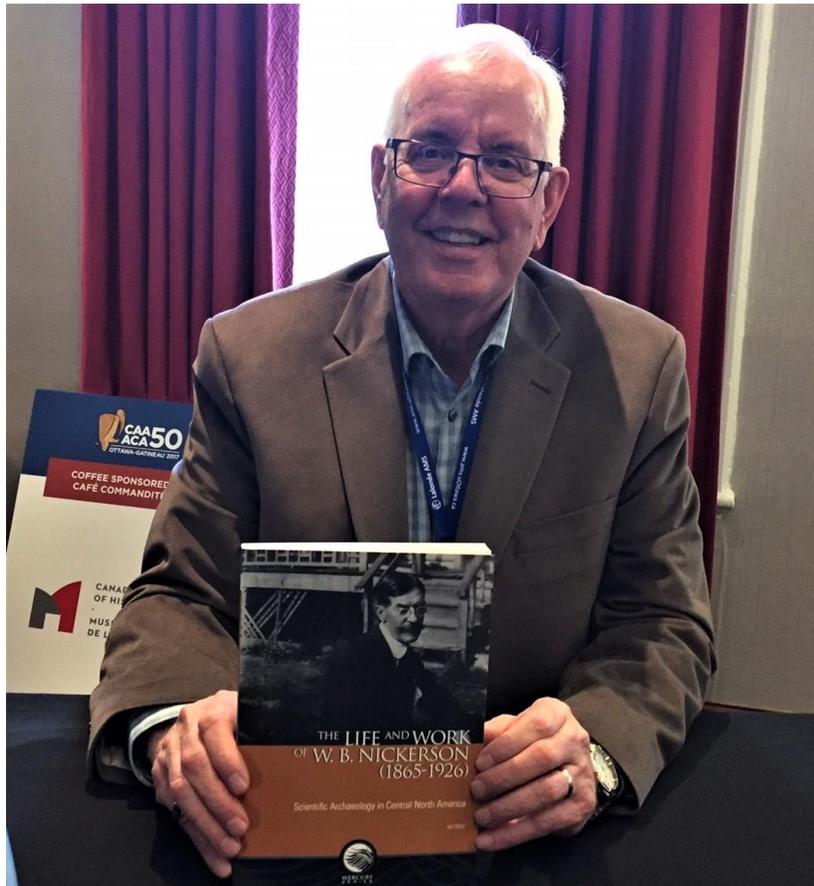


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**Ian Dyck at Book Launch during
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(see page 4 for details)**

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BACKGROUND

On June 30th 1971 the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS was founded by: Mrs. J. D. Bradford, Mr. David J.A. Croft, Clyde C. Kennedy, Barry M. Mitchell, Mrs. Glenna Reid, Dr. Donald S. Robertson, Mr. Michael J. Schepanek, Mr. and Mrs. Iain Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson, Dr. James V. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Lou H. Wylie.

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THE CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION – A GRAND SUCCESS !

50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Marian Clark

The CAA 2017 took place in Ottawa-Gatineau from **May 10 to May 13, 2017**. The meeting was hosted by the Canadian Museum of History and consisted of four action packed days of lectures, presentations, tours, awards, a public lecture, behind the scenes look at exhibits and collections - and of course, much socializing. All complementing the opportunity to be in the Capital during the 150th celebrations. Record attendance made it all worthwhile.

Tours of the most important collections and facilities in the Ottawa area were well attended and did not disappoint. They included the A.E. Lalonde AMS Laboratory at Ottawa University, the Canadian Conservation Institute, Parks Canada Collection Tour. Walking Tours of the Rideau Canal, Viewing the Cultural Landscape along the Ottawa River, and a visit to the Diefenbunker provided participants with a good overview of the Pre and Post Contact eras in the Ottawa area.

I was able to participate in the Parks Canada Collection Tour. The facility is a state-of-the-art conservation laboratory and home to the National Underwater Archaeology Team. We were able to meet conservators and conservation scientists at work as they investigate, preserve and restore valuable cultural resources, such as books, archival materials, historic photographs, paintings, textiles, polychrome sculptures and a wide range of archaeological materials – from across Canada. We saw many unique objects from historic shipwrecks including the cannon from the HMS Erebus!!! Charles Dagneau presented an image of the Erebus and how the latest technology has made the research results so informative. In the reproduction lab we saw how artifacts are reproduced in perfect form for exhibit, research and illustrations.



Presenting the imaging results of the H.M.S. Erebus



Reproduction of various artifacts

The CAA organizing committee are to be commended for pulling together a major multi-faceted conference amid worries of major flooding of the Ottawa and Gatineau Rivers. A job very well done.

Our Cover Story Of special interest to the Ottawa Chapter

Marian Clark

The Chapter's own Ian Dyck was proud to present his latest publication to the CAA participants. A labour of love for both Ian and his wife Sherry, *The Life and Work of W.B. Nickerson (1865 – 1926): Scientific Archaeology in Central North America*. It all started when Ian was a university student and he learned about this American researcher, historian and archaeologist with a Canadian connection. Later in his career, Ian was often reminded of this important figure and eventually he embarked on a mission to pull the pieces of Nickerson's life and career together in a formal publication. The mission took Ian and Sherry to far flung locales in both Canada and the United States as he followed the trail that was Nickerson's life. Nickerson's story spans the transition of North American archaeology from museums and historical societies to universities. The quality, quantity and innovative nature of his work was only recognized after his death. This work restores a pioneer who died in obscurity to his rightful place in the annals of North American Archaeology. The book is available from :
<https://press.uottawa.ca/the-life-and-work-of-w-b-nickerson-3390.html>

Also launched at the CAA

Essays on the Archaeology and History of New France and Canadian Culture in Honour of Jean-Pierre Chrestien - The late Jean-Pierre Chrestien was an archaeologist at the Canadian Museum of History and this work celebrates Jean-Pierre and the work of a generation of researchers in the story of New France. It is available from :
<https://press.uottawa.ca/tu-sais-mon-vieux-jean-pierre.html>

Archaeology Day and Anniversary Celebrations at Bonnechere Park an Ottawa Chapter Tradition Saturday July 29, 2017

Marian Clark



Chapter members have been part of Bonnechere Parks summer events for over 20 years. A group of Chapter Members spent the July 29th weekend enjoying the Park, swimming, canoeing, talking to the public !

2017 also marks the celebration of the Parks' 50th anniversary and 25th Anniversary of the Friends of Bonnechere Parks. Earlier in the season Andre Miller attended the launch of the celebratory year and presented mementos for a time capsule that was assembled to commemorate the occasion.

Pictured are Andre Miller & MacKenzie Smith @ 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Park was our opportunity to bring our displays and information to the Park. The weather was fantastic – warm and sunny – perfect for interacting with the campers, visitors and staff of the Park. New this year was a flint knapping demonstration by Brad Drouin – and it drew an enthusiastic crowd. Thanks to participants – Glenna Roberts, Bill MacLennan, Marian Clark, Lorne Sheridan, Andre Miller, Brad Drouin, Parks staff and Friends of Bonnechere Parks!



Brad Drouin showing stone tool technologies



Hope, Patience and Friends' member Irene washing artifacts

Now to Algonquin Park **Rory MacKay**

Loggers Day - Once again, Chapter Member Rory MacKay presented archaeology displays in poster form which added to Loggers Day at The Algonquin Logging Museum (ALM). A display at the replica camboose shanty describes the investigations carried out by Rory at the remains of a real shanty along the Madawaska River. The work done by the Chapter at the Blacksmith shop at Basin Depot in Algonquin Park is displayed on a poster at the ALM blacksmith shop.

Rory also represented the Chapter at **Meet the Researcher Day** later in the week with a display about the archaeology carried out by himself and the Ottawa Chapter along the Bonnechere River, as well as a poster outlining the steps involved in writing history. Pamphlets about the Chapter and about archaeology were distributed to the public.

Lansdowne Ironworks National Historic Site – Lyndhurst, Ontario **Marian Clark**

A long awaited research project got underway at Lyndhurst in early September. The very first archaeological survey of lands beside (the former) “Furnace Falls” started up with a very enthusiastic community of volunteers and professional archaeologists. Over the past year a major fundraising effort took place under the guidance of Art Shaw – Historian - and the local

supporters. A six-day field project was organized and a crew of professional archaeologists from Past Recovery Archaeological Services oversaw a survey of part of the site. Over 30 community volunteers supported the project and introduced them to the joys of discovery! The goal was to find evidence of the first foundry in Upper Canada and that was accomplished through artifacts - however - more work needs to be done to better understand the site and its multi-faceted history in the local economy during the 1800s. Volunteers assisted both in the excavations and in the Field Lab, set up at the Community Education Centre and managed by yours truly. Thanks go to the staff, volunteers, to Ruth and John the very generous property owners and local supporters.

At work by “Furnace Falls” – aka Lyndhurst Ontario July 2017



Jeff Earl & Volunteers



Rory MacKay digs in!



Discovering & learning in the Field Lab with Art Shaw

You can see more photos on <http://www.lyndhurstvillage.ca/archaeo-1/archaeo-1.htm>

Archaeology Month – National Capital Region

August 2017 was a time to focus on archaeology in and near the Capital. Many different projects and public opportunities to experience our past were organized by the National Capital Commission, the Museum of History and many other organizations around the city.

Since 2012, Ian Badgley has organized public archaeology opportunities with increasing interest and participation each year. He explores pre-Contact sites in Parc du Lac Leamy in Gatineau, Contact era pioneer farming also in Gatineau, and this year hosted an excavation at Phinney Estate on the Ottawa River. You can learn more about the role of the NCC in our past at <http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/posts/canadians-dig-their-history>.

At the Museum of History a special public lecture was held to explore the science and archaeological research behind an exhibit in the new Canadian History Hall. The Canadian History Hall includes two state-of-the-art reconstructions based on collaborative archaeological research by Dr. Young and Dr. Betts. They spoke about the research, about their work with forensic artists, and about consultations with the Indigenous communities whose ancestors are shown in these reconstructions. Following the presentation, there was an opportunity to visit a portion of the Canadian History Hall with Dr. Young and Dr. Betts.

Chapter Member, Hugh Daechsel, Senior Archaeologist with Golder Inc., led a tour of Parliament Hill and highlighted some of the many archaeological investigations that have been undertaken over the past 20 years documenting over 175 years of continued use.

An Archaeology Exhibit @ Ottawa City Hall was produced by the City of Ottawa's Museums and Heritage Programs Unit in partnership with the Cultural Education Centre at Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation, the exhibit presents pre-contact and historical archaeology related to Ottawa and surrounding areas. Archaeological treasures from the City of Ottawa Museums archaeology collection, as well as many artefacts uncovered and preserved during the LeBreton Flats redevelopment project, were on display.

Honours to Ottawa Society AIA member

by Society President, Laura A. Gagne

One of our own makes it big! ... one of our own members, Dr. Jitse Dijkstra, has received a great honour. He was elected into the very prestigious Royal Society of Canada. This is the highest honour a Canadian scholar can achieve. As you may remember, Jitse served as our society's president for several years and is still active in his support of archaeology in Ottawa. You will have the opportunity to hear about some of the research that earned him this honour at the lecture he will give us on Sunday, November 19th (see page 7). To learn more about Jitse's award, see the link for the University of Ottawa's news webpage: <http://research.uottawa.ca/news/new-members-royal-society-canada-join-ranks-academic-trailblazers>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues Avenue, Ottawa, ON, at the north end of the Byward Market. Meetings commence at 7:30 p.m.

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| September 21 | Nadine Kopp, Parks Canada, a talk on Barracks Hill, Ottawa |
| October 1, 2 pm | <i>The Battle of Marathon and its Meaning</i> , lecture by Vassiliki Tsirou-Marcandonatos (University of Ottawa) Carleton University, Paterson Building, Room 303, Co- Sponsors AIA, CIG, CIMS and Parnassos |
| October 10, 7 pm | " <i>Democracy Ancient and Modern: A Greek Alternative to Holding Elections</i> " a lecture by Paul Cartledge at the Ottawa Main Library 120 Metcalfe St. Auditorium |
| October 15, 2 pm | <i>Shipbuilding and Seafaring in the Bronze Age Aegean and the Role of the East Aegean</i> , a lecture by Aleydis Van de Moortel (University of Tennessee) at University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building, Room 1160, Co-sponsored AIA, CIMS, CIG |
| October 19 | Routhier Centre- topic to be confirmed |
| November 10-12 | Council for Northeast Historic Archaeology Annual Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire – Register at |

<http://cneha.org/conference.html>

- November 16 Routhier Centre, Janet Young, Physical Anthropologist, Canadian Museum of History – to be confirmed
- November 17-19 OAS Annual Meeting and Conference – This year’s symposium will be held, in Brantford, Ontario with the theme of *From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario*
Register at <http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/event-2596855>
- November 19 2 pm Lecture in honour of Dr. Jitse Dijkstra member of the Royal Society of Canada. *Of Fish and Vendors: The Khnum Temple Graffiti Project*
University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building, Room 1160
- December 3 2 pm *The Franklin Expedition*, a lecture by Brandy Lockhart of Parks Canada,
University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building Room 1160
- December 14 Chapter AGM and Seasonal Celebration- venue and time to advised.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETINGS !!