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## President's notes

Welcome back to those of you lucky enough to have been in the field this summer! Poison ivy notwithstanding, there is no life like it.

### Chapter Lecture Programs:

Fall time means the start-up of our traditional lecture series hosted by the various Chapters of the OAS. If there is one in your area please be sure to attend. The Chapter program convenors work very hard to put together an interesting series of speakers. If you are not sure which is the closest Chapter to your location contact the OAS office and we will be happy to assist.

### Symposium:

Fall time also means that the 31st annual Symposium is coming up. This year's Symposium, Journey to the Land of the Huron, will be a joint event with our colleagues from the Eastern States Archaeological Federation and will be held in Midland, November 4-7, 2004. A pre-registration form was enclosed with your last copy of Arch Notes as well as in this one. The pre-registration form is also available to print and fax or mail in from our website: [www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca](http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca), click on *Conference Information* and then *Registration Form*.

PLEASE REGISTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. The deadline for pre-registration pricing is October 15. Every year we bite our nails wondering how many people will attend until a flurry of registration forms arrives at the eleventh hour. So, why not beat the last minute rush and help reduce the anxiety at the OAS office and get your registration form in early.

This year we have on offer a fantastic line-up of papers, tours of the region, a Thanksgiving banquet in honour of our American colleagues (a second chance for Canadian turkey and stuffing lovers) and the featured speaker will be award-winning archaeology/crime/mystery novelist Lyn Hamilton, *Grave Consequences: a life in crime*. I hope to see you there!!

### Archaeology Day:

Hot off the press .... the OAS just successfully hosted its first AArchaeology Day@ on Saturday, September 18, 2004. Hurricane Ivan obligingly veered eastward and we had a beautiful sunny day for our outdoor public

event. Our guest of honour was the Hon. Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Culture who gave a speech praising the OAS for its role as an advocate for archaeology in Ontario and for service to our community and the general public. Special guests, Dr. Claude Lajeunesse, Ontario Heritage Foundation board member and Toronto Councillor Sandra Bussin, also addressed the crowd during our opening ceremonies. I would like to thank all three guests for agreeing to squeeze us into their busy schedules.

Final numbers have not been tallied as of the time I am writing this, but attendance came in at around 400 people. That is simply astonishing. A great big thank you to all of our members and colleagues who came out to support us. I saw many familiar faces among the throng.

The attendance figure does not include about 30+ dedicated volunteers who helped out in various capacities throughout the day. I would like to thank particularly those members who designed and/or gave presentations and delivered activities. Thanks also to the volunteers who staffed booths and helped with set-up and take-down. My sincere thanks to the Archaeology Day Committee and to our Executive Director for their long hours in planning and carrying out all of the details required to pull an event like this together. Thanks to the Ottawa Chapter for sending their display and to the Toronto Chapter for their volunteers throughout the process. The post-mortem meeting on Archaeology Day takes place this week. I will write a full account of the event for the next issue of *Arch Notes*.

For those of you who could not attend, here is the text of Minister Meilleur's speech:

*Bonjour, Mesdames et messieurs, éminents invités. Good morning, ladies and gentleman, distinguished guests. We are here this morning to celebrate two new developments in Ontario's archaeological world.*

*The first reason we're here is to launch the first official Archaeology Day i' ten thousand years of provincial archaeological history. To that I say: It's about time!*

*We are also here today to celebrate the Society's new home inside this gorgeous provincial heritage property known as the Jesse Ashbridge House. This year is*

also the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the Jesse Ashbridge House. So let's say this is a kind of birthday party as well.

The province's archaeological heritage is important to Ontarians. We see that in the Society's seven regional Chapters which each have a significant base of volunteers - people giving freely of their time because they care. Let me assure you that the McGuinty government cares about archaeology in Ontario, too. That's why we've introduced amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act. Proposed revisions to the Act would increase fines for the illegal alteration of archaeological sites to a maximum of one million dollars. Another proposed change would improve access to archaeological reports collected under the Act.

My ministry has received many valuable ideas and comments about artefact ownership and collections management. The Ministry is committed to working with all interested parties, especially First Nations and you, to find the best ways to address these complex issues. I am thrilled to meet with so many of you from Ontario's archaeological community. You are the sentinels who watch over Ontario's fragile and irreplaceable archaeological riches.

I'd like to recognize and applaud the important contribution the Ontario Archaeological Society has made to the province. For well over 50 years, you have been the voice of the archaeological community in Ontario. You have been an active advocate for ethical conduct in archaeology, and a leading proponent of archaeological education.

The OAS has been an active lobbyist and worked closely with the Ministry on the new Ontario Heritage Act, the Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines, as well as the Archaeological Customer Service Project. Your active participation will continue to be important as we move forward with the proposed amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act. These amendments would significantly change the way Ontario views and protects its heritage. Your advice and support is greatly appreciated. In particular, your president, Christine Caroppo, has been providing my ministry with comments and advice about amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act for well over a decade.

Also, I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers across Ontario for their tireless efforts. Without the Society and its network of seven regional Chapters, Ontario would be much the poorer. Your invaluable contributions to the stewardship of our heritage resources will benefit generations to come.

The McGuinty government is proud to support the Ontario Archaeological Society. You strengthen our communities and enrich their cultural and social fabric in ways that benefit us all.

Thank you everyone! *Merci à tous.*

That's all for now. See you at the Symposium!

*Christine Caroppo, President*

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### From the OAS Office...

Here I am in the OAS office, two days post-"Archaeology Day". The office looks like a bomb went off. Don't they say that the messier the house the better the party must have been? Well, this one must have been fantastic. And it was!! We were really happy to have close to 400 people out on a beautiful day on September 18. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made this day happen. For me, it was great to see so many old friends ("So, what have you been up to over the past ten years?") and to meet lots of new ones. I hope to see many more of you at the Symposium! A lot of Queen Street East neighbours came by, too, and they are glad that a heritage group has moved into "their" beloved historic house.

I am always interested in reading about current archaeological/heritage issues in the news about Ontario and beyond. The Globe and Mail reported on a new initiative to get school kids interested in history by presenting some real unsolved mysteries from Canadian history, noting that the study of history in schools has declined over the past few decades, as we all know. The website is [www.canadianmysteries.ca](http://www.canadianmysteries.ca). Rather than a fact-finding mission, the students look at history as an investigation, using many different resources. It is all part of the promotion of the concept of "to know where you're going you have to know where you've been", which has been out of fashion of late. It is a questioning of the acceptance of historical "truths" and an emphasis on investigation and thinking critically, which, I think, will appeal to a lot of kids, who often think of history as the boring task of memorizing dates.

In Washington D.C., the new National Museum of the American Indian opens this month. An

article in The Toronto Star mentioned how native

peoples make up less than one percent of the US population, while in Canada, they are three percent and are much more visible in Canadian society. There will be a de-emphasis at the NMAI on what is called "otherness" – the interpretation of native life by ethnographers and anthropologists. Native peoples will give voice to their own stories. This concept came out of a task force on museums and first nations that was formed in the 1990s to advise the Canadian Museums Association on issues of repatriation, access and interpretation. Part of this work emphasized the involvement of native peoples when researching and presenting exhibits. There are quite a few Canadians involved in this new museum, and I am curious to see how it all works out and evolves over time. The website is [www.nmai.si.edu](http://www.nmai.si.edu).

This all makes me think of our very own Society – it was great to hear news from members on Archaeo Day on what is going on in various parts of the province. If Chapters or other members have any news of activities, speakers, local archaeological issues you think would be of interest to OAS members, why not send it to the office? Art Howey from the Hamilton Chapter kept me informed about the OAS exhibit set up at Hamilton City Hall over the summer. I sent him some brochures, and they were all taken – we got a member or two out of it as well! What a great way to promote the OAS in the Hamilton area, display rarely-seen artifacts, and get residents interested in the history in their own backyard. Thanks, Art!

Keep those Symposium registrations coming, and I'll meet you in Midland in November.

*Lise Ferguson, Executive Director*

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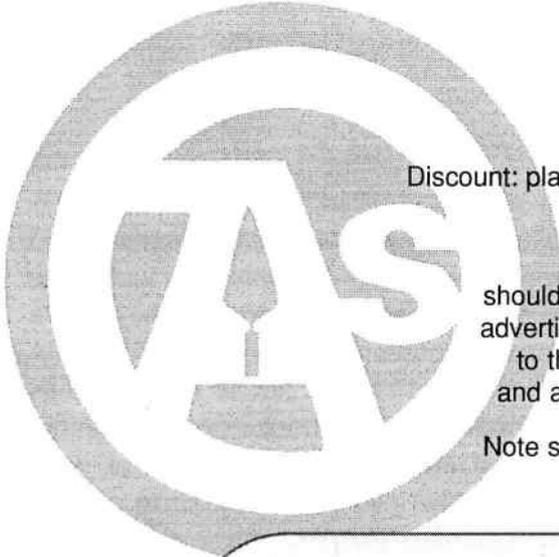
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*The following is a speech delivered by Dr. Claude Lajeunesse, member of the Board of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, during the Opening Ceremonies on Archaeology Day, September 18, 2004, at the Jesse Ashbridge House, 1444 Queen Street East, Toronto.*

Thank you, Christine

And thank you, Minister, not only for your words today, but also for the commitment you and your government have shown to our heritage by sending forward the proposals for a revised, long overdue, Ontario Heritage Act.

It is a pleasure to be here today, representing our Chairman, the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, and to meet so many people who believe, as we do at the Ontario Heritage Foundation, in the importance of our heritage.

As we all know, heritage preservation must be embraced at a grassroots level, by the people it touches most B volunteers who join with their neighbours to protect buildings, natural heritage sites, cultural artifacts and to tell the stories - the local histories - that are the backbone of our understanding of who we are, and where we came from.

I am delighted to be representing the Foundation at this; the official celebration of the Ontario Archaeological Society's new "digs", here at the historic Ashbridge Estate.

Many of you are aware that Ashbridge is one of the twenty-two built properties in the Ontario Heritage Foundation's portfolio. It was donated to the Foundation in 1972 by the late Dorothy Bullen and her sister, the late Betty Burton, direct descendants of Sarah Ashbridge and her family, who immigrated to York from Pennsylvania in 1793.

Dorothy and Betty then continued to live in the house until Dorothy's death in 1997. Indeed, some of you may remember Dorothy from the years she worked as a librarian in the Toronto Public Library system at the Wychwood and Kew Beach branches.

The Ashbridge estate is the only York land grant still connected with the original family. This house (the 3rd on the estate) was built in 1854 for Jesse Ashbridge. So this is not only a red-letter day for the Ontario Archaeological Society as they take up residence here, it is also a birthday party - the 150th anniversary of the building of the house. The Ontario Heritage Foundation is proud to hold this property in trust for all the people of this province.

Over the years, several archaeological investigations have occurred on the site:

Archaeological field schools, provided by the University of Toronto's Department of Anthropology and led by Martha Latta, and OHF Archaeologist Dena Doroszenko, have excavated the area of the earliest houses on the property.

These consist of a log cabin, dating to as early as 1794, and the 1809 house, which stood on the northwest corner of Queen Street East and Woodfield Road until they were demolished in 1913.

Evidence of the cabin cellar has been recorded, along with thousands of artifacts dating from the late 18th century to the late-19th century.

Evidence of prehistoric native occupations were also recorded, indicating that settlement in this area extends back several thousands of years.

So it is particularly fitting that the OAS be a tenant here, one of the earliest building sites in what is now Toronto, but a site which a much longer history.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, we welcome the Ontario Archaeological Society to the Ashbridge Estate; we are happy to have you here, and we hope your tenancy is a long and enjoyable one.

Thank you.

**"JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE HURON"**  
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Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet, Saturday November 6th, includes wine with dinner. A vegetarian meal will be offered. Featured speaker award winning novelist Lyn Hamilton, "Grave Consequences: A Life in Crime."

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**TOURS**

In Champlain's Footsteps Tour: Huronia, Thursday 9:00am to noon.      CDN \$10, US\$ 7.50 \_\_\_\_\_

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# “JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE HURON”

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 MIDLAND, ONTARIO  
 NOVEMBER 4-7, 2004

## Overview of Conference Schedule

### Thursday, November 4, 2004

9:00am - noon

#### **Tour**

In Champlain's Footsteps: Huronia

Noon - 1:30pm

Lunch on own

1:30 - 5:00pm

#### **Tour**

Ste Marie historical site and archaeological collections  
 Tour of Huron Ouendat Village and  
 Huronia Museum curated archaeological collections

7:00-9:30pm

#### **Registration**

*Burgundy North Room*

cash bar "Meet and Greet" in "The Office"

which is the bar and lounge at the Highland Inn and Conference Centre

### Friday, November 5, 2004

8:00am- 5:00pm

#### **Registration**

#### **Book Room**

#### **Poster Session**

*Burgundy North Room*

8:50-9:00am

**Opening Remarks by the President of ESAF and the President of the OAS**

*Burgundy South Room*

9:00am - noon

**Morning Session I**

**Contributed Papers and Papers in Honour of Marti Latta**

*Burgundy South Room*

(10:00-10:20 - Coffee Break, Burgundy North Room)

9:00am - noon

**Morning Session II**

**Presentation and Discussion of Umbrella Protocol  
of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn for the  
Management of Archaeological Resources  
in Unceded Algonquin Territory**

*Georgian Room*

(10:00-10:20 - Coffee Break, Burgundy North Room)

Noon- 1:20pm

Lunch on own

Noon - 1:30pm

**ESAF Board Meeting**

*The Oaks*

1:30 - 4:30pm

**Afternoon Session I**

**A Critical Evaluation of Best Practice in Ontario Historical Archaeology**

*Burgundy South Room*

(3:00-3:20 Coffee Break, Burgundy North Room)

1:20 -4:00pm

**Afternoon Session II**

**Contributed Papers**

*Georgian Room*

(3:00-3:20 Coffee Break, Burgundy North Room)

5:00 -7:30pm

**OAS Presidents Meeting**

*The Oaks*

7:00 - 9:00pm

**Reception**

*Huronina Museum*

9:00pm - midnight

**Canadian/American Friendship Party**

*Room 251*

**Saturday, November 6, 2004**

8:00am - 4:00pm

**Registration**

**Book Room**

**Poster Session**

*Burgundy North Room*

9:00 - noon

**Papers in Honour of Marti Latta**

**Session II**

*Burgundy South Room*

(10:20-10:40 - Coffee Break, Burgundy North Room)

12:00-1:40

Lunch on own

1:40 - 4:00

**Papers in Honour of Marti Latta**

**Session II (continued)**

*Burgundy South Room*

(2:40-3:00 - Coffee Break, Burgundy North Room)

5:00 - 6:30 pm

**ESAF Annual Meeting**

*Huron Room*

5:00 - 6:30 pm

**OAS Annual Meeting**

*Georgian Room*

6:30 - 7:30pm

**Hosted Reception**

*Lower Atrium at the Highland Inn*

7:30 pm - cows come home

**Banquet**

Guest Speaker, Lynn Hamilton

"Grave Consequences: A Life in Crime."

*Burgundy South Room*

**Sunday, November 7, 2004**

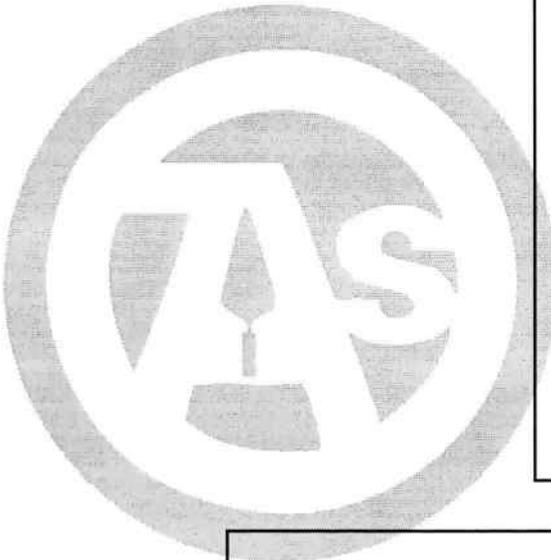
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**Collingwood Trip**

"Visiting the Huron Land of the Dead"

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