

The Palisade e-Post

Museum of Ontario Archaeology



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Selections from our Collection by Dr. R. Pearce



Sunday November 27th
"Christmas in a Longhouse"
Native Art & Craft Sale

Purchase one of a kind gifts for the holiday season!

Art & Craft Vendors
 Penny & Bake Sale
 Three Sisters Soup Café
 Children's craft activities
 Bannock cooking in the Longhouse
 Meet the artists at the **"Gathering of the Clans"** exhibit opening

Admission \$5.00 adult / \$4.00 Senior-Student
\$3.00 child / \$12.00 family



10:00 to 4:30

Steatite Human Face Effigy Pendant, St. Louis Site

Human face effigies, dating as far back as A.D. 800, occur on a large number of Iroquoian sites throughout southern Ontario; most frequently as part of the decoration on bowls or ceramic smoking pipes, but stand-alone effigies or "maskettes" do occur. Illustrated is a rather unique one. It is a maskette carved on a piece of steatite (soapstone), with a drilled hole in the forehead to suggest it had been suspended as a pendant. This was one of three human face effigy pendants found by Wilf Jury during his 1951-53 excavations at the contact period Newton site near Midland. He interpreted that site along with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, as the Jesuit Mission of St. Louis, established within an historic Huron Iroquoian village circa 1630-1640 A.D. The other two human face effigies also had holes to suggest they were used as pendants; one of clay, and third made on a piece of a deer tibia (leg bone). Ceramic effigy pipes were also found, including eight "pinch-face" human effigies and one owl effigy.



Saturday Dec 3 9-4:30 **Moccasin Making Workshop with Marjorie Henhawk**

\$70.00 includes all day workshop & materials (except fleece lining)
 call to register 519-473-1360
 prepayment required ~ adults or teens
Only 1 place left!



"Coming of the Three Fires"
 Leland Bell

Building on the **Sustainable Archaeology Research** centre is complete! Over the next few months, the equipment will be installed, the database will continue to be developed, and policy documents for collection submissions will be edited and published online. To follow the latest developments of the facility: <http://sustainablearchaeologyuwo.blogspot.com/>

Exhibitions

"Gathering of the Clans" Opens Nov 27
 Showcasing three aboriginal artists :
 Amanda Aikens, Leland Bell and Ferguson Plain

"Canada Post Honouring North American Natives"
 Stamp collection on loan by M.S. Leff

"The Pow Wow: It's Historical & Cultural Relevance"
 in the Feature Gallery until November 20th.

"Lost collections of the Ancient World-How Roman Britain and Ur came to Ontario" now in Main Gallery.

Fall /Winter Archaeology Speaker Series

Nov. 10th – Dr. Elizabeth Greene,
 Dept of Classics - U. of Western Ontario:
 Lecture based on her research at Vindolanda,
 the Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall, England.

8:00 PM at Museum of Ontario Archaeology

Free Admission and parking

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