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Museum of Ontario Archaeology



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Museum of Ontario Archaeology Spring Speaker Series:

"Archaeological Research throughout Ontario"

Archaeological sites give an insight into the way people lived & adapted to their changing environmental & cultural surroundings. Join us weekly as we explore the research on sites in different areas of the province.

May 5: Ste. Marie Among the Huron ~ Dr. John Triggs
Wilfrid Laurier University

May 19: TBA

May 26: The Mantle Site: Urban Planning, Coalescence and Integration in Sixteenth Century Ontario ~ Dr. Ron Williamson
Archaeological Services Inc.

June 2: Algonquin Archaeology
Bill Allen, Cultural Researcher

Free Admission 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Wolf Performance Hall
London Public Library

Sustainable Archaeology Facility



Much progress at the site of the Sustainable Archaeology facility! Cement floors are being poured and electronic and HVAC systems being installed. The mobile shelving will be installed over April and May, as finished siding is being applied to the outside of the building. Landscaping will start as soon as the weather cooperates, with construction wrap-up by early June.

Feature Gallery

"Big Jobs, Big Tools: Pre-contact First Nations Use of Ground Stone Tools"

Learn all about them
By Dr. Robert Pearce &
Michelle Goodridge, UWO
Public History Grad Student

Next Sweat Lodge
Sunday April 17

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Main Gallery

New work by Gordon Nicotine Sands

An upcoming artist's
exhibition opening
April 6th!



Gordon competing in the
hand drum contest at
our annual Pow Wow.

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for your next
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Selections from our Collection by Dr. Robert Pearce

Lawson Site Preserved Basketry

Over the years we have discovered several important items on the Lawson site, typically ones made from stones, bones, or man-made fired pottery, which survive in the ground for hundreds of years. Items made from organic materials are rarely preserved in the acidic soil unless they are carbonized (burnt). Great excitement arose in 1980 when, during excavation of the north end of House 8, we uncovered a large portion of a carbonized woven basket. Experts from the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa were consulted and brought in a technician from the Royal Ontario Museum who then preserved the basket *in situ* by covering it in a special chemical solution, cloth and plaster (shown in photo). It remains buried in the soil on the site today in its original location. A small sample of the basket was taken, and identified as a splint from a white ash tree.



Summer Day Camp at the Museum

Dinosaur Discovery

July 4-8, Aug 2-5, Aug 29-Sept 2



Art & Games of the Ancient Civilizations

July 11-15, Aug 8-12



World Myths & Legends

July 18-22, Aug 15-19



Exploring Our World

July 25-29, Aug 22-26

Ages 6-10 \$135 per week 8:30-4:30

Dig-It Archaeology Camp

Ages 9-12 July 13,14,15

Ages 12-15

August 10,11,12

8:30 to 4:30

\$100 for 3 days



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world rejoiced; live your life so that
when you die, the world cries and you
rejoice.*
White Elk

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