

# NEWSLETTER

## CATARAQUI ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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*Greeting from the President*

Ah Spring! - when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of . . . , and a young archaeologist's fancy turns to thoughts of excavation. The coming season of excavation promises to be, if a little less demanding than last year, still interesting and significant. After last season's spectacular excavation, some work still remains to be done on the site of the new dormitory at RMC. Also at RMC, the "*Can You Dig It?*" summer camp will once again be on the grounds of Fort Frederick, an excellent source of information about Kingston's early military history.

While the archaeologists are disporting themselves in the balmy breezes of the summer's excavations, the fancy of the Board of Directors must turn to the more mundane matters of the Annual General Meeting and the ongoing work of the Board.

For the Annual General Meeting we are fortunate this year in having as our guest speaker a distinguished member of Ontario's archaeological community. Dena Doroszenko, Archaeologist at the Ontario Heritage Foundation. She was its first permanent professional archaeologist, an appointment that followed extensive experience in field archaeology and archaeological education. Her topic will be "*Thirty Years of Archaeology at the Ontario Heritage Foundation.*"

The function of the Board, also, is to represent the public interest in the preservation of our knowledge of the past. Accordingly, we are always looking for people who share this interest and would be willing to assist the work of the Foundation in any way. Perhaps you would like to work with artefacts in the conservation laboratory, to participate in the education programs, or to assist the work of the Foundation in any other way as, for example, by working with one of the committees of the Board or by serving as one of the Directors.

If you get in touch with us at 542-3483, we shall be happy to explore with you the opportunities that are right for you in supporting the work of the Foundation. Happy Spring!

David Baird

### **You Are invited**

#### To the re-opening of the Kingston Archaeological Centre

Take a tour of the Interpretive Centre  
And check out the new facility that houses  
Kingston's archaeological resources

Date: Saturday, 23 April 2005

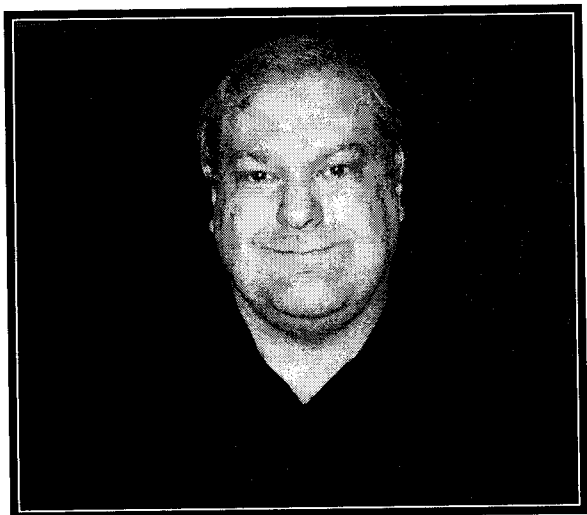
Time: 2pm to 4pm

Place: 72 Gilmour Avenue

Special opening events and prizes  
Refreshments will be served

RSVP by the 4 April 2005  
(613) 542-3483 or [carf@carf.info](mailto:carf@carf.info)

**Todd H. Simpson**  
**Volunteer of the Week**  
**11 April 2005**



Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation would like to thank Todd for his volunteer service. Todd has been a volunteer at the Kingston Archaeological Centre over the past 6 months, volunteering twice a week working on a variety of projects with the Centre. He has been assisting with processing artefacts in our wet lab from various archaeological sites in Kingston including our "Can you Dig it?" summer camp at Fort Frederick and McBurney Park. Other projects have included inputting data into our database, organizing the library books and helping out with the move to our new building.

We appreciate the assistance that Todd has been providing and would like to thank him for his work.

Todd will be featured as volunteer of the week the 11th of April 2005, and will be honored by *Volunteer Kingston* in *Kingston This Week*.

**Volunteer Appreciation**  
*Pizza Day*  
**20 April 2005, 12:00pm**  
*RSVP 19 April 2005*

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Come join us for our volunteer opportunities. Each Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. There will be opportunities for volunteers to help process artifacts from various projects in the Kingston area. The main focus for this season will be on material from our "Can You Dig It?" camp program, which has been held at Point Frederick for the past two field seasons. We appreciate all the help we can get and hope to see you soon. If you have any questions feel free to email us at [carf@carf.info](mailto:carf@carf.info) or call 542-3483.



### **Placement from Queen's**

The Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation has a long tradition of providing the community with unique educational opportunities and resources. The multivalent nature of the Foundation's mandate prompted me to explore how I might contribute to this pool of educational materials. My name is Anna Peterson and I am a Bachelor of Education student at Queen's University. I have long been excited by Kingston's rich history and am eager to share my enthusiasm with students in the community. Over three weeks in March, I have begun to develop a resource package for teachers, which links the specific expectations of the new Ontario Curriculum with the Kingston Archaeological Centre. Only through high quality educational programming can students be exposed to the wonderful world of archaeology and introduced to the magic of early Canadian history.

Anna Peterson

## Executive Director's Notes

It always seems that despite a long cold winter the wonders of our archaeological work are close at hand, and plans for spring excavation are now looming on the horizon. I was particularly fortunate to miss three of the coldest weeks in January, spending them in England where at times it was up to 10°C and the snowdrops were in full bloom! In attendance at the international conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology in York (UK) I had the honour of representing the Foundation by giving a paper co-written with Nick Gromoff and meeting fellow conference attendees from around the world. York is home of the world famous Jorvik Viking Centre which is located on the site of a 1000 + year old Viking village excavated by the York Archaeological Trust in the 1970s. The YAT also operates the Archaeological Resource Centre which provides educational programming and houses the vast collections of over 3 decades of archaeological investigations. In this somewhat balmy climate archaeology is a year-round activity and a small group of Canadian and American colleagues had the good fortune of visiting an ongoing excavation, even being asked our opinion on interpretation of the late 18<sup>th</sup> to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century iron foundry site we were seeing!

Our own Kingston Archaeological Centre is starting to get back to handling our education programs including a new March Break day opportunity, our successful "Can You Dig It?" summer archaeology camp, school workshops, Hands On Heritage in partnership with other Kingston Museums, and through Queen's University with their SEEDS (grade seven-eight) and EMC<sup>2</sup> (grades 9-12) programs. We are also working towards our rapidly approaching re-opening date for the Centre of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The interpretive museum exhibit is taking shape and will once again represent 8,000 years of human occupation of the Kingston region through archaeology. The exhibits include Aboriginal settlement and trade, French occupation including Fort Frontenac and the fur trade, Loyalist life at Cataraqui including Molly Brant, and a variety of aspects of 19<sup>th</sup> century life. There is also an entire section devoted to the process of archaeology with hands-on activities for kids and adults too!

The next several months are shaping up to be busy ones. There are several field projects scheduled for this year. Our summer program will again be run in partnership with the RMC Museum on the grounds of Fort Frederick in July and August. We will be doing more investigations of the Market Square, Royal Military College, and some work in the Village of Marmora. May is Museums Month, so we hope that you will visit the Centre and participate in the various activities offered by Kingston's museums. I will be making a presentation to the United Empire Loyalists April 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Paul's Church Hall on the Lost Cemeteries of Kingston and the archaeology that has been done at some of these. Then on May 7<sup>th</sup> it will be a talk on Fort Frontenac, *A Matter of Time: Five Centuries at Fort Frontenac* for the Ontario Historical Society's Annual General Meeting.

We welcome you all to visit us at the Centre and see what we have been up to through the winter and we look forward to another year of archaeology!

Susan M. Bazely

**Digging it for 10 years!!**



**1996 - 2005**

**Public Day at Camp**

20 July 2005

Wednesday 1-3pm

**Parents Night at KAC**

24 August 2005

Wednesday 6-8pm

**Mark these dates and plan to attend.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 31 2005, 7:00pm

Auditorium  
Kingston Archaeological Centre  
All welcome

**Guest speaker: Dena Doroszenko,**  
*"Thirty years of Archaeology at the  
Ontario Heritage Foundation"*

### Guest Speaker

Since 1978, Dena Doroszenko has worked for a series of public and private agencies resulting in her involvement with a wide variety of historic sites across the Province of Ontario. Prior experience with professional and avocational archaeological societies, teaching public archaeology programs and directing excavations have provided opportunities to be directly involved in policy development, public education, promotion and advocacy.

As the Archaeologist for the Ontario Heritage Foundation since 1987, her responsibilities include the design and implementation of historical and archaeological research programs including publications and collections management, focussing on the wide range of provincially significant sites that fall under the purview of the Foundation.

Her research interests include urban archaeology in Toronto, the archaeology of domestic sites, public archaeology and historic material culture. Recent publications include a chapter on the archaeology of Benares House in *Mississauga: The First Ten Thousand Years* published by Eastend Books in 2002.

## Membership Event

Tuesday, 13 September 2005, 7:00pm

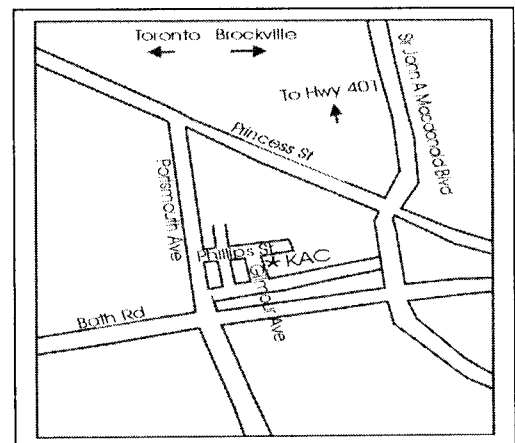
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Associate Archaeologist: Michael Berry,  
will present: **"The Appearance of  
Hostilities With Our Neighbours", Fort  
Frederick the Defence of Kingston and  
the Upper St. Lawrence, 1812-1846.**

### Some Sad News

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the loss of one of our colleagues, Arnie Feast. Arnie worked with us for two summers on various RMC projects, at the Market Square, the Bethel Church Union Cemetery and several other small projects. He had worked as an archaeologist with Parks Canada before leaving Ontario to follow his other great love, flying. He still couldn't get enough of archaeology 'though, so when he wasn't flying or doing site survey in the bush, Arnie would drive back to Ontario to work with us. Tragically the floatplane which Arnie was piloting was lost over the BC coast on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Arnie had an easy-going style and a gentle spirit. He is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Susan M. Bazely



How to find the Kingston Archaeological Centre