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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Glenna Roberts



Where to put the stuff !

The grapevine works! While attending the retirement reception for Dr. Ian Dyck, who is leaving the Canadian Museum of Civilization after over a quarter century of research, guidance and publishing based on Canadian and international archaeology, I learned of another passing on of leadership amongst our organizations. Jean-Luc Pilon informed me that he was now officially Past President of the OAS Inc. and that Dr. Neal Ferris has been acclaimed newly elected President. If you wish details of Neal's long and successful career in Ontario archaeology please google his name ! Neal is now with the Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London. He holds the Lawson Chair in Canadian Archaeology. At the 2009 Symposium in Waterloo, he made an announcement that was the talk of the event, a major grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation for the establishment of new archaeological repositories at London and McMaster in Hamilton. Envisioned in addition to storage is the capacity to digitize artifacts and field notes, permitting on-line research through the world-wide-web. The depositors will be charged for the use of the facilities, and the cost will presumably therefore, be added to each contract. Although this may discourage some potential users, the repositories will help alleviate two major problems in current archaeology, where to put the stuff and then how to make it widely accessible.

Competing claims for possession of artifacts were reported recently in the Ottawa Citizen, December 5 2009, perhaps unexpectedly by two Algonquin First Nations, the Kitigan Zibi of Maniwaki and the Pikwakanagan at Golden Lake. The latter have long been interested in the establishment of an Algonquin Archaeological Repository on their territory as expressed in Resolution No. 61 at the Assembly of First Nations July 2004. The disputed materials were excavated at Vincent Massey Park in November last year under research contract with the National Capital Commission. The Ottawa Citizen on November 27 stated that the site dates from 300 BC to 700 AD.

Another "stuff" problem arose when Rory MacKay endeavoured to locate the original field notes from the 1996 OAS dig at Basin Depot. The chapter members had worked on the artifacts in the former Ministry of Culture office in Ottawa. The artifacts (presumably) and the notes were placed in storage in Ottawa when the Ministry closed its Eastern Ontario office. With much persistence, Rory eventually obtained a copy of the field notes from the Ministry. The knowledge contained therein greatly assisted in determining where to concentrate our efforts last October on our return to Basin Depot. Rory's attempts to arrange for the recovery of the artifacts from the Ministry's storage have not yet been successful and assistance from the Algonquin Park visitor Centre staff has been sought. Artifacts collected in Algonquin Provincial Park are turned over to that park as a requirement of permission to do the research. Artifacts from Basin Depot will eventually be stored at the Davenport Centre in Bonnechere Provincial Park by special

arrangement with Algonquin Provincial Park staff so that all artifacts from the Bonnechere River watershed may be together in one location.

This brings me to the recent Basin Depot finds. The Chapter held a cleaning and cataloguing weekend at the Davenport Centre in November. As considerable work is still needed to complete the work, Ken Swayze, director of the excavations, has moved the materials to the Diefenbunker where he has access to storage and work space to continue the assessment of the collection. While this is a temporary situation, Ken and the Chapter will be arranging some “lab sessions” to continue processing the collection. We look forward to updates from Ken from time-to-time on our progress !

With a new year come reports of the old year, and we are pleased to provide summary reports from members of the executive and Chapter on the many and varied activities which took place in 2009. The executive for 2010 welcomes Libby Imrie as Secretary, Rory MacKay as Director of Public Archaeology and Marian Clark as newsletter coordinator/editor. We say farewell and thank you to Stephanie Goodfellow, Marilyn Wittwer and Irene-Ann Lacroix, but look forward to their continuing participation in chapter activities.

Cover Story - Tom Ballantine

Recipient of the OAS Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award - A deserved tribute to one of the province's most dedicated keepers of our historic and archaeological heritage. Congratulations Tom

Tom initiated and encouraged public archaeology as part of at least five excavations co-sponsored by Friends of Bonnechere Park and the Ottawa Chapter OAS. In addition to guided tours, members of the public were offered the opportunity to do hands-on archaeology, each new-comer being paired with an experienced digger. Tom was an enthusiastic participant in the work connected with the Friends of Bonnechere Land of the Spirits website with its virtual dig, its community television segment and an on-going artifact display panel in the park. Tom is a member of the Local Citizens Committee of Algonquin Park and enjoys promoting awareness of cultural heritage values in the park. His position with the Haliburton Highlands Museum has permitted him to bring archaeological heritage to his community. He has always infused public archaeology in his work above and beyond his professional duties and inspired others to place it in the forefront of their activities.

REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Glenna Roberts, President.

Glenna has a B.A. in Anthropology, University of Toronto, with summer field work at Manitoulin Island, the Petroglyphs and the Serpent Mound. A member of OAS since 1952, she was a founding member of the Ottawa Chapter and Vice-President in the 1970s. Distractions from archaeology have included family, being principal of the Ottawa Montessori Schools and postings through marriage in Washington, Bucharest and Moscow. Since returning to Ottawa she has volunteered at a number of sites and was Secretary from 2004-2008, President 2009-2010.

Following the regular pattern of our September to May season, we offered a monthly gathering usually at the Routhier Centre. In addition to four speakers and a ceramics workshop, we had a tour at the Canadian Museum of Civilization and two parties, one associated with the Annual General Meeting in December, the other “end of season”.

In terms of public archaeology, in 2009 we presented information on the chapter, OAS and the subject of archaeology at three City of Ottawa events, Heritage Day in February, Colonel By Day at the beginning of August and at the Riverfest, Pinhey’s Point Heritage Site, end of August. We offered archaeological related activities at Bonnechere Provincial Park on the morning of August 15 followed in the afternoon by a talk from Rory Mackay on his excavation of a lumber camboose-shanty in Algonquin Park. Public archaeology on October 3 at Basin Depot was a real bonus.

Chapter Newsletters were produced and edited by Irene-Ann Lacroix in January, April, July and November, and placed on the Chapter web site by our web-master, Yvon Riendeau. The web-site has proven to be an increasingly effective tool in terms of contact with the public. We have received a number of inquiries about joining chapter activities and also on how to find a licensed archaeologist for environmental assessments. Distribution of small business cards is proving a good method to advertise our web site address. Irene-Ann, a former president of the Chapter, lives in California, and feels out of touch with goings-on in Ottawa. We are, therefore, delighted that Marian Clark has agreed to take on the position of Newsletter Editor – Perth being closer than California!

2009 will be remembered as the year of the successful Return to Basin Depot. Rory Mackay headed up the Return to Basin Depot Committee and negotiated the terms of agreement with the staff of Algonquin Provincial Park permitting us to access the area of the site for ten days, October 1-10. Rory also solicited and received grants from the Friends of Algonquin Park and the Algonquin Forestry Authority permitting us to employ Ken Swayze to be responsible for the excavation and its reporting. With full cooperation from Bonnechere Park and its Friends, we received accommodation at the Staff House, and shelters, tools and workers on site. 22 diggers participated !

Following the initiative of 2008, in which the brochure “Save our archaeological heritage – please do not loot” was published, a letter pertinent to the archaeological sensitivity of shorelines was sent to the Ottawa Riverkeeper, and also the Mississippi and Rideau River Conservation Authorities. In early September we became aware of another way to spread the same message, in this case through contact with the Td (Toronto Dominion) Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. We expect to make further initiatives of this nature in the coming year.

No Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology award has been made to date in 2009, although one nomination is in the last stage of assessment. We are also in process of re-examining the process and timelines of assessing nominations with Peggy Smyth’s guidance.

The Watson Bursary account stands at \$2250, approximately \$4000 below the amount needed to form an endowment with matching funds from the province. We are therefore, considering dividing the amount into three or four and awarding a bursary to needy students at Trent University for the next 3 or 4 years.

A great strength of the Chapter over the years has been its partnerships with other organizations. This fall a new opportunity for partnership emerged with the National Capital Commission. I presented a brief to the Board of Directors of the NCC in November, and their newly appointed archaeologist, Ian Badgley, has ideas of ways in which the Chapter can cooperate with the NCC in raising the profile of the region’s archaeological heritage.

At the 2009 OAS Symposium, we re-committed to hosting the event in 2011. We realize that two years will pass quickly and so have begun the planning process. This will call on the skills and energies of many members of the Chapter so that we can show off the archaeological riches of the Ottawa Valley in both Ontario and Quebec. Stay tuned.

Finally I wish to thank the members of this year’s Executive. We have had an excellent mixture of individuals who approach archaeology from different points of view, both avocational and professional with backgrounds in Museum work, consulting and Parks Canada. They have been great to work with, and I believe the Chapter, with the help of Jim Montgomery, Chair of the Nominations Committee, can look forward to a similarly diverse and dedicated team to represent it in the coming year.

André Miller, Vice-president.

André has a B.Sc. in Anthropology , Université de Montréal, and an M.A. in Archaeology, Université Laval. He is a licensed archaeologist in both Ontario and Québec and has a wide range of experience in France, Québec and Ontario. He has worked in consulting in Québec, and since 2005 has been chiefly associated with Archaeological Services, Parks Canada. He is active in the Québec Association of Archaeologists and was elected director of Public Archaeology of the Ottawa Chapter, OAS, in 2008. This is his second year as Vice-president.

Ontario’s archaeological heritage is represented in a variety of forms, including sites relating to the aboriginal, colonial, and more recent settlements. These sites represent thousands of years of human occupation. Since many, if not most, of these sites exist entirely without historical

documentation, they contain the only evidence that we shall ever have about much of our cultural heritage. They are truly non-renewable resources. Regrettably, thousands of these sites have been lost through modern development, careless excavation, and acts of outright vandalism. These threats to our archaeological heritage continue to the present. The Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) is working to conserve and record our rich cultural heritage.

As we look toward the future, our decisions can be tempered by a healthy view of the past. The OAS provides a means to share that view, and we need you to share it with us. Whether you wish to discuss theory with a colleague, hear about the history of your town or simply want to know what that strangely shaped rock you found in your backyard might be, the OAS has something to offer you, and the OAS will be that much richer for your participation. To those who are not already members, please join us soon.

Throughout the year, many of our members participated in digs and processed artifacts, presented papers and lectures at meetings, demonstrated their special expertise at public events, volunteered at Basin Depot. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, usually with a presentation by a guest speaker or lab work opportunity. It is the vice-president's responsibility to plan the programs. We had excellent speakers last year and look forward to others in the year to come.

With regard to public archaeology, on August 30th, at the Riverfest, Pinhey's Point Historic Site, a fair-like event combining music, boating, crafts, and celebration of the history and traditions of the Ottawa River, we were there.

On Kettle Island, in the Ottawa River, September 27, 2009, we joined the Ottawa Riverkeeper and the Nature Conservancy of Canada to inform and educate them about Kettle Island history and archaeology. We went there by canoe – it's a short and scenic paddle. Last year they hauled over 4 TONNES of garbage off this ecologically and archaeologically significant island. We came out and saw the island before it is changed forever by an interprovincial bridge.

The major goal for us in 2010 is to initiate a chapter relationship with the National Capital Commission and the cities of Ottawa and Gatineau and to build cooperation leading up to the 2011 OAS Symposium. By doing this, OAS will be able to meet its goal of fulfilling the needs of avocational and professional archaeologists as well as the general public on both sides of the river. We hope to model our connection with Québec in the same way that the Ontario Archaeological Society is connected with the Ministry of Culture in Ontario. We would like to thank the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Jean-Luc Pilon curator, as well as president of the OAS Inc., for the support they have given us, and we look forward to continued growth and success over the next year.

Bill MacLennan, Treasurer

Bill has a B.A. in History from St. Francis Xavier and Master of Library Studies from Dalhousie. He joined Ottawa Chapter, OAS in 1979 while serving as Librarian, Museum of Man, now Museum of Civilization. He was Secretary/Treasurer of the chapter for three years and later elected Treasurer. He has been a Librarian with the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for 29 years. He loves Maritime music, and is the executive's living archive.

Unaudited financial report for 2009 (as of December 2009)

Income:	Memberships	\$767.00	
	Book Sales	30.00	
	Donations	100.00	
	OAS Mailing	250.00	
	PAPA Donation	30.00	
	Garage Sale	457.00	
	Total	1,634.00	\$1,634.00
Expenses:	Domain name	\$14.14	
	CHOO/COPO membership	50.00	
	Routhier Centre rent	126.80	
	Postal Box Rental	178.50	
	Basin Depot Dig	1,000.00	
	Total	1,369.44	\$1,369.44
	Balance		264.56
	Balance in account		\$6,913.92

Stacey Girling-Christie, Director-at-Large.

Stacey is a graduate of Trent University and has worked at the Canadian Museum of Civilization for 26 years and has been the Registrar for the archaeological collections since 1990. Her current responsibilities include processing acquisitions and de-accessions, responding to aboriginal land claim queries (excluding British Columbia), and managing the archaeological data for CMC's collections database. She is a member of CMC's Repatriation Committee and also trains students. A long time member of the chapter, this is her second year as a Director.

It has been a great pleasure to serve on the executive of the Ottawa Chapter OAS over the last year. During the year, in addition to attending executive and general meetings, I occasionally filled in for the Secretary and took minutes at the executive meetings. I ensured some speakers were available as scheduled, and found their biographies. I made recommendations towards the speakers list. I accepted registrations for the ceramic workshop that was held in the spring

Unfortunately due to a labour dispute, my time was not my own, so I was not able to attend some of the chapter's outreach programs. I look forward to the next year when the executive will be gearing up for the 2011 OAS conference to be held here in Ottawa.

Stephanie Goodfellow, Director-at-Large

Stephanie attended Trent University for her undergraduate degree in Anthropology with an emphasis on Archaeology (B.Sc.:2000-2004). She then completed a graduate degree at the University of Western Ontario (M.A.:2004-2006) where she conducted bioarchaeological research on a Maya dental sample from the site of Altun Ha, Belize. Since returning to the Ottawa area she has pursued experiences in cultural resource management and is currently employed by Past Recovery Archaeological Services.

In addition to attending both general and executive meetings, where I aided in planning activities, making decisions and providing input, the following provides a brief summary of the Chapter activities in which I took part.

At the beginning of the year, I made contact with Ryan Primrose of the Toronto Chapter, with regard to the education kits he is undertaking to develop. On behalf of the chapter, I expressed our interest in the finished product (as we often receive requests for school or camp visits) and offered our help with the process. I also made contact with Al Donaldson regarding the development of a geoheritage park in downtown Almonte, in an outreach effort.

The spring was a busy time. Using the text from the Don't Loot pamphlet developed by the Ottawa Chapter, I created an anti-looting one-pager that was distributed to the Ottawa Riverkeeper, and other conservation authorities and volunteer organizations in the region ahead of the shoreline clean-up season in an effort to raise awareness of our archaeological resources. Around the same time, I wrote and distributed an ad requesting help with French translation, in an effort to make our programs more bilingual. I also helped to organize and sell items at the Ottawa Chapter's table of the Great Glebe Garage Sale in May. The proceeds were used to help fund the Return to Basin Depot dig.

I attended Bonnechere's archaeology day in mid-August, and helped with Chapter activities. I was also the point person for determining how many members would be camping at the park. In the fall I again undertook sending meeting announcements to the secretaries of the Anthropology (Carleton) and the Anthropology/Sociology (Ottawa) departments at local universities in an outreach and partnership effort.

Introducing our new Executive Members for 2010**Elizabeth Imrie, Secretary.**

Libby has a B.A. in Anthropology and M.A. in Zoology. She worked in the Zoology Department at University of Ottawa, and later with the Children's Aid, raised four children and has umpteen grandchildren. Undergraduate courses and extensive travel nourished a life-long interest in archaeology which she now pursues both with the AIA and OAS, especially the Basin Depot activities. She has a new computer with which to attack the role of Secretary.

Roderick (Rory) Mackay, Director of Public Archaeology.

Rory, resident near Gananoque, is a naturalist, author, educator and active participant in research archaeology. Now retired from a thirty year career teaching high school biology, science and Canadian history, he continues to strive to bring cultural heritage and archaeology into the public eye. Rory has been the recipient of the Directors' Award from both The Friends of Algonquin Park and The Friends of Bonnechere Provincial Park. His most recent projects at Basin Depot and at a camboose shanty in Algonquin were published in December *ArchNotes*.

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The Richmond Site

John Curry, News Staff, Stittsville News, October 1, 2009

A summer long archaeological dig near Richmond has resulted in more questions than answers. Is a stone foundation found on the site the home of George Lyon, one of Richmond's military settlers and the community's foremost early entrepreneur? After all, it is located on land that he was granted for his military service. Is there more than the house foundation and a dug stone well on the site, such as a barn or other outbuilding? When were the foundation and house built? Was the house associated in any way with any of the mills which George Lyon developed, feeding off the water power of the Jock River? Indeed, if the foundation and site can be more closely linked with George Lyon, they immediately become much more significant since he is an historic figure of considerable importance in Richmond's early history. "It may be an historically significant site," says Paul Thibaudeau, the archaeologist who led the work on the site this past summer after being hired by a developer who wants to establish residential lots on the area. One condition for developing the site was doing an archeological assessment.

Right now, Mr. Thibaudeau is finishing up his Stage 3 archeological report on the site which he will be submitting to the Ontario Ministry of Culture as well as to the developer. He will then await word back on whether the findings to date are significant enough to elevate the archeological work to the next stage which would entail a more intensive excavation of the site. Such work would be done next summer. What would be ideal, from an archaeological perspective, would be discovering a unique artifact that could be traced to George Lyon. Any such direct connection to such an historic figure would give the site immense historic significance. "We know the property was owned by Lyon," he says, "with ownership retained by his estate until 1896 after his death in 1851. I would like to answer the questions of whose house it is and when it was built." Further excavation of the site and the recovery of more artifacts may contain the answers.

He says that the hand cut stone foundation is built in a style used in the 19th century. Noting the size of trees growing up in and around the foundation, he figures that the foundation was abandoned at least 70 to 80 years ago. Surprisingly, there is no trace of the structure that would have been on the foundation at one time. "To me it says it's probably mid 1850s to 1870s," he says about the foundation. He is hopeful that further research about parts of a stove found at the site may help pin down the date.

So far, Mr. Thibaudeau has recovered over 3700 artifacts from the site, all of which have been cleaned, packaged and logged onto a spreadsheet showing where they were found on the site. His work has also included archival research detailing the history of the property, the life of George Lyon, his enterprises in Richmond and his relationship with the property. "We've only dug a fraction of what's there," Mr. Thibaudeau says of the site, noting that the remains of a wall foundation may indicate that there was a barn or other building on the site. Additional digging would reveal more about the house.

However, any such additional digging will be a considerable expense for the developer as all the artifacts would have to be cleaned and labeled. In addition, it would require in-depth archaeological work requiring the hiring of experts in areas such as pottery to help establish the age of the artifacts. The decision on additional archaeological work will be made by the Ministry of Culture and the developer. It would probably entail a crew of ten people, tripling the cost of what has been done to date.

This new Richmond area site now has two dig site identifications, one for the foundation area and another indicating where a pre-historic stone arrowhead was found. Terming it “one of the highlights” of his work on the site, Mr. Thibaudeau says that it is definitely pre-historic, saying it could be thousands of years old or up to 1,000 years old. This arrowhead was what he terms an “isolated drop” as he found only the one and nothing else dating from pre-historic times.

This whole Richmond area experience for Paul Thibaudeau started last February when the developer contacted him to see if he would do the required archeological work on his development site. While Mr. Thibaudeau had experience doing archaeological digs, he is also an anthropologist and university professor and had not done archaeological field work for a number of years. However, his previous experience qualified him for the required license and in May he started, doing historical research about the property and then going to the site for field work.

This site is heavily forested, requiring the digging of test pits at regular intervals. There ended up being 3200 test pits dug across the site, each one 30 centimeters deep. All of the earth dug up has to be run through a sieve to determine the presence of any artifacts. The on-site digging of these test pits went on from May 5 to June 20, digging six days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day. On Friday, May 22, they came across a dug stone well which at the time they felt was “interesting.” Then, on the afternoon of Saturday, May 23, while in the area of the well, a couple of people walking through the area told them about the nearby stone foundation which was hidden by vegetation but which they eventually would have found as they continued with their test holes. This foundation discovery would transform the work in that area into a more detailed process.

After the Ministry of Culture was informed of the discovery of the foundation and gave its approval to do more intensive archaeological work in that area and the developer went along with the increased cost, work began on trying to determine the size of the site, its age and its cultural/historical significance. The immediate area of the foundation, identified as 900 square metres, was broken down into 36 squares, five metres by five metres in size. One metre by one metre test holes were dug in each square, with the depth of the holes determined by reaching sterile soil such as clay or reaching bedrock. Some holes ended up being one and a half metres deep. Among the artifacts found were broken pipe stems dating from pre-1870; unlabelled ceramics; English pottery; and window glass whose thickness would indicate post-1845. Parts of a stove and an old iron skate dating from the 1890's were also recovered. The Goulbourn Museum will receive the artifacts.

Mr. Thibaudeau is a member of the Ottawa Chapter, OAS, and spoke about the Richmond Site at the October 2009 meeting.



Best wishes to Ian and Sherry Dyck

In January Ian officially retired from the Canadian Museum of Civilization following an accomplished career in archaeology in Saskatchewan and at the Museum. We wish you well ...and now that you will have lots of time

Notes from the Newsletter Coordinator Marian Clark

Deadline for next issue - April 20, 2010

I take up the charge of organizing the newsletter on behalf of the Chapter with a certain fear – firstly this issue is woefully late in its completion date – so not getting off to a good start, and secondly because I have old computers, old software and thirdly an even older brain to do much more than word processing. I therefore apologize if this issue is basic in its format, yet I do hope it is useful and informative in its content. In the course of assembling this material I had a chance to talk to many friends and colleagues who offered willingly to send articles, notes, photos - to date these are not forthcoming except for a couple of flash back stories from Jean Francois Beaulieu, a long time member of the Chapter. His focus was on his university studies and field school experience in Greece which got him started in his interests in archaeology and which has not diminished over the years. He also listed out the many field and lab work opportunities that the Chapter has held over the years – even decades now – which brought back so many of my own memories of digs and projects I had forgotten (perhaps the old brain problem again !). He referred many time in his notes to the pure pleasure of those lab nights and

projects when we had important work to do and had the social fun of spending time with great people. Thank you, Jean Francois, for sending in those stories. Our organization is really all about volunteering and getting things done. The Ottawa Chapter has a special knack of always keeping busy and pushing forward to stay active and continue the legacy we have created over the past 40 years. So many of us have stories to tell about our field schools and travels, our local projects and activities in support of the OAS. Looking forward to 2011 and the symposium perhaps, we can dig back in our memories and come up with a tribute to all that volunteering and all those projects. If you have a memory to share I am happy to start compiling a list of Chapter activities and photos for display at the Symposium in 2011. ... And send those more current articles to me anytime – meclark2009@hotmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

Mark these dates on your 2010 calendar!!

Ottawa Chapter, OAS, Spring Programme 2010

Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues at Cumberland

7:30 Thursday March 11

Hands-on Lithics Workshop,

Michael Teal, Parks Canada

Please register with Stacey Girling-Christie at sgchristie@rogers.com.

7:30 Thursday April 8

Mainaigan: Reflecting on Landscape Perspectives at Sacred Pictograph Sites

William A. (Bill) Allen

Abstract: *Masinaigan* (Baraga 1880:224) is a surface upon which marks are made. In modern times the word refers to a paper, book, letter or ledger of debts. Bark can be used as a *masinaigan*, as it was with traditional Aboriginal maps and scrolls. Long ago marks of the most enduring kind were placed on rock surfaces. Nowadays we call them pictographs. Just as space is required between a reader and the book or billboard being read, so too there needs to be space between the rock *masinaigan* and the one who is reflecting about its significance. Just as there is space between a highway sign "Ottawa 10 km" and the actual city of Ottawa, there is space between pictographs and certain significant elements of the nearby landscape. In Aboriginal culture such "Places of Power" often require the observer/meditator to be a considerable distance from the rock *masinaigan*, sometimes several hundred metres away. Nowadays we might call the entire zone a cultural heritage landscape. Too often we hold perspectives that fragment the wholeness of the pictograph and its landscape. Ottawa is more than a sign indicating its presence down the road. Pictographs are more than marks, motifs and stories on a rock. A PowerPoint presentation will draw on integration of Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge and the presenter's experience at many pictograph, petroglyph and petroform sites. The audience will be led beyond a simple study of pictograph motifs to a broader understanding of the dynamic nature of the sacred cultural landscapes honoured by the creators of the physical marks on the *masinaigan*.

7:30 Thursday May 13 Ottawa Chapter OAS End of Season Gathering (details to be announced)

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Archaeological Institute of America Library and Archives Building, Wellington St.

Tuesday March 16 – 7:30 pm Lost Wonders: Pheidias' Zeus Olympias & Athena Parthenos
Dr. Kenneth Lapatin, Getty Museum Los Angeles

Tuesday April 20 7:30 pm Into Deep Water, Bridget Buxton, University of Rhode Island,
Institute of Archaeological Oceanography.

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Hogg Bay Archaeological Project, Murphy's Point Park

Monday May 17 – Friday May 21 -

A programme of hands-on archaeology for school groups sponsored by OAS partner, Friends of Murphy's Point Park. Volunteers from OAS are invited to participate.

Contact: The Friends of Murphys Point Park www.friendsofmurphyspoint.ca

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AFGHANISTAN: Hidden Treasures. "This acclaimed exhibition showcases treasures that miraculously survived war and chaos in Afghanistan. These stunning objects, from the National Museum of Kabul, were hidden for 20 years by a group of brave Afghans. Today, they shine anew, unveiling the secrets of a rich and diverse ancient culture." Organized with the collaboration of National Geographic. At the Canadian Museum of Civilization **until March 28**. Winter hours of operation: Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Saturday and Sunday, open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday.

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