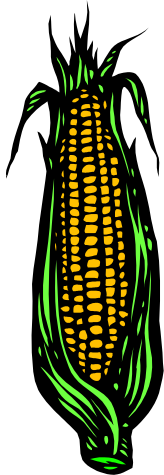


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photo from Powell Collection, see President's Message



Archaeology is the foundation of Ontario heritage. Archaeology is the study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts and other physical remains. The Huronia Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) was re-established in 2007. It is working on a number of projects associated with the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's visit to Huronia, 2015.

The Ontario Archaeological Society is a registered charitable organization that promotes the ethical practice of archaeology. Ontario's historic and prehistoric resources are continually being destroyed by urban, commercial and industrial development.

The general public, students and professional alike are encouraged to become members of the Society and to support its co-ordinating role in helping to record and preserve our non-renewable cultural heritage.

The 2015 OAS Symposium will be hosted in Huronia.

See you in
OTTAWA!

OAS Symposium at
Ottawa City Hall,
Oct. 13-16 2011

link to programme
information:

<http://www.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/OASsymposium/2011Symposiumprog.php>

A promotional graphic for the 2011 OAS Symposium. It features a vertical line on the left with the year '2011' written vertically. To the right of the line is a photograph of a river flowing through a forested area. Below the photograph is a black silhouette of a paddle. To the right of the paddle, the text reads 'Waterways Through Time' in a large, serif font, followed by 'Recognition and Celebration' in a smaller font. At the bottom, it says 'The Annual Symposium of The Ontario Archaeological Society'.

HURONIA CHAPTER MEETINGS

2011 Chapter meeting dates

Next meeting October 13th cancelled

Because this meeting date falls at the same time as the OAS Symposium in Ottawa this year, and many members will be attending that event, the Huronia Chapter meeting previously scheduled for October 13th is cancelled. No meeting at the Huronia Museum that night.

Business Meeting for chapter members follows the open to the public presentation. The chapter holds an open meeting on the second Thursday of every month at the Huronia Museum, 549 Little Lake Park, Midland, Ontario. Start time: 7:00 PM except for July meeting (5:00 PM)

Next meeting November 10th

Chapter executive is working to determine the speaker for the November meeting. An email announcement with details is planned to arrive in your inbox soon.

Annual General meeting December 8th

President's Message

John Raynor,
President
Hurononia
Chapter of
the OAS

The extra busy season of summer is just about over and I hope it has been a great year for you with less sunstroke, fewer mosquitoes and more stories to retell over the years. Our membership numbers are healthy, we have some money in the bank and we have been busy on a number of fronts. For all the details you should continue to check regularly our online blog, website and facebook group pages.

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<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=84531680419>

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Our annual general meeting takes place in December and to participate in that event, you need to renew your membership, nominate candidates and vote.

I would like to thank all our chapter members who have been able to make it out to our meetings for making that special effort to participate. Everyone is busy but it is a wonderful thing to have a chance to talk face to face and catch up on things both archaeological and even about new, shiny things that have not been dug up out of the ground.

Speaking of the new, a number of recent activities have begun coalescing and these seem to be various flavours of applying



new technology to old information. A number of our chapter members have been working to take old printed report information into searchable text formats so that this old information can be more easily and widely used. More about that work in the next newsletter issue.

I hope to see many members at the Symposium in Ottawa next month.

THE POWELL COLLECTION

I went to view the “Powell” collection that is now in the possession of Trish (Powell) and John Hartman at their home in north Tiny. Bill Gibson came with me to photograph the collection (some inserted below) and John Hartman was kind enough to forward me his photos. While we were there John Powell showed me an axe collar that he had recently found on the property and gave me a property survey that shows where some of these items were reported found by Mr. Powell Sr. between the late 60s and 1980s. The Powell farm is located on the N ½ of lot 16 Con 7 Tiny township and is now divided in 2 (upper and lower lands primarily) and owned by Mary and Joan Powell respectively along with their spouses.

It is on the upper lands above the ridge where a Bell communications tower has been proposed and this is the same part of the farm that most if not all the artifacts were found by Mr. Powell Sr.

Although numerous finds have been reported on this lot and those adjoining it by people like A F Hunter, Ken Kidd, Frank Ridley, J Hunter, A Hawkins etc. no systemic archaeological study has been done to my knowledge that sheds sufficient light on the chronological migration of the village population of Ossossane over these acreages. We know that various generations of these villages were visited by such figures as Champlain (1615-16), Segard (1623-24), and Brebeuf (1635-39) as recorded in the primary source documentation left behind by Champlain, Sagard and the Jesuits.

What lead me to view the “Powell” collection was the concern raised when I



was advised that a communications tower was proposed for this lot and that Industry Canada (the federal oversight body) did not require that an archaeological assessment be carried out by Bell nor does the local municipality have a consultative process put in place that might have involved more stakeholders than those indicated by Industry Canada whose default possessio



n is properties with 90 m of the tower base. Bell has since agreed to do an archaeological assessment but I am not yet sure just how much ground will be covered or what the outcome of the assessment will be but I am sure that this land can yield far more historical evidence than it has to date and I would hope that once this assessment is complete and the results known the archaeological community will make further efforts to map out the district of Ossossane's place in history.

National Historic Sites open to destruction

When investigating a proposal to erect a cell tower in the vicinity of Ossossane and attempting to encourage Bell Mobility to do an archaeological assessment prior to going ahead with this project they were advised that the Ossossane sites are designated as a National Historic Site. What is interesting to note here is that designation as a National Historic Site affords no protection to the site and that Industry Canada, the federal agency that regulates cell tower installations does not require archaeological assessments as part of their policy.

Best keep an eye out for cell tower proposals, they can be as destructive to a site as any other development. They require fencing and service access roads all of which impact on sites.

I think that the OAS and or the Ministry needs to consult with the federal government to block this loophole before more sites have holes poked in them. BTW - Bell has now agreed to do an assessment even though not required to. - Sometimes advocacy works!

A Search for Ossossane and its Environs.

I am looking for a copy of Frank Ridley's 1947 paper "A Search for Ossossane and its Environs" (preferably in an electronic - searchable format). I have a reference to an archaeological site on the S 1/2 of lot 15 Con 7 Tiny twp with a notation that it was found during a surface survey that Ridley made in 1947. I am hoping to find this reference in this paper - I read it somewhere or perhaps made a typo error when entering the info into my database. Any help here would be appreciated as the current property owner wants to meet and talk about his collection and the potential for archaeological resources on his property.

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Memberships run from January to December

Benefits of OAS Membership

- Membership in Ontario's archaeological community.
- Eligibility to join one or more of the [Society's Chapters](#) in Hamilton, Huronia, London, Ottawa, Peterborough, Thunder Bay, Toronto or Windsor.
- Tours of archaeological interest in Ontario and beyond.
- Participation in workshops, courses, seminars.
- Eligibility to present a paper at the Society's annual symposium.
- Attendance at the Society's annual symposium, business meeting and banquet.
- Attendance at lectures and meetings.
- Information on excavations and volunteer opportunities.
- Subscription to [Ontario Archaeology](#), our refereed journal.
- Subscription to [Arch Notes](#), our bi-monthly newsletter and your window on the current Ontario archaeology scene.
- [Purchase of specialist items](#) such as buttons, badges, T-shirts, posters.
- Access to the Society's research library, computer services and information on archaeological databases.
- Participation in working committees at provincial and chapter levels.
- Eligibility for awards or other forms of recognition (and the opportunity to endow and/or create such awards).
- OAS members' discount on the price of admission to the Royal Ontario Museum

**Membersh
ip fees**

	Individual	Student	Family
OAS Membership	36	25	40
OAS Membership with OA	48	35	52
Lifetime membership	800		
Hurononia Chapter membership	15	10	18

Working with Le Baie de la Clé

☐ Champlain 2015 projects are being planned. John Raynor and Jamie Hunter are members of the archaeological subcommittee and have developed a proposal for funding of an archaeological research project aimed at precisely locating the villages visited by Champlain in 1615. Project discussions and work continue to progress. But at this time there are no major updates to report for this activity.

September Meeting – Janet Turner – Fish Weir at The Narrows

☐ Janet Turner, Past President; - Mnjikaning Fish Fence Circle gave a talk about the fish weirs at The Narrows. The group is interested in the conservancy and preservation of the fish weirs at the Atherley Narrows. Janet spoke on the past, present and future plans (including an interpretive centre) for the National Historic Site that most know as The Narrows of Orillia which was first recorded in the works of Samuel De Champlain in September of 1615. In addition to a conventional talk with presentation projected for the audience, she brought along some physical materials and other display items from the site.

How I spent my summer vacation

☐ **Jamie Hunter** reports that he is working on a paper for a presentation on October 22 at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London. Organized by Bill Fox the one day conference will honour the work of the 30 year archaeological project called the Ball Site Excavations begun in 1975 by Dr. Dean Knight under the auspices of Wilfrid Laurier University.. The symposium will address all aspects of the sites excavations and analysis of what was found. The collections from the Ball site are destined to come to Huronia Museum once the reports are gathered together and published.

☐ **Dave Lamb** reports that he acquired two old books: "THE TRAGEDY of OLD HURONIA by A PILGRIM. To my delight I received the book after waiting for five weeks. The book is in very fine condition printed in 1932 and will be a treasure to my collection. It is the story of the Marty's Shrine, Fort St Marie and the Huron missions 1615 1650 I am impressed by the locations and details given by the Jesuit Priest and cannot wait to snuggle up in bed and read and when I am feeling better to spend days exploring these places. I have also ordered Jay Blair Nottawasaga's Last Pioneer written by Charles Garrad there are several good write ups on this book and I am excited to receive this book also. I also found AE HUNTER History Of Simcoe County two volumes pt1 and pt2 original in fair shape in an antique shop \$300

☐ **Marg Raynor** reports what she and John got up to: "This summer we had the opportunity to



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visit two world heritage site museums: The Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller and Head-Smashed-in Buffalo Jump, south of Calgary. Both are amazing! Approaching Drumheller, you are driving across rolling prairie, when suddenly the highway descends into another world: a deep canyon sculpted by a post-glacial river. Epochs of geology stand revealed in clear layers of rock. The Royal Tyrrell Museum is home to a truly impressive series of over thirty displays of many kinds of dinosaurs. This is a Canadian treasure! If you go there, it is well worth getting the earphone guided tour.

Head-Smashed-in Buffalo Jump was another amazing spot. The vista itself is most impressive, again a drastic change from the prairie, and located at the edge of the foothills. The museum is unique, being mostly built into the cliff and barely visible from a distance.

*all photos this article by
Marg Raynor*

Buffalo Jump below



The Ontario Heritage Directory Online

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links: Home, Contact Us, Site Map, Guest Book, and View Cart. The main header features the OHS logo and the text "ONTARIO HISTORY". Below the header, there are three buttons: "Member Login", "Become a Member", and "Renew Your Membership". A calendar for September 2011 is displayed on the left side. The main content area has a heading "ABOUT US >> Welcome" and a sub-heading "Ontario Heritage Directory Now Online!". The text below reads: "The Ontario Historical Society is excited to announce its new free online service: **The Ontario Heritage Directory Online**, a database resource for Ontario's heritage community, tourists and researchers." It includes a link "Connect with Ontario's Heritage Now!". A sidebar on the right lists "RELATED CONNECTIONS" such as "Ontario Heritage Society", "Museum Sites", "Historical Societies", "Local Heritage Groups", "Municipal Heritage Commissions (MHC)", "Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS)", "Ontario Historical Society (OHS)", "Ontario Historical Society (OHS)", "Other Connections". Below this is a "SEARCH HERITAGE CONNECTIONS BY REGION / COUNTY" section with a map of Ontario and checkboxes for "Central Ontario", "Eastern Ontario", and "Greater Toronto Area". At the bottom, there is a call to action: "You can help keep the online Ontario Heritage Directory up to date! If your organization, for".

September 6, 2011 The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) has announced a new online service: The Ontario Heritage Directory Online, a free database resource that will connect Ontario's heritage community, tourists and researchers at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

The Ontario Heritage Directory Online features a database of over 1,600 heritage organizations, heritage sites, museums, archives, First Nations Councils and Municipal Heritage Committees in Ontario. In preparation for the bicentennial of the War of 1812-14, any organizations, historic sites and museums celebrating bicentennial-related events, exhibits or publications will be highlighted with a War of 1812 icon.

The online Ontario Heritage Directory features an updating tool that allows organizations to keep their contact information current. Users of the directory can select the "Keep this record up to date" feature and submit any change of address, email address, etc.

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