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An artsy image of some screening activity at the Dickerson Site.
Courtesy of Rory Mackay, July 2025.

Welcome to our spring newsletter and a number of interesting contributions related to past adventures, upcoming events, talks, and archaeological excavation opportunities. We hope you can join us for Archaeology Days in Bonnechere Provincial Park in July as a participant or assist with our program delivery. A captive audience and truly fulfilling experience are guaranteed. A final opportunity to dig on the multi-component Dickerson Site is also on tap. See pages 5-6.

On May 21st, we are delighted to host underwater archaeologist Susan Langley for an in-person and Zoom presentation at the Routhier Community Centre. A Spring Pot Luck is also planned. See page 3.

Congratulations to the National Capital Commission on the first anniversary of the NCC Archaeology Volunteer Program! Monica Maica updates us on its success, in English and French on pages 9-13

Have a great summer!

Le chapitre d'Ottawa de la Société ontarienne d'archéologique Inc. reconnaît le territoire non cédé de la Nation algonquine Anishinabe dont le riche attachement culturel remonte à des milliers d'années et dont la culture et la présence ont nourri et continuent de nourrir ces terres. Nous reconnaissons les Algonquins Anishinabe comme étant les gardiens traditionnels de ces terres et comme étant les défenseurs coutumiers du savoir du bassin versant de la rivière des Outaouais. Nous honorons leur culture, leur présence et leur long passé d'accueil de nombreuses nations sur ce magnifique territoire. En outre, nous rendons hommage à tous les peuples autochtones de cette région, de toutes les nations à travers le Canada, qui vivent à Ottawa.

The Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society Inc. acknowledges the unceded and unsurrendered territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation whose rich cultural attachment to this land reaches back thousands of years and whose culture and presence have nurtured and continue to nurture this land. We recognize the Anishinabe Algonquin as the traditional guardians of this land and as customary Knowledge Keepers and Defenders of the Ottawa River watershed. We honour their culture, presence and long history of welcoming many nations to this beautiful territory. Further, we pay respect to all Indigenous people in this region, from all nations across Canada who call Ottawa home.

Upcoming Ottawa Chapter Speakers and Events

We hope you will be able to listen to some of the speakers lined up for the first half of 2026. Stay tuned for Zoom registration links and other information.

January 15, 2026

Speaker: Shauna Huculak, Victoria, B.C.

Topic: **Hydrovac Use Managing Risk, Maintaining Control in Areas of Archaeological Sensitivity**

February 19, 2026

Speaker: Ashley Cameron

Topic: **FjCa-51, an Intermediate Period Site In Labrador**

March 19, 2026 POSTPONED

Speaker: Chelsea Colwell-Pasch

Topic: **TBA**

April 16, 2026

Speaker: Nicole Nicholls, Archaeology and Environment Manager, City of Kamloops

Topic: **Hydrovac Excavations – Archaeological Methods and Challenges [in Kamloops]**

May 21, 2026

In person and Zoom talk + Spring Pot Luck

Speaker: Susan Langley

Topic: **What do the Titanic, the Bible and Superman have in Common? Operation Habbakuk** (underwater archaeology/WW II)

6:30 p.m. at the Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues Ave., Ottawa.

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck; 7:30 pm Talk

See page 3 for more information.

July 11-15, 2026

Archaeology Days in Bonnechere Provincial Park

Spring Pot Luck + In person Presentation

Thursday, May 21, 2026

We invite Ottawa Chapter members, friends and guests to join us for a special evening at the Routhier Community Centre. A pot luck will be followed by a presentation from underwater archaeologist Susan Langley who will have travelled by car all the way from Corunna in (extreme) southwestern Ontario. The talk will also be available on Zoom. Please rsvp to ottawaoas@gmail.com if you are planning to attend and let us know what you might be able to contribute to the pot luck. As always, a Zoom registration link will be sent to members and posted on the Chapter's social media.



What do the *Titanic*, the Bible and Superman have in common? Operation Habbakuk

World War II saw a number of odd and unusual inventions and proposals developed for the war effort. One area of research was glaciology and a solution proposed for the problem of needing to refuel aircraft in the mid-Atlantic, where the U-boat wolf packs lurked, was to use icebergs. This presentation examines the development of this project in 1943.

Thursday, May 21, 2026
Susan B.M. Langley, Ph.D.

What do the *Titanic*, the Bible and Superman have in Common? Operation Habbakuk

Routhier Community Centre (Lounge)
172 Guigues Ave., Ottawa K1N 5H9

6:30 p.m. Pot Luck; 7:30 pm Talk

Susan Langley directed the Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program for over 30 years, and served as both the State Underwater Archaeologist and Dive Safety Officer. In this capacity she also worked with the Area Contingency Planning Committee organized by the U.S. Coast Guard to address oil and hazmat spills that may directly or indirectly impact submerged historic resources.

She has taught at numerous public and private colleges and universities and, as an Adjunct Professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland, she instructed an introduction to underwater archaeology, the anthropology of pirates and piracy, as well as a fiber, textiles, and trade course. Dr. Langley taught maritime archaeology in Thailand for several years for UNESCO. She is a Master SCUBA diver instructor, Emergency First Responder Instructor, and lectures and leads expeditions for Abercrombie & Kent. As a beekeeper, she kept a hive at government House for 10 years, through two Governors and is a founding member of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills Mid-Atlantic Chapter.



Treasurer Bill MacLennan and President Phil Trottier represented the OAS Ottawa Chapter on February 17th at the annual Heritage Day showcase at Ottawa City Hall. *Image courtesy of P. Trottier.*



2026 Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium

hosted by the Toronto Chapter

Theme: **Repairing Bridges: Collaboration, Community, Connection**

Date: **October 23-24, 2026** ~ Location: **TBD**



Archaeology Days at Bonnechere Provincial Park Highway 58, 4024 Round Lake Road, Killaloe, Ontario - 613-757-2103

July 11-12 and July 13-15, 2026

Activities take place at the Davenport Centre by the beach, or on-site July 13-15 unless otherwise noted

Join the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society and staff and Friends of Bonnechere Provincial Park for a weekend or a week.

Chapter members and their families are invited to participate in delivering and supporting the activities or coming to learn more about what we do and the archaeological techniques we use. There's something for everyone and every age group. Meet with archaeologists and bring the past to life with hands-on activities and demonstrations. Note: Ask about camping and covered accommodation available to us courtesy of the Park.



SATURDAY, July 11th - 10 am – 12:30 pm

Public Archaeology Activities

Ottawa Chapter OAS – What is archaeology?

Talk with the public and other volunteers illustrated with brochures, posters, artifacts and more.

Every sherd tells a story – Mend broken ceramics; we all love a puzzle!

Flintknapping – Archaeologist Brad Drouin demonstrates how stone tools were made.

Friends of the Park – Learn everything about the history and natural diversity of Bonnechere Park.

What's in the Bag? Artifacts arrive from the field dirty – help wash a few and see what we learn!

Time Flies! Step way back in time as archaeologist Ken Swayze takes you across the human time line.

Meet Courtney Cameron with artifacts from the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre Museum and from recent excavations along the Bonnechere River.

Meet local authors Anne Burchat and Roderick "Rory" MacKay –

Anne's youth book *Aprons and Moccasins* explores local Indigenous and Kashubian cultures.

Rory has authored several books about the history of Bonnechere and Algonquin Provincial Parks.

SATURDAY NITE "LIVE" - Slide show, Presentation, Artifacts & Popcorn!

July 11th - 7 – 8 pm Davenport Centre



What is archaeology and how do we do our research?

- A short slide show followed by

"A talk with Archaeologist Courtney Cameron" to tell us about the most recent research and excavations at an important site on the Bonnechere River.

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SUNDAY July 12th - 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Postcards from the Field

Did you know that before email and texting, archaeologists often wrote letters and sent postcards to their families and friends from places around the world?

Create a personalized postcard using ink stamps, stickers and pencil crayons. We even have a free postage stamp for you to add when your card is ready for mailing. Stay connected!



MONDAY, July 13th – WEDNESDAY, July 15th - 9 am –3 pm

THE DICKERSON SITE – A Final Opportunity

Join us for a final opportunity to investigate the multi-component Dickerson Site. Situated on the shores of the Bonnechere River north of the park proper, Ottawa Chapter members, along with park staff and Friends have participated here in 2024 and 2025 and uncovered evidence of human activity dating back several centuries. Our primary work will involve unit excavation in areas of the site previously identified as having good potential. More details will be available shortly.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know. Experienced and inexperienced participants are welcome. Come and learn or help others learn the techniques of field archaeology. Registration required.

Please contact us at ottawaoas@gmail.com to learn more and request a participation form.



Excavation and screening activities at the Dickerson Site in 2024 and 2025

Images courtesy of M. Clark and E. Blauberger

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Rory's Adventures along the Little Bonnechere River: "Dammed" if you found it and "dammed" if you didn't

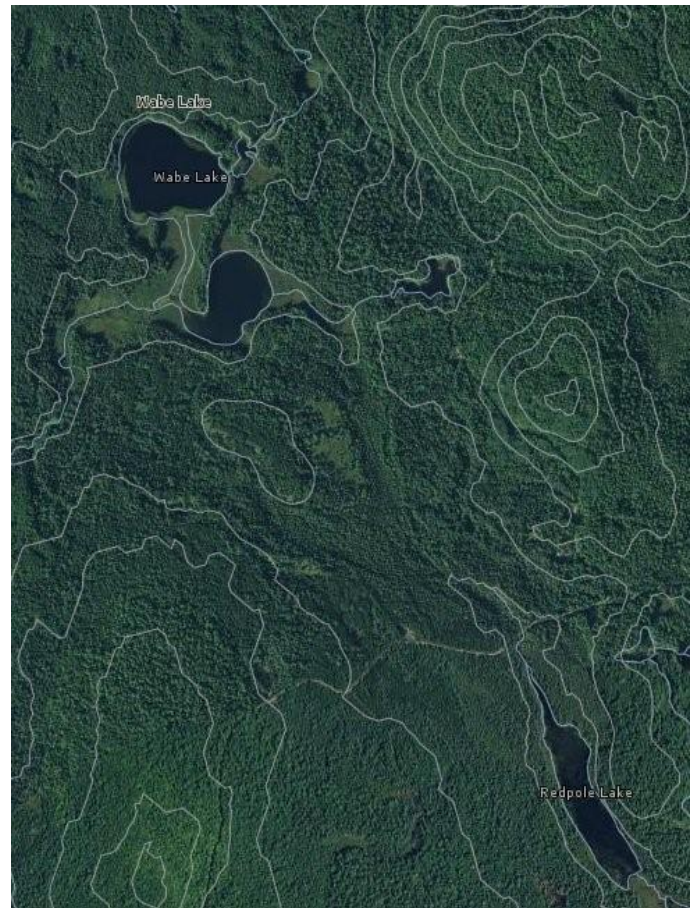
by Rory MacKay

During three days of volunteer work at the Dickerson Site in 2025, one of the park staff inquired how it was that I had become a research archaeologist interested in Algonquin Park and Bonnechere Parks sites. Basically, it was because I met members of the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS. I thought perhaps a few adventures along the Bonnechere River might be of interest to current members.

In the winter of 1975-76, I did oral history interviews for the Algonquin Park Museum. Former logger and admitted poacher-of-necessity in Algonquin Park, Emmett Chartrand told me in his recorded interview in the spring of 1976, that at one time water from White Partridge Creek on the Petawawa watershed had been dammed and diverted into a headwaters creek of the Little Bonnechere River. That was so there would be enough water in the creek to float saw logs. In 1976, I began looking into the history of the river, checking the truth of stories I had been told in my interviews with old timers. Emmett's story seemed to be a good story to check. It would take just a weekend, since I was based in Kingston, about four and a half hours drive away.

I had successfully applied for a Canada Council Grant (X76-0847) to cover some of my expenses in exploring the historic sites on the Little Bonnechere River. Back in the 1970s, historic sites in Algonquin Park were not considered archaeological, so it wasn't considered that I was doing archaeology. A look at aerial photographs I had purchased showed a possible route the water would have taken into the upper Bonnechere from the lake that Emmett had said had been dammed. That was Wabe Lake. Along with Park permission to travel logging roads, I had use of a road map which showed I could get

within a few kilometres of Wabe Lake in my very basic Honda Civic.



Wabe Lake with contours. Image courtesy of R. MacKay.

It was early fall in 1977 when I set out from Kingston loaded with camping equipment. As usual at that time, I had no assistant to accompany me, but I was in my mid-20s and confident of my abilities. I followed Highway 41 north to Eganville, then Highway 60 to 62 to Turner's Road, where I left a note with John Joe Turner at Turner's Camp as to my destination. Dusk had descended as I

made my way into Algonquin Park. Over the past months the gravel road past Basin Depot and up to the hydro-electric transmission line had become quite familiar, so on I continued. Beyond the hydro line the road was a little rougher, and then more so, but all I could see in my headlights was a narrow path in front of me. Not far from Redpole Lake, the road ended. I used the car lights to set up my tent and turned in for the night.

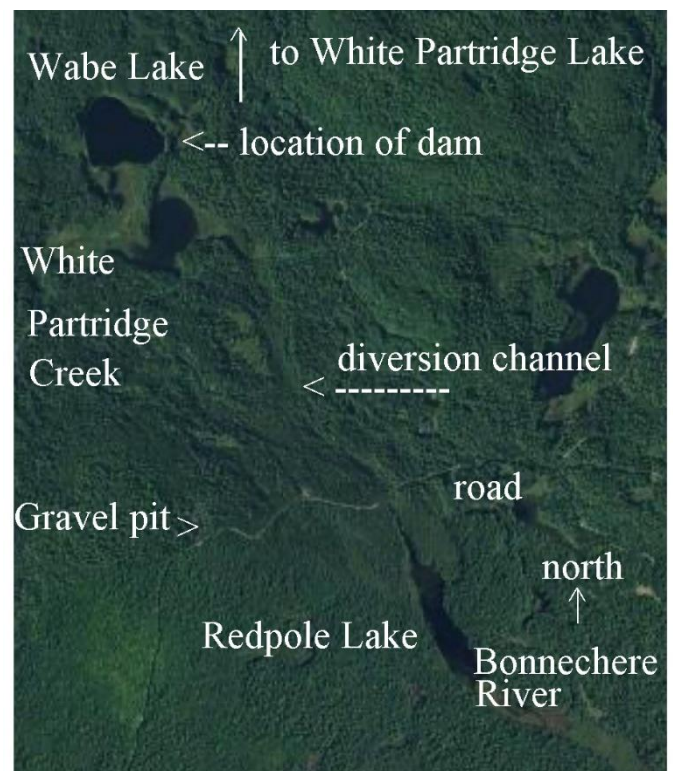


I awoke the next morning in a gravel pit. There were no GPS units that I knew of in 1977, but my map gave me a rough idea where I was and which way to go to reach Wabe Lake. I travelled roughly 2 km north across the Redpole Brule, a landscape quite clear of trees, most having been burned many years earlier. Abundant in low blueberry shrubs, it was not easy going, so my actual route was longer. With an allergy to bees and wasps, I walked slowly and carefully, trying to be watchful. I got away with it. Dead-reckoning with map and compass brought me right to where White Partridge Creek widened into Wabe Lake.

At first, I saw no sign of what could be considered the obvious structure of a dam. Emmett Chartrand had mentioned there also was a camboose shanty at Wabe Lake and there was no obvious sign of that structure either; I was very new at reading the landscape. I do recall eventually finding a curved band of rocks that could have been a dam at the northern end outlet of Wabe Lake, which would have backed water southward into a low-lying route toward the Bonnechere headwaters at Redpole Lake. As I recall, I was also able to locate signs of a rectangular outline of a building, within which was a

stand of young even-aged trees. Thus, I was able to verify two stories told by a well-known teller of stories. That having been the sole purpose of my visit to the lake, I turned around and headed back in the direction of my car.

There was a lot of daylight left, so I packed up and headed back out to the road. What had seemed quite drivable in my headlights the night before turned out to be very rough and rutted on both sides. Thank goodness there had not been a recent rainfall. Thank goodness my car didn't break down. I never would have attempted the drive over that road if I had seen it first in daylight. It was quite a



Air photo of Wabe Lake and route of water southward and into the headwaters of the Bonnechere River.

Image courtesy of R. MacKay.

relief to get back on the well-gravelled road that led to home, many hours away. The moral of the story should have been "don't travel alone" but it took a few more adventures before I began to take my own advice seriously.

NCC Archaeology Volunteer Program Update

by Monica Maika

(with contributions by Octavia Ambridge)

Well, it has now been almost a full year since the NCC Archaeology Program began its official Archaeology Volunteer Program. While the program had been dreamed about for years, and we have had many regular volunteers participate in our public dig, this was the first time archaeology volunteer opportunities had been included in the broader NCC Volunteer Program, which includes programs like the Friends of Gatineau Park, Citizen Science, Trail Maintenance and Patrol, Mackenzie King Estate Volunteers, and Maplelawn Gardens.

In our first year of program development, over 100 people have applied to be volunteers, with 45

participants so far. Volunteers were able to participate in test pitting and excavation work, helping guide visitors at our public archaeological dig. Some of our seasoned volunteers supervised our 'kids pit' excavations to make sure even the little ones got to have fun being archaeologists for the day or acted as 'Block Leaders' during our public digs in Lac Leamy Park, keeping daily notes for small sections of the site, helping members of the public with piece-plotting, which let Bob and Georgian and I move around the site to provide archaeological oversight to the project, and get a chance to meet with all the visitors.



NCC Staff and Volunteers at the end of the 2025 Public Archaeology Dig.

From left to right: Sam Papineau, Gabby Clark, Martin Eeles, Bob Clark, Stephanie Cares, Monica Maika, Octavia Ambridge, Bev Sawchuk, Elise Boukhtouchen, Georgian Parkes, Belinda Ambridge.

Image courtesy of Monica Maika, NCC Archaeology Program Manager.



Indigenous Pottery at the NCC 2025 Public dig. Photo taken by Octavia Ambridge.

Once the field season was over, volunteers were able to participate in lab work, washing, sorting, and cataloguing artifacts that had been found during their time in the field with us. This ‘hands on’ lab work sparked some great conversations about history, context, and allowed volunteers to get a chance to understand how stone tools were made if they hadn’t had the chance to participate in fieldwork volunteer opportunities. So many flakes to wash! Some volunteers even helped put our ‘puzzle pieces’ of artifacts back together.

One of our volunteers, Octavia Ambridge, shares why she thinks the program is so important:

“Ottawa is the capital city of Canada, but there is so much history beneath our feet that we don’t know about. That’s one of the many

reasons why I think the NCC’s archaeology volunteer program is so important. People may know a bit about the history of Canada or a lot, but they really can’t connect to it quite as much through books, rather than doing it firsthand. Being a volunteer not only helps us expand our knowledge and learn about our interests, but we also help the archaeology department with cataloging, cleaning, collecting and onsite work. Every volunteer contributes to the care and preservation of the history of the National Capital Region, whether by dedicating their time or their expertise. Not to mention it’s great fun, with a wonderful group of people!

I love being part of the volunteer team because I get to do archaeology right here in Ottawa, without travelling across the globe. The excitement of uncovering pottery from a dig, or deciphering the writing on an historical piece of glass (Last time it was a ketchup bottle from 1952.) - these are my favourite parts of archaeology. It allows me to share my interests and meet new people. It's a place where I can belong and be myself."

There are volunteers from all over the National Capital Region on both sides of the river, and even one who came all the way from Toronto for a lab session! Our volunteers have a wide range of

ages and backgrounds, from some young enthusiasts participating with their parents, to people fascinated by history, and a few retirees who 'always wanted to be archaeologists' when they were young. Some of our dedicated volunteers have already logged over 100 hours of volunteer service, and the program hasn't even been active for a full year! We appreciate all the passion and varied perspectives that our volunteers bring to the table and look forward to seeing our program grow in the future. If you are interested in becoming part of the program, please visit <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/ncc-archaeology-volunteer> to learn more about the program and sign up.

Mise à jour du programme de bénévolat en archéologie du CCN

par **Monica Maika**

(avec la contribution d'Octavia Ambridge)

Voilà maintenant près d'un an que le programme d'archéologie de la CCN a lancé son programme officiel de bénévolat en archéologie. Bien que ce programme ait été imaginé depuis des années et que de nombreux bénévoles aient participé régulièrement à nos fouilles publiques, c'était la première fois que des occasions de bénévolat en archéologie étaient intégrées dans l'ensemble du programme de bénévolat de la CCN, qui comprend des programmes comme les Amis du parc de la Gatineau, les Sciences citoyennes, l'Entretien et la surveillance des sentiers, les Bénévoles du domaine Mackenzie King et les Jardins Maplelawn.

Au cours de notre première année de développement, plus de 100 personnes ont posé leur candidature comme bénévoles, et 45 d'entre elles ont déjà participé. Les bénévoles ont pu prendre part aux sondages et aux fouilles archéologiques, et guider les visiteurs lors de nos fouilles publiques. Certains de nos bénévoles

chevronnées ont supervisé les fouilles « pour enfants » afin que même les plus jeunes puissent s'amuser à jouer les archéologues le temps d'une journée. D'autres ont agi comme « chefs de secteur » lors de nos fouilles publiques au parc du lac Leamy, prenant des notes quotidiennes sur de petites sections du site et aidant le public à reconstituer les emplacements des artefacts. Cela nous a permis, à Bob, Georgian et moi, de nous déplacer sur le site pour assurer la supervision archéologique du projet et de rencontrer tous les visiteurs.

Une fois la campagne de fouilles terminée, les bénévoles ont pu participer à des travaux de laboratoire : laver, trier et cataloguer les artefacts découverts sur le terrain. Ce travail pratique a suscité des échanges passionnants sur l'histoire et le contexte des objets, et a permis aux bénévoles de mieux comprendre la fabrication des outils en pierre, notamment pour ceux qui n'avaient pas eu

l'occasion de participer à des fouilles. Que d'éclats à laver ! Certains bénévoles ont même aidé à reconstituer les artefacts, véritables « pièces de casse-tête ».

Octavia Ambridge, une de nos bénévoles, explique pourquoi elle considère ce programme comme si important :

« Ottawa est la capitale du Canada, mais son patrimoine historique recèle tant de trésors méconnus. C'est l'une des nombreuses raisons pour lesquelles je crois que le programme de bénévolat en archéologie de la CCN est si important. On peut connaître un peu l'histoire du Canada, voire beaucoup, mais rien ne vaut l'expérience directe pour s'y connecter pleinement. Le bénévolat nous permet non seulement d'enrichir nos connaissances et d'explorer nos centres d'intérêt, mais aussi d'aider le programme

d'archéologie dans le catalogage, le nettoyage, la collecte et les travaux de terrain. Chaque bénévole contribue à la préservation du patrimoine de la région de la capitale nationale, que ce soit par son temps ou son expertise. Sans oublier que c'est une expérience formidable, au sein d'une équipe formidable !

J'adore faire partie de l'équipe de bénévoles, car je peux pratiquer l'archéologie ici même à Ottawa, sans avoir à parcourir le monde. L'excitation de découvrir des poteries lors de fouilles, ou de déchiffrer une inscription sur un objet en verre historique (la dernière fois, c'était une bouteille de ketchup de 1952) : voilà ce que je préfère dans l'archéologie. Elle me permet de partager mes passions et de rencontrer de nouvelles personnes. C'est un lieu où je me sens à ma place et où je peux être moi-même. »



Employés de la CCN et bénévoles à la fin des fouilles publiques en 2025.

De gauche à droite: Sam Papineau, Gabby Clark, Martin Eeles, Bob Clark, Stephanie Carles, Monica Maika, Octavia Ambridge, Bev Sawchuk, Elise Boukhtouchen, Georgian Parkes, Belinda Ambridge.

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Poterie autochtone lors des fouilles publiques de CCN 2025. Photo prise par Octavia Ambridge.

Des bénévoles de partout dans la région de la capitale nationale, des deux côtés de la rivière, participent à nos activités. L'un d'entre eux est même venu de Toronto pour une séance de laboratoire! Nos bénévoles sont de tous âges et de tous horizons : de jeunes passionnés qui participent avec leurs parents, des personnes fascinées par l'histoire et quelques retraités qui rêvaient d'être archéologues. Certains de nos bénévoles dévoués ont déjà accumulé plus de 100 heures de

bénévolat, et le programme n'est en activité que depuis moins d'un an! Nous apprécions la passion et les perspectives variées que nos bénévoles apportent et nous avons hâte de voir notre programme se développer. Si vous souhaitez vous joindre à nous, veuillez consulter le site <https://ccn-ncc.gc.ca/benevolat-en-archeologie-a-la-ccn> pour en savoir plus et vous inscrire.

CNEHA Annual Meeting 2026

October 8-11, 2026

Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec

Archaeology & Resistance: Traces, Territories, and Turbulent Times



The 2026 CNEHA annual meeting will be hosted at the Holiday Inn St-Jean-sur-Richelieu Congrès by IHG in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Québec) on *October 8-11, 2026*.

The theme of the conference, Archaeology & Resistance, calls for a critical examination of how resistance is practiced, remembered, erased, and reactivated through archaeological investigations. Hosted in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, near the Canada-U.S. border, the conference is grounded in a landscape where forts, frontiers, and waterways have long structured power, conflict, and control.

The Richelieu River-Lake Champlain corridor has long been a zone of conflict and strategic importance. In 1776, the retreat of American troops from Fort Saint-Jean and the subsequent British consolidation of control over the Richelieu Valley marked a decisive moment in the struggle for territory and power. The year 2026 coincides with the 250th anniversary of these events, offering a timely opportunity to reflect on resistance, military presence, and the material traces they leave behind.

Beyond military archaeology, this theme embraces broader interpretations of resistance: everyday acts,

cultural persistence, refusal, adaptation, and survival. It also asks a pressing contemporary question: can archaeology itself be an act of resistance? In an era marked by political turbulence, censorship, and the selective rewriting or even erasure of history, archaeological and historical research may serve as tools to confront silencing, challenge dominant discourses, and defend plural narratives of the past.

We invite papers, posters, and organized sessions that engage with archaeology both of resistance and as resistance, across periods and communities of the historical Northeast, as well as all other aspects of historical archaeology in the Northeast.

Stay in touch as we will soon send a formal Call for papers and more information on the venue, tours, workshops and social events! We look forward to welcoming you all in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC!



Archéologie et résistance: Traces, territoires et temps troubles

Le colloque annuel 2026 du CNEHA se tiendra à l'hôtel Holiday Inn St-Jean-sur-Richelieu Congrès by IHG, à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Québec), du 8 au 11 octobre 2026.

Le thème du colloque, Archéologie et résistance, invite à un examen critique des façons dont la résistance est pratiquée, commémorée, effacée et réactivée à travers les recherches archéologiques. Organisé à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, près de la frontière canado-américaine, le colloque s'inscrit dans un paysage où; forts, frontières et voies navigables ont longtemps structuré les rapports de pouvoir, les conflits et les mécanismes de contrôle.

Le corridor de la rivière Richelieu et du lac Champlain constitue depuis longtemps une zone de conflit et d'importance stratégique. En 1776, la retraite des troupes américaines du fort Saint-Jean et la consolidation subséquente du contrôle britannique sur la vallée du Richelieu ont marqué un moment décisif dans la lutte pour le territoire et le pouvoir. L'année 2026 coïncide avec le 250^e anniversaire de ces événements, offrant une occasion privilégiée de réfléchir à la résistance, à la présence militaire et aux traces matérielles qu'elles laissent derrière elles.

Au-delà de l'archéologie militaire, ce thème englobe des interprétations plus larges de la résistance: gestes du quotidien, persistance culturelle, refus,

adaptation et survie. Il pose également une question contemporaine essentielle: l'archéologie peut-elle, en soi, constituer un acte de résistance? À une époque marquée par les turbulences politiques, la censure et la réécriture sélective - voire l'effacement - de l'histoire, la recherche archéologique et historique peut servir d'outil pour contrer le silence, remettre en question les discours dominants et défendre des récits pluriels du passé.

Nous invitons les propositions de communications, d'affiches et de séances qui abordent l'archéologie de la résistance et l'archéologie comme forme de résistance, à travers les périodes et les communautés du Nord-Est historique, ainsi que sur tous les autres aspects de l'archéologie historique dans le Nord-Est.

Restez à l'affût : un appel à communications ainsi que davantage d'informations sur le lieu, les visites, les ateliers et les activités sociales seront diffusés prochainement! Nous avons hâte de vous accueillir à Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC!

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Don't forget to renew your 2026 OAS and Ottawa Chapter memberships

<https://ontarioarchaeology.org/get-involved/membership/>

Thank you to everyone who has renewed!

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The clay pipe in the Ottawa Chapter logo is from the Roebuck Village Site excavations undertaken in 1912 and 1915. It was reported and illustrated in *Roebuck Prehistoric Village Site, Grenville County, Ontario* by W. J. Wintemberg, National Museum of Canada, Bulletin No. 83; 1972 Facsimile Edition; page 163, Plate XVI, Figure 18

Coming up in the next *Ottawa Archaeologist*...

- Highlights from Archaeology Days and the Dickerson Site in Bonnechere Provincial Park
- An analysis of a local bottle collection donated to the Chapter (see image on right)

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**This image was featured in our May 2025 newsletter
with a call for a volunteer bottled analyst.
Their report will be included in our next issue.**

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