Friday), where Claire van Nierop supervised her work on the OAS web site. Our second intern was, like Lynna, a recent graduate of the Wilfrid Laurier University archaeology program, Katie Anderson. Katie spent her time, at laboratory and curatorial facilities provided by ASI, helping to organize, catalogue, and repackage a vast and important archaeological collection which is the legacy of decades of archaeological fieldwork led by former OAS President and Executive Director Charles Garrad and the legions of OAS members who were involved in those activities over the years.

The project that Katie was involved in highlights another theme that has been crystallizing over the last year, that of archaeological legacy projects. Discussed at length in my message in the March/April 2015 issue of *ArchNotes*, this is a topic which increasingly concerns us all, as it pertains to the inheritance of decades of archaeological 'loose ends'—many if not most of them left unintentionally by OAS members—which really should be 'tied up' sooner rather than later. They range from artifact collections to donated libraries to unpublished site reports and any number of other unfulfilled plans or projects.

My predecessor, Neal Ferris, recognized a very important aspect of this issue as he guided the development of the curatorial and collaborative research institution he now heads, Sustainable Archaeology. Discussions with our colleagues in the Archaeology Program Unit of the MTCS have included the role that the OAS might play in beginning to address this issue in various ways. Towards this end, the work that our SEP intern, Katie Anderson, did this summer might be considered a pilot project for an annual effort in the area of legacy collections management. Yet another initiative is an as-yet unfunded proposal to develop a pro-active approach to guiding private artifact collections into public curatorial facilities, which Bill Fox and I have been exploring with MTCS officials. While it will likely take decades more to fully resolve these legacy issues, we must take steps now to begin turning this juggernaut around.

The on-going series of previously unpublished articles, entitled "From Grey to Print", which Ron Williamson introduced in the 2014 issue of *Ontario Archaeology*, is another way that we are beginning to address the legacy issue. In a similarly positive vein, the Executive Board has resolved to follow up on the suggestion that past-president Christine Caroppo made at the 2014 annual general meeting to reprise the collection of memoirs compiled in OAS Special Publication #9, entitled *The Presidents Remember: Forty Years of the Ontario Archaeological Society*. Rather than a special volume, though, these will begin to appear as occasional items in the pages of *Ontario Archaeology*, thereby allowing for an on-going accumulation of memoirs.

In addition to getting our own house in order, we continue to advocate on behalf of heritage matters as they arise across the province. This year our Director of Heritage Advocacy, Margie Kenedy, has engaged with several matters of relevance to our society, including the Coordinated Provincial Land Use Planning reviews, the 'Declaration on the Safeguarding of Indigenous Ancestral Burial Grounds as Sacred Sites and Cultural Landscapes' which was spearheaded by the international Intellectual Property Issues in Cultural Heritage (IPinCH) project, and with renewal of relations between the OAS and the Association of Professional Archaeologists (APA). Over the coming months I will be working with her to develop an OAS response to two new initiatives, the development of an Ontario Culture Strategy by the MTCS and the review of the Conservation Act by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). The latter highlights an opportunity for the OAS to expand its reach by engaging with provincial parks, conservation authorities, museums, and other organizations which manage archaeological resources and are involved in educational programming that might include archaeology.

We continue to make steady progress on the five year strategic plan, with most of the tasks outlined for years one and two either completed or in progress. Amongst these this year was the appointment of Ms. Zeeshan Abedin to chair a First Nations Liaison Committee to be composed of one representative from each chapter. While we are still seeking chapter representatives to fully constitute this committee, we look forward to doing so and having them developing and moving forward with an agenda this fall. We have also undertaken a review of our various endowment funds as a basis for moving forward on activities such as ini-

tial awards under the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund and restructuring of our publications. Sheryl Smith has also completed a final draft of the OAS Symposium Guidelines which, like the existing OAS Policies and Procedures Manual, will exist as a 'living' document to be revised over time as symposium organizing committees add their own advice to the compiled experience of their predecessors. The document is currently in the hands of the Huronia Chapter team preparing to host the 2015 symposium in Midland, and just yesterday I was going through it with the Grand River Chapter team starting to plan the 2016 symposium in Waterloo Region.

Finally, as I have discussed in various *ArchNotes* messages, the capacity of the OAS to carry out its mandate is limited by our resources and our efficiency and effectiveness in using them. A review of our strategic plan drives this point home, since the current plan could perhaps better be described as a wish list than a detailed and executable plan of action. Yes, if we had members queuing up to accept roles and responsibilities, we could do much more, but we must appreciate the limits of a dispersed membership and a workforce primarily composed of volunteers. Maximizing the effectiveness of our one part-time employee, Executive Director, Lorie Harris, remains a priority, and process and infrastructure improvements are ongoing, including this past year a new desktop computer, network and software upgrades, on-going IT support, and the support of a student intern. Some of these improvements, such as the transition from long-distance teleconferencing to voice-over-internet-protocol (VOIP) teleconferencing for Executive Board meetings, will even save us hundreds of dollars.

What will really take the OAS to the next level of effectiveness, however, will be better integration of the efforts of our chapters, since the majority of our society's volunteer work occurs at that level. Their ability to work collaboratively with the Executive Board, through our Executive Director, and with each other, will reduce duplication of effort, allow the Executive Board to share resources such as fundraising and educational materials, facilitate consolidation of website and social media platforms, improve standardization of administration processes, and create a greater degree of social cohesion amongst our members.

I look forward to sharing and discussing these ideas with you all over the coming year.

Robert MacDonald

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2015

This report provides an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and some information on trends and activities during the current year that affect the financial position of the OAS.

COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014:

Accounting records for 2014 have been reviewed and approved by the independent accounting firm of Thamesford Accounting and Financial Services. Their examination letter is included in this package.

Total revenue from memberships, grants, *Ontario Archaeology* subscriptions, symposium and donations fell short of all expenses by \$16,000. A deficit had been forecast by the budget for 2014 but some factors were not projected. The 2014 symposium did not yield the same kind of revenue (\$760), as the previous year which had netted \$5,850. In 2014, the costs of producing and circulating OA 93, exceeded \$11,000 and the subscription revenue was \$4,100. Monies from the OA publication fund are being used to address the accumulated deficit including 2015.

Despite the availability of the OA fund to subsidize the journal, discussion is required to address the issue of more realistic pricing of the journal in the face of rising costs for printing and mailing.

Market value of the investments, held in mutual fund funds by the Royal Bank of Canada, was \$276,108 at the end of the year (an increase of about 7% over the book value at December 31, 2013). Donations in 2014 totalled \$3,000 and the accountants determined that \$11,772 of additional revenue was realized from the

fund investments

COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO DATE:

An examination of additional cost cutting measures, wherever possible, is underway. The same rising costs of printing and mailing means that we have to examine ways to reduce the costs of regular publications like *Arch Notes*, by lobbying more members to receive these materials in digital format exclusively.

Please see the table below for Endowment Fund values at June 30th, 2015.

To date, OAS membership has increased by approximately 5% over 2014, with chapter membership up as well.

Time has been spent this year, by way of an SEP grant, on further enhancements to the OAS website to increase its usefulness for current members and attract new members and we hope to see that continue to generate positive results in raising the profile of the Society. The membership database component of the website is also operational and being used to track membership information and decrease mailings for membership confirmations, payment and donation receipts.

Symposium revenue and expenses will not be processed through OAS Inc. books this year as the Huronia Chapter is organizing the event. Any net profit will be shared between the organizing Chapter and the Society, as done last year with the Peterborough Chapter.

Debbie Steiss

	VALERIE SONSTENES STUDENT AWARD	AWARDS	OA PUBLICATION	FUTURE
2014 Starting Balance	\$13,464.	\$575	\$164,498	\$95,603
Donations Added	1,378	176	308	369
Withdrawn				
2014 Ending Balance	14,842	751	164,806	95,972
2015 Starting Balance	14,842	751	164,806	95,972
Donations Added to June 30	645	31	140	407
Withdrawn to June 30				
2015 June 30 Balance	\$15,487	\$782	\$164,946	\$96,379

(increase in the market value of mutual fund investments is not included)

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Budget for 2015 compared to results from 2013 and 2014

INCOME/EXPENSE STATEMENT	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	Jan - Dec		Jan - Dec.		Jan - July	
Membership fees (excl OA subscription)	18,946	19,000	18,000	19,000	18,432	19,000
Grants						
PHO Grant (Note 1)	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
SEP Grant	2,785	2,785	2,990	2,785	5,750	5,750
Income - Other grants						
Symposium net income (Note 2)	6,217	3,500	767	3,500	(1000)	3,500
Other income						
Sales	203	300	500	300	1,643	600
Other Income	391	400	780	400	417	400
Chapter fee adjustment	115					
Total Operating income	70,657	67,985	65,037	67,985	67,242	71,250
Office Expenses						
Salary and payroll costs (incl. SEP)	39,397	40,200	43,000	40,200	27,000	44,000
Rent	6,009	6,100	6,130	6,100	4,700	6,100
Insurance	4,216	4,970	5,250	4,970	2,450	5,000
Audit fees	467	600	468	600		600
Legal fees						
Travel mileage (excl symposium)						
Telecom	2,249	2,200	2,411	2,200	1,450	2,000
Office supplies	558	500	553	500	1,000	600
Postage	1,184	1,200	1,137	1,200	160	1,000
Office equipment	-	100	61	100	255	200
Bank charges	858	900	1,465	900	836	1,500
PayPal charges	572	600	512	600	300	600
Depreciation						
ABM Expenses (inc ED)	1,819	1,300	1,208	1,300		1,300
Program Expenses						
Promotion expenses	34	200	1,500	200	470	500
Grants awarded						
Web Site Upgrades	1,491	3,000	1,554	3,000	1,810	2,000
Outreach expenses	60	500	583	500		500
Board meeting expenses	119	120	93	120	177	120
Exec Board conference calls	318	350	434	350	150	300
Other expenses	1,433	900	1,615	900	1,842	1,000
Arch Notes Expenses						
Production AN	2,197	2,250	2,160	2,250	1,020	2,250
Postage AN	2,042	2,300	3,072	2,300	1,500	2,000
Packing Arch Notes	600	600	500	600	300	600

Total Arch Notes costs	4,839	5,150	5,732	5,150	2,820	4,850
Total Administration Expenses	65,623	68,890	73,706	68,890	45,420	72,170
Administration Surplus (Deficit)	5,034	(905)	(8,669)	(905)	21,822	(920)
Ontario Archaeology						
Subscription Income	4,687	4,800	4,100	4,800	3,280	4,800
Production OA	5,158	5,500	6,950	5,500	5,220	5,500
Mailing preparation OA	250	250	500	250	250	250
Postage OA	2,767	2,800	4,050	2,800	2,700	2,800
Total OA costs	8,175	8,550	11,500	8,550	8,170	8,550
OA Surplus (Deficit)	(3,488)	(3,750)	(7,400)	(3,750)	(4,890)	(3,750)
Allocation for OA deficit to be made (Note 3)						
Combined Surplus (Deficit)	1,546	(4,655)	(16,069)	(4,655)	16,932	(4,670)

Endowment Funds

	Donations Added	Donations Added	Donations Added to June 30
	2013	2014	2015
VALERIE SONSTENES STUDENT AWARD	1,009	1,378	645
AWARDS	80	176	31
<i>WITHDRAWN (AWARDS)</i>	-3,638	0	0
OA PUBLICATION	678	308	140
FUTURE FUND	2,838	369	407
TOTAL	967	2,231	1,223
Reinvested Income	12,492	11,772	

Last update: Sept. 2015 by D. Steiss

Notes:

- 1 PHO annual operating grant is generally received later in the year
- 2 Symposium 2015 advance payment recorded here
- 3 New line item to record an annual allocation from the OA Publication Fund.

The Ontario Archaeological Society
Statement of Financial Position
 As of 31 December 2014

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Accrual Basis

	31 Dec 14	31 Dec 13
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
1000 - Bank	45,761.69	55,385.86
1060 - Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
Total Chequing/Savings	45,911.69	55,535.86
Other Current Assets		
1050 - RBC Mutual Fund	242,608.17	230,836.18
1200 - HST Receivable	2,218.93	6,587.50
1300 - Account Receivable	0.00	450.00
1400 - Prepaid	2,589.44	4,285.49
1450 - Symposium advances	1,570.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	248,986.54	242,159.17
Total Current Assets	294,898.23	297,695.03
Other Assets		
1500 - Office Equipment	965.06	0.00
Total Other Assets	965.06	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	295,863.29	297,695.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2001 - Accounts Payable	847.50	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	847.50	0.00
Other Current Liabilities		
2301 - Pre-Paid Membership Dues	6,641.00	6,633.00
2302 - Pre-Paid OA Subscription	1,146.00	1,551.00
2303 - PHO Forward Accrual	6,500.00	6,500.00
2304 - Pre-Paid 2014 Outreach	0.00	987.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	14,287.00	15,671.50
Total Current Liabilities	15,134.50	15,671.50
Total Liabilities	15,134.50	15,671.50
Equity		
3200 - Retained Earnings	282,023.53	267,020.82
Net Income	-1,294.74	15,002.71
Total Equity	280,728.79	282,023.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	295,863.29	297,695.03

The Ontario Archaeological Society
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2014

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 16/08/15
 Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13
Income		
4000 - TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		
4001 - Membership Fee	17,932.26	18,948.17
4003 - Symposium Registration	0.00	15,918.69
4004 - Symposium Corporate Donations	-250.00	4,570.24
4005 - Symposium Individual Donations	0.00	610.00
4007 - Symposium Other Income	748.49	1,504.02
4008 - SEP Grant	2,989.00	2,785.00
4009 - Operating Expense Donations	500.00	0.00
4010 - PHD Grants	42,000.00	42,000.00
4012 - Sales	501.00	202.61
4013 - Other Income	778.05	390.74
4015 - Chapter Fees	3,288.00	4,870.00
Total 4000 - TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	68,467.80	81,785.47
4500 - OA SUBSCRIPTION INCOME	4,092.00	4,687.00
Total Income	72,559.80	86,482.47
Expense		
5000 - TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		
5001 - Salary	42,926.97	39,386.77
5002 - Rent	5,129.28	6,009.35
5003 - Insurance	5,250.21	4,216.27
5004 - Audit Fees	487.73	487.25
5007 - Telecom	2,411.34	2,248.67
5008 - Office Supplies	553.34	557.66
5009 - Postage	1,135.84	1,184.32
5010 - Office Equipment	61.11	0.00
5011 - Bank Charges	1,485.23	858.03
5013 - Annual Business Meeting Expense	1,207.34	1,818.41
5014 - PayPal Fees	512.45	572.28
5020 - Promotion Expenses	1,500.43	33.60
5021 - Grants Awarded	0.00	0.00
5022 - Web Site Expenses	1,554.27	1,491.01
5023 - Symposium Expense	1,504.55	16,384.27
5024 - Outreach Expense	582.49	60.00
5025 - Other Expenses	114.37	1,433.45
5026 - Exec Board Conference Calls	434.08	317.98
5030 - Arch Notes-Production	2,159.73	2,187.16
5031 - Arch Notes-Postage	3,072.08	2,041.90
5033 - Arch Notes - Preparation	500.00	600.00
5034 - Board Meeting Expenses	93.00	119.10
5040 - Chapter Fee Payments	3,523.00	4,755.00

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	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13
Total 5000 - TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	77,159.84	88,783.48
6000 - OA TOTAL EXPENSES		
6001 - OA-Production	6,949.69	5,157.69
6002 - OA-Mailing Prep	500.00	250.00
6003 - OA-Postage	4,048.00	2,787.46
Total 6000 - OA TOTAL EXPENSES	11,497.69	8,175.15
Total Expense	88,657.53	94,938.63
Net Income	-16,097.73	1,543.84
4800 - TOTAL FUND INCOME		
4801 - Future Fund Donation	369.00	2,037.88
4802 - OA Pub Fund Donation	308.00	678.00
4803 - Awards Fund Donations	176.00	80.00
4804 - Student Scholarship Fund	1,378.00	1,009.00
4805 - Peggi Armstrong Fund	546.00	171.00
4806 - Life Membership	800.00	800.00
Total 4800 - TOTAL FUND INCOME	3,577.00	4,775.88
4700 - Reinvested Income Earned	11,771.99	12,492.38
6100 - FUND Withdrawals		
6102 - Peggi Armstrong Payments	546.00	171.00
6103 - Awards Fund Expenditures	0.00	3,638.39
Total 6100 - FUND Withdrawals	546.00	3,809.39



The beautiful Ashbridges House where the OAS has its office.

Annual Business Meeting



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August 10, 2015

The Ontario Archaeological Society
Suite 102-144 Queen St., E.,
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Dear Members of the Society

Re: Fiscal Year End December 31, 2014
Examination of Records

This letter is to notify the reader that the records provided by the representative for the Ontario Archaeological Society have been examined for the above noted period.

During the examination process, we ensured the bank balanced to statements, and all balance sheet items were correct. We examined a selection of cheques to ensure proper recording, and traced amounts claimed by members to original receipts. We also verified a selection of deposits to source documentation.

Please note that our remarks are limited to the records supplied for examination. No comment can be made on any reports/statements provided to the board or to society members, as those documents have not been provided for our appraisal.

Overall we found your records to be well documented, but, would offer the following suggestion:

- 1) Upon reading the organizational by-laws, we have noted that they imply the use of fund accounting, as well as accounting for not-for-profit organizations. As we have mentioned in the past, these accounting policies are especially important for those organizations seeking government grants. The organization is not currently employing these policies and should you require an audit, it is likely that current methods/policies would not be sufficient.

In addition we have discussed and made some minor suggestions for record keeping improvements with the representative.

After completing the examination of the documentation provided, the records were deemed to be accurate after the suggested change was made with regards to the book (cost) value of the Society's investments.

If you have questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Darrell K. Dobbie

October 17, 2015

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2015

2015 marks the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's journey to the Huronia region and beyond. The Huronia Chapter of the Society has been extremely busy working throughout the year on coordinating the 42nd annual Symposium of The Ontario Archaeological Society. The Symposium entitled 'Circles of Interaction: The Wendat and Their Neighbours in the Time of Champlain', will be held in partnership with the Eastern States Archaeological Federation and the Huron-Wendat Nation October 16th-18th at the Best Western Highland Inn and Conference Centre, Midland Ontario. The annual Symposium is always a wonderful time to reunite with members and develop new friendships.

Our Society and Chapter members play a key role in meeting the primary goals of the Society. As stated in the Letters Patent (1956) the objective is to preserve, promote, investigate, record and publish an archaeological record of the Province of Ontario. The Society as a whole has published and distributed over 4,400 copies of publications. Over 60 new members have joined since December 2014. Through 2015, the Society has recorded a substantial growth in its membership. We now have 611 members. We are looking forward to continued increase as the year unfolds.

2015 OAS Membership Statistics (as of Sept.1/15)

Individual	120
Individual with OA*	243
Student	26
Student with OA*	30
Family	31
Family with OA *	29
Life	62
Institutional	53
Complimentary	11
Exchange	3
Honorary	2

Total Members 611

Note* OA: **Ontario Archaeology**, journal, published by the Society

The nine OAS Chapters located around the province play a fundamental role in the organization's growth and success. Membership to the Society has increased thanks to the dedicated work of our Chapters. The Chapters host monthly meetings, produce newsletters and special publications, run public archaeology days and participate in community events, raising awareness about archaeology in Ontario and the work of the Society. Throughout the year the Chapters communicate regularly with the provincial office. The Toronto Chapter continued bi-monthly to prepare and mail the Society's newsletter (*ArchNotes*) to members. In June, the Ottawa Chapter handled the preparation and mailing of the Society's Journal **OA** Vol. 94, 2014. To assist with Chapter fundraising initiatives, these Chapters are provided compensation for their role in distributing the Society's publications.

In July, the Toronto Chapter held a well-attended members' BBQ/Picnic at the OAS head office. Part of the gathering included two speakers, Marti Latta and Dena Dorenszenko, who spoke about the archaeological digs held on this Ontario Heritage Trust Property, Ashbridges Estate. The OAS Board of Directors also participated at the BBQ, after their regular board meeting. It was a wonderful day, beautiful weather and a very successful event.

During the summer the OAS was pleased to be able to hire two summer students. This was made possible by a Summer Experience Grant from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Lynna Nguyen and Katie Anderson were the chosen candidates. Lynna joined the OAS office working on site each week Tuesday to Thursday and at the office of Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) on Monday and Friday. Lynna assisted with the on-going development of outreach materials, updating information on the new web site, processing memberships and general office administration.

Katie Anderson worked on organizing an inventory for the Garrard Archaeological collection stored at the offices of Archaeological Services Inc. The creation of this new inventory database is in preparation in order to transfer the collections to the Canadian Museum of History. The collection will be held in permanent conservation and will be available as a research, display and educational resource.

Thank you to OAS Directors Claire van Nierop, Director of Public Outreach and Debbie Steiss, Treasurer

who supervised the students when they were at the offices of ASI. Thank you to Ron Williamson and Archaeological Services Inc. for your continued support and partnership with the Society's endeavors such as the Summer Experience Program. Thanks go out to Lynna and Katie for their valuable contributions this summer and to the Ministry for its continued support.

Communications with Society Members and the general public continue to be daily occurrences for the OAS office. We communicate and exchange publications with other Provincial Archaeological & Heritage organizations across Canada and the United States. Our head office provided assistance for obtaining information on Ministry Guidelines, Field school opportunities (volunteering/employment), local artifact discoveries, locations for analysis and current law and ethical practice in Ontario.

In June, the Society submitted the Provincial Heritage Operating Grant for 2015/16. To date we understand the application is in the review process. The Board of Directors also renewed the Executive Director part time contract for an additional 11 months. The office hours will continue to be Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

An important aspect of the Society's Strategic Plan is the continued enhancement of the OAS website. New web pages have been created and electronic copies of *ArchNotes* publications continue to be added to the publication section of the site. The website continues to promote Ontario archaeology and the work of the Society's nine Chapters. Visitors to the website range from people living within Ontario, Canada and abroad with over 6,000 visits. Social Media used by the

Society shows over 1,200 followers in 2015; an increase of a few hundred people compared to 2014.

Volunteers play an integral part in the growth and success of the OAS. In 2015, over 9,000 volunteer hours were contributed by Society Members. A very special thank you goes out to all the members, volunteers, donors and grantors for your continued support and dedication. The OAS head office was fortunate to be assisted this year by several volunteers. Life members Charlie Garrard and Norma Knowlton continued to provide assistance for inquiries from the general public. Chris MacDonald volunteered with the office and Symposium preparations.

A very special thank you goes out to Jean Cochrane who continued assisting in 2015 every Thursday. Jean would help with the processing of membership and also with a variety of clerical/archival duties. With Jean's help we improved daily operations in the office. Jean will be retiring from her volunteer position at the end of 2015 and we wish her the very best on her new endeavors. Thank you Jean for your dedication!

The Board of Directors has also contributed countless volunteer hours serving the Society. Through dedicated volunteers, members, donors and the partnerships with many organizations, the Society continues to build a strong and vibrant organization. It continues to be a privilege to work with the Board of Directors and to serve the Society in the capacity of Executive Director. I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2016.

Lorie Harris



**From Left,
Director of
Heritage
Advocacy
Margie Kenedy,
OAS President
Rob MacDon-
ald and
Executive
Director Lorie
Harris**

October 17, 2015

DIRECTORS' REPORTS FOR 2015

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The role of Vice-President is a relatively new one for the OAS, having come into being after Constitutional revisions in 2011. At the same time, the position of Secretary-Treasurer was eliminated and those of Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect were instituted. Initially, I was appointed by the Board for one year (2012) and then elected by the members for two consecutive, two-year terms (2013/14; 2015/16). The executive and board positions are elected alternately, with President, Vice-President and three directors chosen one year, and Treasurer and three other directors chosen the next. This provides overlap among experienced Board members and ensures a smooth transition at the executive level. Practically speaking, the President actually serves four years while he or she is President-Elect, President, and Past President, and the Treasurer serves for three years as Treasurer-Elect, then Treasurer.

As Vice-President I am responsible for the official minutes of all Board meetings and action items arising from these. I also track the progress of electronic motions made and approved between our bi-monthly meetings. In addition, during my term I have been tasked to undertake a review of our Policies and Procedures document which has guided day to day functions in the office and of the Board, as part of our Strategic Planning efforts. This is proving to be a very lengthy review! With the advent of new media and new technologies (such as PayPal) there are a great many changes in how non-profit organizations operate today. I have finished an analysis of what could and might be changed and have proposed a format for the new 'how to' guide that corresponds more closely to the way our Constitution is now set up. The Board will be reviewing my proposed changes for the rest of 2015 and I hope we will be able to wrap up the review in the last year of my time as Vice-President.

I want particularly to point out that we have enjoyed a period of great stability in the Society, with a dependable operating grant from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport because we are deemed to be a 'provincial heritage organization'. The OAS maintains access to meeting and office space in a heritage building – owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust – at the Ashbridges Estate on Queen St. East in Toronto. We also

enjoy the services of a very competent part-time Executive Director in the person of Lorie Harris. The Board itself has worked very well together in the time I have been on it. Directors clearly enjoy their portfolios and tackle the work needed with enthusiasm. I urge you to consider serving the OAS as a Board member or member of the Executive; it is very rewarding indeed.

The OAS Board took on organization of the Symposium at Niagara Falls in 2013, with assistance from the Hamilton Chapter – a worthwhile (but not to be repeated) event. I say "not to be repeated" because it did take a lot of valuable time away from other board duties and the day to day running of the Society.

The Board has made a policy decision that all future symposia are to be hosted by chapters, as referenced in President Rob MacDonald's message in *Arch Notes* earlier this year (Vol. 20 # 4, July/August). That being said, many Board members have contributed to, and will continue to work with, other symposium committees. For example, I co-chaired the Peterborough symposium with Peterborough Chapter President Tom Mohr.

We all look forward to the conference being organized by the Huronia Chapter in Midland this fall with our friends from the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, and I, for one, am ready to make my reservations for 2016's symposium in the Grand River area. See you there!

Sheryl Smith

DIRECTOR OF AVOCATIONAL SERVICES

The focus of this year's activities has continued to be legacy collections – their identification, documentation and curation. While a structured OAS program awaits targeted financial support from the Province (see the President's report), serendipity played a role in this year's progress, and major progress it was! Among the names of 20th century collectors, Merle Franklin's has always stood out, especially now that we realize the level of recording he was practicing as a student of Peter Pringle. Rather than ending up on eBay or in an auction like so many other private artifact collections across North America, the entire c.70,000 piece collection, plus field notes, cata-

logues and maps was saved through a chance discussion between an OAS member of long standing and one of his former public school students.

Thanks to Brian Deller, a priceless heritage resource continues to exist for future study, and thanks to Brian and Chris Ellis and to Neal Ferris of the Sustainable Archaeology facility at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London, the collection has a safe home for the foreseeable future! Sadly, such happy endings are all too rare.

From land-based to underwater archaeological resources, we turn to another chance success. While Jean-Luc Pilon was in the process of finding a new home for the Fort Frontenac and Guy Blomley collections, he noticed four ceramic vessels donated by a local Kingston diver. With support from Sue Bazely (former executive member of the Cataraqui Archaeological Foundation) and Andrew Wollin (Environmental Officer, CFB Kingston), Meagan Brooks of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's Archaeology Unit, and his own institution, Jean-Luc was able to acquire these vessels for the Canadian Museum of History and to have residue analysis undertaken by the Canadian Conservation Institute. AMS radiocarbon dates were also obtained, and the intriguing results have been shared in a preliminary fashion on the museum website. Subsequently, Jean-Luc obtained portions of another three vessels from the diver, and work is underway to pinpoint the findspots of all seven vessels on the bottom of Lake Ontario.

Both events have added immensely to our understanding of Ontario's past, and only serve to emphasize what awaits discovery over the coming years. Perhaps the initiation of an **Archaeology Road Show** program, as proposed to the Board earlier this year, will help to bring further treasures 'out of the closet'. We know they are out there!

William Fox

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES

As my time on the OAS Board slowly winds down, I look back at all the great people that I have had the pleasure of meeting because of it. It is only with the help of new blood and passionate people that organizations such as this survive. The events that I have attended, and the people across the province I've met, have been nothing but wonderful in the time I have spent here.

Our symposiums over the past few years have

seemed only to get better and better, the Peterborough Chapter's event being no exception. The tours they set up were top notch and the wine tasting and tour of the Petroglyphs Sacred site were amazing. Speaker Drew Hayden Taylor left the crowd in stitches with his talk on the aboriginal perspective on archaeology. The Holiday Inn really helped to make it a memorable event.

The Peterborough Chapter invited me and a couple of my flint knapping mentors, Dan Long and Darcy Fallon, to the Bancroft Gemboree on the August long weekend. There, they set up a display on behalf of the Peterborough Chapter where Morgan Tamplin and Tom Mohr from the OAS also had a display table. There was a great response from the public and the organizers had already expressed interest in inviting us back next year.

Knowing what goes in to the organization of these events I have nothing but praise for all the organizer and volunteers. October's meeting in Midland with a Samuel de Champlain theme promises to be just as good. This year we are co-hosting with the Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF), so don't be surprised to see a lot of out of province licence plates. With the dollar being way down it is a bargain holiday for them!

This year I also attended the CAA's conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. I went as a student of archaeology as well as an OAS representative. I also managed to fit in a visit with my old friend Anne Chafe, who is the director of one of the most beautiful museums I have ever been to, The Rooms – a must see during any trip to St. John's. The organizers of this event deserve nothing but praise. The papers were superb; my only complaint is there were so many good ones it was almost impossible to make up my mind of which ones to attend! Barry Gaulton's tour of a 17th century English settlement of Lord Baltimore known as Ferryland was truly enlightening, another must see in Newfoundland.

I also had the good fortune to attend the Toronto Chapter's picnic at the historic Ashbridges Estate in Toronto that included a tour of the grounds. I was able in the last year to give a talk at the Huronia Chapter so only the Thunder Bay Chapter remains for me to attend. In talking with Bill Ross at the CAA conference St. John's, they would be more than happy to welcome me there this fall, so I'll try my best to attend. I'm looking forward to another exciting year at the OAS!

Chris Dalton

DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE ADVOCACY

Almost a year has passed since I started in my role as the Director of Heritage Advocacy. As I get more familiar with how the Board operates, I can't help but notice what a fantastic and professional group of people we have at the Board! I am honoured to be in such company and I am looking forward to contributing and learning more over the next few years.

As I settle into this job I ponder how best to advocate for Ontario's cultural heritage, and what the OAS can do as an organization to promote heritage in this province. It is stated in our constitution that:

"The Director of Heritage Advocacy shall respond and provide advice arising from concerns raised to the Society from members or the public about threats or issues to archaeology and archaeological practice, praise examples of good archaeological management, draft letters for Executive Board review, lobby and advocate for good archaeological management and practice, and liaise with the professional archaeological community."

This year, the province is conducting a coordinated land use planning review of four provincial plans. The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Niagara Escarpment Plan are land use plans meant to protect natural environments and support economic development. The OAS was invited to participate in this process and provide comments. I attended a stakeholder's meeting on behalf of the OAS Board and provided written comments on May 28th.

Although these plans are very comprehensive when dealing with environmental concerns, most of them were completely silent on cultural heritage. I am hoping that our comments will strengthen the four plans on those issues and contribute to the protection and promotion of cultural heritage.

I also reviewed several amendments to management plans for provincial parks and forests, but beyond these routine tasks, I am looking for input from the membership. I would love to hear how you want to see your heritage advocacy director operating; let me know where you think we should concentrate our efforts and what our priorities should be.

Having said that, I strongly believe that advocacy should encompass not only the protection and conservation of archaeological resources, but should also include public awareness and education programs. Please share your ideas for public education programs

that we can take part in, and programs that will enhance awareness for cultural heritage in Ontario. I am looking forward to hearing from you and to spending another productive year on the Board.

Margie Kenedy

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

This past year as Membership Director has been a productive one and I have had several opportunities to volunteer at OAS events and to promote membership. I have also begun to develop my role on the board.

In September, I spoke at the Grand River chapter's monthly meeting in Blyth and I volunteered with Chris Dalton and Claire van Nierop at the ROM's Archaeology Day in October. At the annual OAS meeting in Peterborough, Nicole Brandon and I were chosen to be judges for the Student Paper Award. We were both very impressed by the quality of the student applicants and were truly challenged to select only one as winner.

Following up on the statistical analysis that I completed last year to understand the long-term membership trends of the OAS since 1950, I was tasked this year to create a database program in which chapters could log their membership, recruitment and activity data. This was designed to link to a central database at the OAS office for the entire society and will generate accurate, detailed and up-to-date statistical information for the society's use in the future.

Finally, with the incorporation of the Wild Apricot database program during the couple of past years, it has become clear that the title and description of duties for Membership Director requires updating. With the help of other board members I have reworked the title and description of my post. The description, which appears in this Annual Report, has a greater focus on recruitment and promotions, both for the OAS generally and as support to chapters at their events, as well as the analysis of membership trends and retention of membership. This updated role allows for greater collaboration with other board members and increased opportunities to effectively serve and contribute to the OAS.

In addition to these activities, I am continuing to work on promotional materials and events to bring greater awareness to the OAS, especially in the undergraduate sector. I have been appointed part of the administration team to help maintain social media pages for the OAS Facebook and Twitter accounts and I have

joined a committee to provide greater support for chapters to promote the OAS at local events. I look forward to the meeting in Midland this October and I am excited to continue my contribution to the OAS.

Dana Millson

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

It is hard to believe that it's time for the 2015 Board reports – the year has flown by! As a first-time Board member, both the OAS executive and the members were very welcoming. I have very much enjoyed getting to know more of you. The Board continues to work on ways to better serve our membership and implement our long term strategic plans.

Our OAS social media pages, including Facebook and Twitter, continue to be great places to share information about archaeology in Ontario, new and fascinating finds, and a variety of social events under the common theme of cultural heritage. These great communication tools help to promote archaeology awareness and connect people within and beyond our local and regional archaeological communities.

After assisting members with various questions and interests, one of the main responsibilities of the Director of Member Services is to oversee the OAS Awards and Recognition programme. I have been working with the Board to broaden the information available about the awards on our new OAS website (ontarioarchaeology.org) and social media sites. We are working to improve the application process for the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund, to develop criteria and a more streamlined process for awarding funds to successful applicants. I encourage and welcome feedback from our membership on making the OAS awards and recognition programme even better. It is important that we recognize one another for contributions to Ontario archaeology, and equally important that we support the work and encourage the involvement of younger and upcoming archaeologists.

I have enjoyed working with the OAS Board this year and serving you, our members. As always, please feel free to contact me at memberservices@ontarioarchaeology.org with any questions or concerns you may have about OAS member services. Wishing everyone the best for

an awesome symposium in Huronia – I am looking forward to it!

Abbey Flower

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

In January of this year, we approved the purchase of a separate hard drive to contain the electronic publications archive of all OAS publications, including Chapter newsletters for the OAS Queen Street office. Copies of the OA journal and AN newsletters are being stored on the drive. In addition, with the help of the chapters, I have collected and stored several years' worth of newsletters for the Toronto, Ottawa, Huronia, Peterborough, and Windsor chapters from 2010 to 2014.

In March, the Board approved the use of a storage medium (on site and cloud-based system) which will permanently house OAS publications in electronic format and provide safe long-term storage. I have worked with Lorie Harris, Sheryl Smith, Carole Stimmell, and



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Chris Ellis to develop a procedure outline for publishing future OA's.

In June we published our latest issue of **Ontario Archaeology**, OA 94 (2014). The previous issue OA 93 (2013) was released in November 2014. The upcoming issue OA 95 (2015) will likely go to the editing stage at the end of November to be published at some point afterwards. *ArchNotes* continues to be published bi-monthly with six issues per year.

In July our summer employee, Lynna Nguyen, revamped our publication pages on the new OAS website. Lynna enhanced the appearance and access to issues of OA and AN and updated the latest OAS content. The new link to OA can be found at <http://ontarioarchaeology.org/ontario-archaeology> and for AN at <http://ontarioarchaeology.org/Arch-Notes>. A special page has been created to contain links to Chapter newsletters at <http://ontarioarchaeology.org/Chapter-Newsletter>.

Over the summer, I worked with Dirk Verhulst, the editor of the Peterborough Chapter *Strata* newsletter, to lay out and print archaeology-related articles for the Peterborough Chapter. The publication of **Peterborough Archaeology** will be 160 pages with contributions from 17 authors. The new publication is entirely funded by the Chapter and will be used for chapter fund raising. It will be available for sale in September.

Grant Karcich

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

Over the past year, I've been actively posting OAS Facebook and Twitter updates. The OAS Twitter account now has a new team of people regularly tweeting. We now have 331 followers on Twitter and we're still growing. I am looking forward to live-Tweeting the conference again and finding more volunteers to do the same, to continue the momentum we have going on our social media platforms.

During the summer months, I worked closely with our OAS summer intern, Lynna Nguyen, on updating the Ontario Archaeological Society website. Lynna did an incredible job and I'm happy to say that many of the old website's sections and files are now happily living in the new one. Lynna and Jean-Luc Pilon worked together to translate the English sections to French and we successfully transitioned two chapter websites onto the new www.ontarioarchaeology.org website.

In the coming months, as we move off the old web server, we will be transitioning all chapter websites onto

the new site. We will be in touch with the chapter presidents when this is happening, of course. Lynna also successfully updated the new OAS brochures and business cards and those have been printed. They are ready to go for the upcoming symposium!

Digital archaeology is growing and is making incredible strides. If you are a regular Twitter and Facebook user, you will have noticed that archaeology is all over the newsfeed. Virtual science and 3D archaeology is becoming 'the new normal' and the OAS is trying to keep up. My main focus has been strengthening the OAS' digital media platform and I am happy to say that we are making some great progress and gaining followers from all over Ontario and the rest of the world.

If you have any ideas for public outreach, I'm always open to hearing 'em! Please send me an email anytime to outreach@ontarioarchaeology.org.

Claire van Nierop

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

I am now in my second year on the OAS Board and I am so pleased to continue working with the Board and OAS members. As Director of Student Services, my primary role is to promote student participation in the OAS, including encouraging students to present their research at the annual symposium in the form of a paper or poster.

I was heartened to see many student papers presented at the 2014 OAS Symposium on a wide range of topics, and I'm looking forward to the student papers at the upcoming 2015 Symposium in Midland!

This year I focussed on updating the Ontario Archaeology Theses Database. The Theses Database lists MA and PhD theses pertaining to Ontario archaeology, no matter the university or college – you'll find theses from Ontario universities, but also from universities across Canada, the USA and Europe. Thirty theses have been added in the past few months. The Ontario Archaeology Theses Database is presented on the OAS website in the Resources tab. Titles in red link directly to the thesis.

If you would like to recommend any additions or revisions to the database, or would like to contact me regarding student participation in the OAS, please contact me: studentservices@ontarioarchaeology.org. I look forward to seeing you in Midland for the 2015 Symposium!

Nicole Brandon

CHAPTER REPORTS FOR 2015

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER

It's been business as usual at the Grand River Chapter with some of our own members stepping up to talk. In January our own Colin Wallace talked about his MA work in Greece with the use of Photogrammetry. It was a fascinating talk in a field it seems not many people know exists.

Paul Racher spoke on killer rabbits in English mythology – it doesn't get much better than this. He also mentioned doing justice to the past on how archaeology is interpreted. The March meeting speaker was John Dunlop who explained his work on sites around a Kettle Lake in Kitchener, Ontario and the way ground penetrating radar works for archaeology. These were just a sampling of our speakers. Meetings begin again in September in Blair. Check the website for more info on upcoming speakers and events and photos as the year unfolds.

Chris Dalton

HAMILTON CHAPTER

The Hamilton Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society, held a series of public lectures from September 2014 to May 2015 at the Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum in Ancaster. The attendance at the lectures varied from 10-20 people, with an average attendance of 15 people. A list of speakers and titles of talks is provided below. Some of the lectures were delivered by Chapter members.

2014

- Sept. 18 – Bonnie Glencross and Gary Warrick, WLU: "Tay Point Archaeology: 2014 Investigations."
- October 16 – Charlotte Black, University of Leicester: "Meat Consumption at Early Roman Vindolanda: A Comparative Analysis of the Vindolanda Writing Tablets and the Faunal Assemblages of Period IV."
- Nov. 20 – Kora Stapelfeldt, ASI: "A Form and Function Study of Precontact Pottery from Atlantic Canada: Review."
- Dec. 18 – Garrett Hunt: "Marpole Metal: Rethinking the Innovation of Native Copper Technologies."

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- Jan. 15 – Murray Clayton, UTM: "Archaeology: Home and Away."
- Feb. 19 – Neil Peterson: "Norse Smelting Methods."

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- March 19 – John Dunlop: "AiHd-160, Shangri-La in Waterloo Region."

- April 16 – Neil Gray: "The Valley of the Chiefs, Panama."

- May 21 – Michael McAllister: "Hamilton and Scourge."

On June 6-7, 2015, the Hamilton Chapter set up a table with artifact displays at a War of 1812 re-enactment at Battlefield House Museum, Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek. The table was staffed for five-person days (two actual days) by Meagan Brooks, Beth Mills, Mackenzie Armstrong, Malgosia Maher and Ruth Macdougall. Prior to the Battle of Stoney Creek event, on June 5, an artifact display table and demonstrations for school groups was organized and carried out by Meagan Brooks, Rudy Fecteau, and Margaret-Ann Fecteau (three-person days or one day).

Also in June, Ruth Macdougall gave a presentation to a Grade 4 class, Flamborough Centre School, Hamilton (1.5 days). In addition, the Chapter held a picnic at Dundurn Castle on August 9, 2015. The Chapter's public display on Ontario archaeology was there on exhibit for interested members of the public.

Gary Warrick

HURONIA CHAPTER

Summary: This has been an interesting year as we try to balance our activities with our role as hosts for the OAS symposium in October and our regular chapter activities. We have had a few small meetings and a couple of larger ones, all of which have appealed to various segments of our membership. While we have needed to keep our 'eye on the ball' when it comes to planning for what is shaping up to be a fantastic symposium, we also wanted to serve the needs of our members that are not yet involved in this process. As part of our focus, we needed to recruit volunteers to share the load at the symposium. Beyond this, the executive would like to hear from the membership regarding our aims, goals, objectives and plans with an 'eye to the future' – after the symposium.

Some of the details and highlights: Our numbers remain steady at about 30 members spread out across Ontario with about 2/3 from the local area. With the membership spread out and some of the chapter ex-

ecutive and symposium planning committee living up to three hours away we have resorted to Skype for some of our 'face to face' meetings and email for some of our discussion and decision making. We have found that trying to hold business meeting along with our regular monthly membership meetings is no longer practical for us and hence have had to try and find other ways for the executive to function.

As this chapter attempts to meet year round we try to source out presenters for about 10 membership meetings a year plus our AGM/election meeting and a social event. This year we had some small, poorly attended meetings along with some that exceeded our expectations. We now meet at various locations with our primary one being the Midland Public Library. They have graciously offered the use of their facility at no charge. Our meeting schedule was as follows:

- January – Glenn Kearsley talked on his CRM experience. We hope to have Glen back to present on Huron Smoking Pipes. Full house of 20+ in attendance.
- February – Alicia Hawkins: The Ahatsitstari (Allen Tract) site. Alicia has done extensive work at this site on behalf of Laurentian University and the chapter by way of her field schools and Public Archaeology Days supported by the chapter. Full house of 20+.
- March – Symposium planning committee meeting via Skype.
- April – Rosemary Vyvyan talked on collections management and the importance of getting it right. Full house of 20+.
- May – Isobel Ball was scheduled to speak about her 30 years of digging on the Ball site but due to a family emergency she was unable to present. We were fortunate to have three PhDs (Dr. Alicia Hawkins, Dr. Bonnie Glencross and Dr. Gary Warrick) in the area and when they showed up to hear Isobel we pressed them into service for a Q&A session with our membership about their recent work in Huronia. Full house of 20+.
- June – Dr. Bonnie Glencross and Dr. Gary Warrick shared the spotlight and presented on their most recent work at the Allen Tract site where they had held a field school in 2014. As Dr. Alicia Hawkins was con-

ducting a field school at the Ellery site at this time we anticipated that her students would be in attendance and arranged for a larger venue at the Wildfire Outdoor Education Centre, Wyevale Ontario. 45+ in attendance – our largest meeting to date. Due to local connections we were able to secure this fabulous facility at no charge. The chapter sprung for pizza for the students.

- July – John Steckley. In 2015 we have seen, and will continue to see a lot of attention on the historic persona of Samuel de Champlain as part of the 400th year commemoration of his trip to Ontario. Efforts are being made to look at the other side of the trip, the Wendat side. One way of doing that is learning about Atironta ('he draws or attracts'), the Rock Nation leader with whom Champlain stayed. In this presentation John talked both about the individual, and about the history and significance about his name. 45+ in attendance.

- August – the dog days of summer sometimes result in no confirmed speaker so we opted for a social at the Raynors' that was to include an update on the symposium and chapter events.

Few people showed up but we had an interesting chat with those who did and got some feedback regarding future efforts and possible direction to go.

- September – TBA
- October – meeting suspended due to Symposium.
- November – TBA - possible symposium debriefing.
- December – AGM/election of executive and planning for the future. We anticipate that some of the executive will be retiring and a change of guard may be required.

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- May – we made connections via social media with some additional private collectors who offered to share their collections with us and tour the site (on their property) where these artifacts came from.
- June – chapter members were invited to participate in the open house held in conjunction with the field school held at the Ellery site and hosted by Dr. Alicia Hawkins and Laurentian University, digging in the rain.
- July – the chapter was invited to put up a kiosk at the Coldwater Canadiana Museum for their Heritage



Logo for the Huronia Chapter Symposium

day event celebrating their 50th anniversary. We set up a display featuring sites in their area, and promoting the OAS and chapter membership. We should do more of this type of public outreach.

• August – August 1st marked the 400th anniversary of Champlain's arrival in Huronia and the chapter was invited to put up a display at the Penetang Centennial Museum for that weekend. We featured sites in the area including sites that some have thought to be that of Champlain's landing place and the village of Toaniché as well as those that have been dated to that time period. With the assistance of some private collectors we were able to display artifacts not previously seen from local sites that included a pre contact site, a proto historic site and one from Wilfred Laurier of our most recent site that dates to Champlain's time. Dr. Gary Warrick was on hand to assist with the interpretation of the artifacts and the history of this area. Hugh Barnett of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography was also on hand to discuss the life and times of both Champlain and Brulé and how they are perceived in Canadian history.

On the evening of August 1st we put on a performance of Champlain's first night in Huronia at the Awenda Provincial Park amphitheatre that included some interpreters in the persons of Champlain and Brulé along with Michel Gros-Louis as a traditional Wendat speaker and Dr. Gary Warrick to talk about the archaeology of Awenda Park and the area. He also helped to interpret the artifacts that we had brought along and participated in the Q&As from the park guests. There were about 150 in attendance for this very successful joint venture with the park.

September – The chapter has been invited to put up a kiosk at events in Orillia in commemoration of Champlain and Brulé's time there, and featuring a canoe departure of Brulé and his warrior guides on their trip south to raise up assistance from some Huron allies in the impending attack on an Iroquoian village south of Lake Ontario. We will feature some sites in the Orillia area and put up a display depicting the historical and archaeological record of the time.

John Raynor

LONDON CHAPTER

The London Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society had another successful year. The Chapter continues to host monthly meetings at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology every second Thursday from Jan-

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uary to April and September to November. December is our Christmas Gathering and Annual General Meeting. Christopher Watts has been organizing the guest speakers, so if you are interested in providing a presentation during one of our meetings, or a very brief presentation during our Member's Night in February, please contact Christopher Watts.

The London Chapter continues to print the *Kewa*, our journal publication that we print eight times a year. We are in need of articles to publish in the *Kewa*. If you are interested in publishing an article, please contact Dr. Christopher J. Ellis, Chapter Executive. If you wish for the *Kewa* to continue, please consider revising a Stage 4 report to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport and submit it to the *Kewa* for publication.

Every year on the third Sunday in July, the Chapter hosts its annual picnic at Ska Nah Doht prior to the artifact identification clinic. Our members assist Karen Mattila with identifying artifacts that are brought in from the community to be identified by experts. Chris Ellis, Dana Poulton, and Stanely Wortner were on hand to identify artifacts on July 19, 2015. The flint knapping team of Darcy Fallon, Chris Dalton, and Dan Long also assisted throughout the day teaching young and old the technique of knapping.

Each year the Museum of Ontario Archaeology hosts a Pow Wow in September. In the fall of 2014, the flint knapping team of Darcy, Chris, and Dan participated at the PowWow, and expected to return in 2015 as well.

Darryl Dann has been sitting on the London Advisory Committee on Heritage for the City of London for the past couple of years representing the London Chapter. In this role, he initiated a revision of the Archaeological Master Plan for the City of London, as well as having the City work closely with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport in the preservation of part of Ontario's Heritage. Tara Jenkis of Timmons Martelle Heritage Consultants has now taken over Darryl's position on LACH, and will be working with the City of London and the Ministry to revise the Archaeological Master Plan for the City of London.

Nancy Van Sas

OTTAWA CHAPTER

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Over the past year, the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS took part in several City of Ottawa heritage events. On Heritage Day, February 17, 2015, we showed in-



National Capital Commission, Heritage Ottawa, the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan and of Kitigan Zibi and GRAO (Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais), all were participants through displays, presentations, dig opportunities, talks and guided walks. The Ottawa Chapter OAS was particularly grateful in August 2015 to have opportunities for chapter members to excavate a pre-contact site on National Capital Commission land on the Ottawa River in Leamy Lake Park. Archaeology Month has become an NCC rendez-vous.

In October 2014, OAS and the Archaeological Institute of America celebrated International Archaeology Day at the Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa, with displays and activities, including a new one for the chapter, artifact washing, based on a donation to the chapter of bags of historic materials.

In this respect, this year we are holding a lecture at the Canadian War Museum, at Barney Danson Theatre, along with the Archaeological Institute of America, October 1, 2015, at which Professor Hugh Elton, Trent University, will address the topic of Siege Warfare in Late Antiquity. Dr. Elton will highlight key events on both the eastern and western frontiers of the Roman Empire. Comparing the battles will show the changing ecological, political and military

formational displays and mingled with over 45 exhibitors at the 2015 Heritage Showcase. Visitors found out how heritage is being celebrated in our community, learned about services offered by local heritage organizations, public programs and special initiatives, as well as professional development and volunteer opportunities. We participated also at the most recent Colonel By Day which took place on the Civic Holiday Monday, August 3, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the entrance locks to the Rideau Canal beside the Bytown Museum, just west of the Chateau Laurier. In mid-August members manned a display at Pinhey's Point, a historic house in west-end Ottawa.

On a hot summer day, July 11, 2015, with a hands-on display, ceramic workshop and pot making at the Bonaventure Provincial Park campsite, Bill MacLennan (treasurer, Ottawa Chapter), and André Miller (Ottawa Chapter president) took part in the park's Archaeology Day.

Again this year in August, Archéo-Québec featured Le mois d'archéologie/Archaeology Month, which crossed the Kichissippi (Ottawa River) for the second time. The cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Bytown Museum, the



No one minds this type of knapping at Colonel By Day

Annual Business Meeting

conditions of siege warfare during this period.

Twitter, Facebook and Meet-up links supplement our web site, which includes information about archaeology in the Ottawa Valley as well as chapter activities. We find that distributing business cards at public events with our web-site address is an economical way to encourage people to look up further details about the chapter and OAS. We receive several enquiries from the public each month on our contact@ottawaoas.ca address. In January 2015, the Chapter completed the investment and the report for the grant we received from the City of Ottawa Heritage Funding Program. We used it to augment our supply of public outreach materials and we accounted for it as in the terms of the grant. Communication with members relies on direct e-mails from the president and on the *Ottawa Archaeologist* newsletter, published several times per year, distributed mainly by e-mail, also available on our web site.

André Miller continues to represent the OAS Ottawa Chapter on the Board of Directors of AAQ (Association des archéologues professionnels du Québec) as Advisor in Organisational Health and Safety (OHS) and Webmaster. A number of chapter members attended the annual symposium of the OAS at Peterborough, and André attended and was re-elected at the AGM of the AAQ in Château-Richer, Québec in May 2015.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Speakers at our regular monthly meetings in 2015 included:

Thursday, January 22, Jacquie Fisher, Fisher Archaeological Consulting, presented a comprehensive explanation with an illustrated presentation of the site BiFw 101 in Vincent Massey Park; followed by a Workshop on materials excavated in August 2014 at BiFw 101, Vincent Massey Park, by Ian Badgley, Archaeologist, National Capital Commission.

Thursday, February 19, Ottawa's 'Lost' Cemetery: Preliminary Findings from the Barrack Hill Burial Ground Investigation, by Ben Mortimer, Senior Archaeologist and Associate, Paterson Group Consulting Engineers, Ottawa; and Dr. Janet Young, Curator, Physical Anthropology, Canadian Museum of History

Thursday, March 19, Geological Attractions in and near the National Capital Region by Al Donaldson, chair, Ottawa-Gatineau Geoheritage Project

Thursday, April 16, The Treasures of the Archives of the University of Ottawa; by Michel Prévost, Chief Archivist, University of Ottawa; President, Historical Society of the Outaouais.

Our membership continues to hover between 50 and 60, about half of whom live in the immediate Ottawa area. About 320 altogether this spring attended our Thursday night monthly meetings and represent both a core of long-term supporters to accomplish our programs and many new, very interested, observers from the public. At the Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration in December 2014, the executive was re-elected.

The Executive for 2015 consists of President: André Miller, Vice President: Stacey Girling-Christie, Treasurer: Bill MacLennan, Secretary: Karen Lochhead, Directors at Large: Bradley Drouin, Elizabeth Imrie, Ben Mortimer, Glenna Roberts: Newsletter Editor: Marian Clark, Webmaster: Yvon Riendeau, Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award: Lois King. Jim Montgomery former OAS Treasurer strengthens chapter relationship with the OAS Board.

André Miller

PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER

2014 was the Peterborough Chapter's 'Year of the Symposium', and planning for the 41st annual OAS event dominated most of that period. A number of local institutions and First Nations communities joined in to create a week-long celebration of all things archaeological, commencing with a proclamation from Mayor and the raising of the OAS flag over City Hall. We hosted CCI's Archaeological Conservation Field Techniques workshop at Fleming College, a first for an organization rather than an institution, and sponsored two First Nations Liaison staff from local communities. We were picked up by lots of print and broadcast media, including CBC Radio's Ontario Morning. All told, the symposium was a great success, with some 185 registered participants.

In September, we were once again invited to join the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority for their annual Dig Day. A number of our members participated in this excavation of a 14th century Huron/Wendat site in North Pickering. Once again, our appreciation goes to the TRCA.

Thanks to our City of Peterborough community outreach grant, we were able to partner with Fleming College's Museum Management and Curatorship program to refurbish one of the OAS's original EduKit, and also create displays from a number of unprovenienced artifacts. These new modules debuted at this year's



Tom Mohr debuted a remodeled EduKit at the Gemboree in Bancroft

Gemboree in Bancroft, where we established an OAS presence for the first time. We were enthusiastically received by participants, alongside OAS Board member Chris Dalton and fellow knappers Dan Long and Darcy Fallon.

We've been busy in expanding our brand locally and in the regional cultural heritage sector. Director Morgan Tamplin has been representing the Chapter at Peterborough's EC3 (Electric City Culture Council), while I have been working with the Kawartha Lakes Culture and Heritage Network. Morgan has seen success in getting us on local TV as well. With his guidance, CO-GECO Cable has assembled a series of clips starting from last October's symposium and featuring various activities of the chapter.

In regional outreach, we also assisted the Kawartha Land Trust in pitching their mapping program to potential interns at Lindsay Campus of Fleming College, and the POAS presented at the Oshawa Museum's Archaeology Day in October.

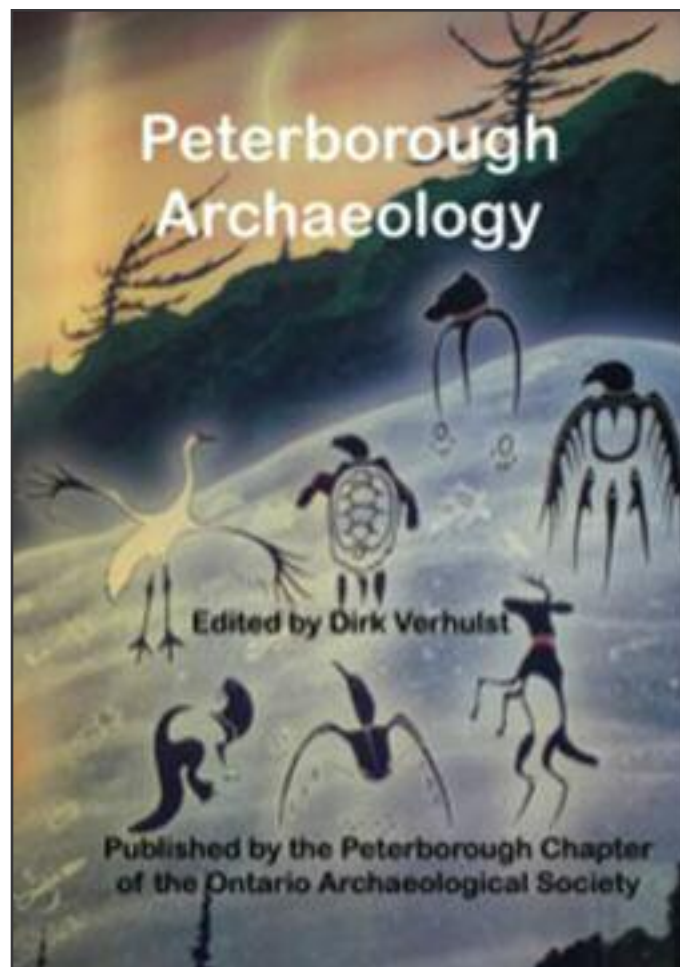
This year we featured the following public presentations:

- September – Jamie Hunter: Huronia: An Overview of the Populations, Settlement and Trade in Southeastern Georgian Bay AD1400-1800
- October – 41st annual OAS Symposium, held in

Peterborough.

- November 25 – David Bilton: Gulf of Georgia Pre-history Revisited.
- December – Pot Luck Dinner and AGM, featuring Doug Stenton's Franklin Expedition TV broadcast.
- January – Eugene Morin: Neanderthals: Who Were They?
- February – Popcorn Social for members only
- March – Tom Mohr: Was Duffin Really Up the Creek?
- April – Brock Kingston: New Field Data Collection Technologies and their application in Archaeology.
- May – Morgan Tamplin: Screening Archaeology: Movies, Media and Community Television
- June – John Raynor: The Cartographer Left No Map.

We have collaborated with Trent University's TUARC program so that our general meetings are now held on campus, providing us with more engagement with the students there. Four issues of our newsletter, *Strata*, were produced, thanks to editor, Dirk Verhulst, and our membership currently stands at 38.



Dirk has further applied his editorial talents in compiling a book telling stories of local archaeology in this culturally rich area. Assisted in layout by OAS Board member Grant Karcich, the volume boasts contributions from archaeologists, knowledgeable enthusiasts, and from the First Nations community. Congratulations go out to all involved for a job exceedingly well done, and Peterborough Archaeology will be available for purchase at the Symposium in Midland.

Finally, in addition to acknowledging all the efforts of our Chapter executive in making this a most successful year, I would like to express our appreciation to Harry Johnson, a charter member of the Chapter and our Treasurer from Day One. He has stepped down from our Executive due to health issues, and we wish him all the best.

Tom Mohr

THUNDER BAY CHAPTER

The Thunder Bay Chapter continues to hold regular meetings and excursions as time allows, and is happy to partner with Lakehead University Anthropology Association when we can. Highlights of activities are as follows:

The Thunder Bay chapter and its members hosted a second International Archaeology Day on Friday October 17, 2014 at Lakehead University, with the depart-

ment of anthropology. Several hundred artifacts were put out on display (from local to non-local artifacts) for the event. Many new activities and exhibits were added to the event, including a visit to early Archaic sites on the University Campus. The event was attended by over 300 people from local schools and from the university community as well.

On October 26, 2014, the Thunder Bay chapter of the OAS helped the Lakehead University Anthropology Association host their annual Flintknapping workshop. Clarence Surette demonstrated various flintknapping techniques to visitors and Lakehead University students, including members of the community.

On November 14, 2014, Katherine Nichols from the University of Manitoba presented some of her recent graduate research. The title and abstract of her presentation were: "Investigation of unmarked graves and burial grounds at the Indian residential school in Brandon, Manitoba.

The history of conducting western scientific research on Aboriginal communities has severely hindered working relationships between Aboriginal communities and non-Aboriginal academic researchers. In the past 30 years, a body of literature addressing standards for ethical research has emerged. While ethical codes of conduct and university ethics approvals have been established, there are limited resources for anthropological researchers who would like to begin creating research relationships with Aboriginal communities.

Using personal experience as a case example, this presentation explores the complicated and largely unspoken process of how to begin the conversations that create the opportunities to do meaningful research with a community. From this relational starting point this presentation details the importance of ongoing consultation and collaborative research design grounded in the community's interests, needs, objectives and concerns. In this way, we can begin the process of creating a strong relationship with Aboriginal communities, capable of fostering respectful research and building authentic alliances."

On January 25, 2015, Clarence Surette brought members of the Thunder Bay chapter of the OAS and the Lakehead University Anthropology Association on a field trip to visit the pictographs at Pic-



High School students learning about flintknapping.

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Students admiring the pictographs from Pictured Lake.

tured Lake near Thunder Bay.

It was a full crowd at the January 30, 2015 meeting of the Thunder Bay chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society. They gathered on the second floor of the Braun Building at Lakehead University to hear Bill Ross speak about his life as an archaeologist in Ontario. His talk entitled "Snippets and Secrets from 30+ years as an archaeologist in Northern Ontario" revealed some artifacts which most of us had not seen before which

was a great treat.

Before we began the meeting, Bill Ross presented Lorrie Valley with her 25 year member pin and certificate, which was awarded at last year's OAS symposium in Peterborough.

On February 19, 2015, the Chapter re-released its Newsletter, *The Wanikan*, to its



**Oliver 'Ollie' Anttila
April 17, 1934–April 30, 2014**

members; the newsletter had not been released for over 20 years. Several members of the Thunder Bay Chapter of the OAS contributed to the Newsletter.

On Friday February 20, 2015, Terry Wilson did a me-

morial presentation for Oliver Anttila, a long time member of the OAS. Oliver's friends and family were in attendance for the meeting. The title and abstract for the presentation were as follows: "An Archaeological Tribute to Oliver 'Ollie' Anttila."

As an avocational archaeologist and long standing member of the Thunder Bay Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, Ollie's passion was artifact hunting and metal detecting. He found his first artifact, in front of his camp at Dog Lake, in 1975. In 1988 he developed an interest in metal detecting, which ultimately led to his becoming the president of the Thunder Bay Northern Light's Metal Detecting Club.

Ollie's extensive research, mapping and field expeditions led him to writing articles for various publications. These included the *Minnesota Archaeologist*, the *Indian Artifact Magazine* and the *Central States Archaeological Journal*. His keen interest in copper artifacts led him to co-develop the former Great Lakes Copper Culture Typology Reference Gallery website.

Ollie often tended to think 'out of the box' when it came to archaeology and related theories. This led to an array of interesting discussions with his broad network of fellow avocational archaeologists, professional archaeologists and collectors from Canada and the United States of America. Oliver leaves his collection to be cared for at Lakehead University, where it will be used for teaching and research purposes.

On March 27, 2015, Terry Wilson was our guest speaker for the month; his presentation was entitled "The Archaeology of Dog Lake". Terry talked about his work and how it ties in with the history of the lake.

Clarence Surette

TORONTO CHAPTER

This has been a good year for the Toronto Chapter of the OAS. Marti Latta was President until January 2015 when I was elected. Penny Young was Vice-President and Programme convenor until September when Christine Caroppo Clarence stepped in. Christine became Vice-President in January. Our executive remains strong with Jane Simser as Treasurer and with Neil Gray becoming Recording Secretary also in January. Volunteers from the Chapter help keep us active; special mention goes to Sylvia Teaves as a stalwart organizer of our annual Seasonal Party and our newly created summer event, the BBQ and picnic.

Our membership stands at 61 members (49 Individuals and 12 family) and our budget is healthy.

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Speakers this year (September to May) included: Charles Garrad talking about his new book on the Petun; Mary-Cate Garden talking about historic archaeology projects in central Ontario; Carole Stimmell brought the Trading Game to the members; in January at the Members Night Carole Stimmell talked about Strawberry Banke and Marti Latta talked about her trip to China; Jane Fairburn introduced her book, ***Along the Shore***; Rexine Hummell talked about her work as an archaeologist in Egypt; Penny Young and Meagan Brooks talked about Willowbank National Historic Site; and Kate Cooper talked about the 'Minoan Goddess'.

We usually get 20 people at a meeting but some popular talks have as many as 30 to 40 attendees.

Mima Kapches

WINDSOR CHAPTER

The Windsor Chapter held four member meetings between July 2014 and June 2015, as well as three executive meetings. The member meetings were as follows:

On Wednesday October 8th, 2014, Jacquie Fisher and Ruth MacDougall gave a presentation on the archaeological excavations that took place in Puce, Ontario from 2012-2013.

On Wednesday December 3rd, 2014, Samantha Malette gave a presentation that highlighted the archaeological excavations that Wayne State University has been conducting in Detroit.

On Wednesday February 11, 2015, Amanda Black gave a presentation entitled: Windsor and the Underground Railroad, the Path to Freedom. This presentation focused on areas around Windsor where one can visit to learn more about the Underground Railroad.

On Wednesday April 8th, 2015, Mr. Glen Boatman gave a presentation entitled: Protohistoric Trade-Connections from the St. Lawrence to the Western Lake Erie Basin and beyond.

Amanda Black



Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient Annie Gould shows off her buttons and awards at the Toronto Chapter picnic.



Toronto Chapter held its first ever summer BBQ this August under the shady trees on the Ashbridge Estate, where the OAS office is located.

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