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Partnerships. Partnerships. Partnerships. Just as no man is an island, no business or association can 'go it alone' — success comes through networking and thinking outside the box. This was the philosophy which came through loud and clear at our recent provincial conference and the mandate we implemented in the Adventures in Time tourism partnership. Both projects have opened new worlds for the Friends and the Park, providing increased exposure and opportunities which we continue to cultivate.

At the Friends Biennial in Tobermory last September, the Friends of Bonnechere Park were described as "prolific." We take pride in our accomplishments and are encouraged by such support. But as in any partnership, the total is the sum of the parts, and in our case the vital parts are the volunteers. As we look back on the summer of 1999 we thank the folks who tirelessly — and in most cases anonymously — helped us provide quality programming based on the natural and cultural history of the Little Bonnechere River.

Betty Biesenthal, Editor

Conference Exceeds Expectations

From October 18 to 22, the Friends of Bonnechere (FOBP) and the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association [OVTA], played host to 211 delegates and speakers from all corners of Ontario, the neighbouring province of Quebec and several speakers from Alberta. This provincial conference was designed to encourage public and private-sector industry stakeholders to plan, prepare and benefit from increased cultural heritage tourism in the new millennium and by all accounts it was an outstanding success.

The Monday evening welcome reception featured a performance by Phantom of the member Kristina Marie Guiguet, and a display of submissions in the student poster competition. Congratulations to all participants, especially our winners: 1st: Nathan McLaren, Rob Jessup, Jason Reinert, Jesse Kuchkowski, Angela Stor Claudette Sarazin, Robin Pinkerton and Sarah Dombrowskie of **Opeongo District High School** were awarded \$300 by **AVCO Financial Services** for their presentation entitled *Ottawa Valley Cycle Tours*.

2nd: Kimberley Weber, Trisha Stark, Jen Cleator and Liette Rose of **Algonquin College** were awarded \$200 by the **Ottawa Valley Tourist Association** for their presentation featuring Petawawa's Emerald Necklace walking and cycling path.

3rd: Shawna Berger of **Fellowes High School** was awarded \$100 from the **Friends of Bonnechere Parks** for her poster promoting the cultural heritage of the Ottawa Valley.

The Tuesday morning plenary was opened with an inspiring and entertaining presentation by Canada's National Archivist **Ian Wilson** who spoke about finding and preserving our heritage in the most ordinary of places. **Jean Lam**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Tourism, followed with an overview of provincial activities and strategies in cultural heritage tourism. A series of concurrent sessions filled the next day-and-a-half with such varied topics as "Don't Sit on Your Cultural Assets", "Cultural Attractions and the Application of New Media", "Media Travel Writers and Other Influence Peddlers, and "Getting Community Commitment for Your Cultural Tourism Initiative".

On Tuesday evening the FOBP and the OVTA hosted a special evening — **A Taste of the Ottawa Valley** — on the grounds of the Champlain Trail Museum. Presented in a giant tent decorated in an autumn harvest theme, the event featured local cuisine — smoked catfish, perogies, baked beans, maple syrup and homemade apple pie — prepared by Chef James Waito and the students of **Algonquin College's Cook Apprentice Program**. Entertainment was provided by young Ottawa Valley fiddlers and step-dancers under the direction of Alana O'Grady, and the Pembroke Germania Club Choir. Louis Schryer, Canada's four-time fiddling champion provided the pre-dinner music. While the weather served up a typical brisk autumn evening, the Valley hospitality warmed the hearts of all!



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Bonnechere Notes

Many people wonder what the staff do when the park closes. And while it may seem to be the quietest time of the year, it really is our busiest. Although Bonnechere Provincial Park is the largest operating park in Renfrew County, staff actively manage eight other provincial parks totaling over 5,000 hectares of protected area. The fall season finds staff visiting the other park areas to determine impacts that have taken place since our last visit. Many times we are greeted with damage to signs and gates, deposits of garbage and "development" neither planned nor legal. Ongoing resource management and protection projects include vegetation management activities in our many forest plantations, reviewing research programs, discussing development options for non-operating parks with the local community leaders and monitoring impacts of Land Use Permits.

Park staff also receive numerous requests to speak to various organizations and schools. We have provided guided hikes and talks to such diverse groups as the Federation of Ontario Naturalists – Working for Wilderness Program, travel writers from across Ontario and Great Britain, Ontario Archaeological Society – Ottawa Chapter, community organizations and politicians. Our outreach program to the local schools continues to grow. We have welcomed over 200 public school students to the park and introduced them to the many "Spirits" that traveled the Little Bonnechere River. Bishop Smith High School brings over 700 students to the park annually for what is known as Bonnechere Days. We are actively working with school staff to expand the Grade Eleven curriculum to include local history as part of the student study program. Algonquin College students are regular visitors to the park and pose many valuable questions concerning park management.

Off-season quickly passes by as we plan our business operations for the upcoming season. Key contacts are made to ensure a varied and interesting visitor services program. And it's not unusual that we get a call from Mr. Davenport making sure everything is going smoothly. So while we may be out of sight and therefore out of mind, we manage to keep ourselves busy.

Jim Fraser, Park Superintendent

Greg Belland, author of *Heritage Tourism, Discover the Opportunity* and currently General Manager, Travel Alberta International, presented a Wednesday afternoon workshop **Cultural Tourism — How to Do it in Five Steps**. The session was a hands-on informative and interact opportunity for participants to put theory into practice. Several new networks based in sound concepts were established as a result.

Twenty-five delegates took the Thursday **Adventures in Time** field trip which included a visit to the Bonnechere Caves [for the final closing of the caves in this millennium], the Anishnabe Experience on the Pikwakanagan First Nation, and on to Bonnechere Provincial Park for an authentic canoe trip with Canadian Voyageur Adventures.

Comments gathered from a post-conference survey on the Friends' website are overwhelmingly positive and indicate a real need for further conferences to explore the opportunities in Ontario cultural heritage. To that end, the FOBP and OVTA have established a task force of stakeholders which will ultimately set a strategy for future conferences.

Conference proceeding will be published before the end of 1999. They are available [free to delegates, \$40 to non-delegates], by contacting the Conference Coordinator via email: profedg@renc.igs.net or phone: 613-732-7865.

Adventures in Time: An Adventure Indeed!

Eighteen months ago when we conceived the idea of partnering with local operators to enhance the quality and variety of cultural-heritage tourism in the Ottawa Valley, little did we know the enthusiasm we could generate within our local industry sector.

The first step was to bring the partners on-side. Some initial reluctance has turned into a great big "WOW" and "How do we keep a good thing going?" from all our partners: Linda Sarazin, Anishnabe Experience; Chris Hinsperger, Bonnechere Caves; Alastair Baird, Canadian Voyageur Adventures; John Travers, Algonquin Provincial Park; and our own Jim Fraser, Bonnechere Park.

First we created five different travel packages featuring the 5 properties and the unique history of Ottawa Valley. Then, over the summer we hosted some of Ontario's best travel writers to customized familiarization tours featuring Adventures in Time activities and facilities. This resulted in over \$40,000 in print media coverage for the partner properties to date with promises of more to come — both nationally and internationally. We also created a web presence and produced a full-colour lure brochure highlighting this new concept in Ottawa Valley cultural-heritage tourism.

Ultimately the goal of such program is to enhance the quality of product available to the tourist while extending the season for the tourism operators. Though many of the Valley's tourist operations run full tilt from late June through early September, the remainder of the year can be very quiet; this means plenty of opportunity for cultivating new business in the traditional shoulder seasons. At the same time studies show that more and more consumers are looking for enhanced vacation experiences, particularly those which integrate hands-on learning opportunities. Adventures in Time is designed to do just that.

Whether you're interested from a business perspective or from a purely recreational point of view, we encourage you to check us out at www.bonnecherepark.on.ca [click on the Adventures in Time button]. And be sure to consider some time travel in the Ottawa Valley for your next vacation.



FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN: 1999 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recognizing Our Good Neighbours

At our Annual General Meeting last August, the Friends of Bonnechere Parks presented the 1999 Board of Directors Award to our good neighbours — the Friends of Algonquin. Making the presentation was last year's recipient, Rory MacKay. The following are excerpts from his remarks.

"The Friends of Algonquin Park was born in 1983, back when downsizing was a new but very real concept in government funding and staffing. Recognizing the need to continue to offer world-class park interpretation through print and personal contact, a group of citizens — all of whom had a great love for Algonquin Park — established a non-profit charitable organization to work in conjunction with government staff toward that end. Today, this Cooperating Association works with the Ministry of Natural Resources in providing funding for interpretive and bookstore staff, developing and funding new publications, and funding park projects.

"These acts are accomplished through the proceeds from the sales of memberships, from sales at their two bookstores and through mail order, private donations, and other fund-raising programs. The activities of the Friends of Algonquin are coordinated by a volunteer board of Directors, now 12 in number, who reside in various parts of Ontario. Over the years the Friends of Algonquin have produced over 70 publications and have blossomed to a membership of over 3,000.

"When all is said and done, the Friends of Algonquin Park are a very successful organization. But why are they deserving of this Directors Award? Well, the Friends of Algonquin is the oldest of many sibling Friends organizations in the Ontario Parks family. Being the oldest, it has had the opportunity to experience growth and success first. It has the distinction of setting the format and standard of excellence expected in Park publications throughout the Province. But also like an older sibling, the Friends of Algonquin Park has taken on the responsibility of helping along the younger Friends organizations, including this one. This help has taken many forms, from the financial, to the sharing of advice and expertise as and if needed, to simple encouragement for each group to develop ways of its own. To a fledgling Friends organization even such simple acts are most meaningful and appreciated.

"Beyond these, the Friends of Algonquin Park have specifically assisted the Friends of Bonnechere Parks in many ways. They have helped by providing books and other stock on a profit-shared basis during the early years of the Friends of Bonnechere Bookstore, when there was little or no cash to flow. They were prepared to co-publish the book *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere*, and when the Friends of Bonnechere Parks decided to print on their own, they ordered a substantial number of copies, which greatly assisted in meeting the costs of publishing in the first summer.

"The Friends of Algonquin Park have assisted financially in the co-operative undertaking to investigate the archaeology of Basin Depot in the Bonnechere watershed of Algonquin Park and have been represented as participants in the Public Archaeology Day held there in September for the past few years. Currently they are assisting financially in a major conference on Cultural Heritage Tourism in Ontario, to be held in October, and the Adventures In Time tourism package project, which will no doubt lead to other efforts of mutual benefit.

"The Friends of Algonquin Park are true practitioners of partnership, and have been since long before it became a buzz-word in government and business. Under the wise guidance of their Directors their staff continue to provide the highest quality of service to the public, including the directors and members of the Friends of Bonnechere Parks, who honour them today. "

The 2000 FOBP Board of Directors Award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in August 2000.



Shell helps!

Shell Helps Build Bridges at Bonnechere

This past summer the Friends of Bonnechere Park received \$4,250 from the Shell Environmental Fund (SEF). Created, a national program established in 1990 intended to make a difference at the community level. Canadians from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland continue to take personal action in support of the environment with help from the SEF.

A total of \$6,332,570 has been granted to 2,489 environmental projects across the country since 1990. These projects include habitat restoration, beach and road clean-ups, waste reduction and recycling programs, trail-building, educational initiatives, and other innovative environmental projects. Individuals, schools, community associations, service clubs and environmental groups have used the grants, of up to \$5,000 per project, to improve and protect their environment.

Bonnechere's **Bridging Nature's Treasures** project was designed to replace worn out footbridges on the Meandering River Nature Trail. Funds were used by the Friends to purchase much needed decking materials and volunteers from the **Federation of Ontario Naturalists**, the **Ontario Ranger Youth Employment Program** and the Friends constructed the walkways over the course of last summer.



All sorts of resources exist along the Little Bonnechere River. Recently the Laffeur homestead, circa 1874 and the oldest along the Bonnechere Road came up for sale.

RENOVATIONS TO DAVENPORT CENTRE UNDERWAY

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Providing a centre for cultural resource research and education is an on-going challenge for the Friends and Bonnechere Provincial Park staff. Although it's a gently meandering river, the Little Bonnechere River has hosted visitors along its shore for over 5,000 years. The stories and artifacts these travellers left behind are resources worthy of exploration and protection.

As of September 1999, **Phase I** of the development of a multi-purpose facility at Bonnechere Park is underway. Ontario Parks has provided \$70,000 in seed funding from their capital development fund to assist with the upgrading of the current gift shop. This project includes the creation of a 600 sq/ft exhibit area and lobby, a new gift shop, and most importantly a 100-seat amphitheatre.

Current funds will allow for the completion of the exterior of the building and some interior work. The challenge still remains to access sponsor funding to complete **Phase II**: interior finishing, exhibit development and completion of the amphitheatre. Eventually, **Phase III** will see the addition of an interactive cultural wing complete with secure artifact storage areas and indoor washrooms.

WISH LIST

Opportunities exist for corporations and foundations with an interest in natural and cultural heritage to support this development through charitable donations and gifts-in-kind in exchange for public recognition and tax receipts.

Our specific needs are:

- theatre seating, lighting, sound systems
- computer work stations (hardware & software)
- secure storage/file system
- sponsored interpretive exhibits.

Hidden along the shores of the Little Bonnechere are over 90 cultural sites and thousands of natural resources. Our renovated facilities will provide a centre for discovery and protection of these valuable resources.

Excavations at Basin Depot

Our public archaeology programme continued at the Roche House on September 18 and 19, and was an extremely successful and enjoyable endeavour. The Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society provided most of the expertise under the direction of Tom Ballantine (who holds the excavation licence on our behalf). Once again the Friends of Bonnechere Parks and the Park Staff provided invaluable logistical support. By mid-morning it looked as if the advertising for the project might have been too successful. A quick count revealed that there were approximately 70 people on-site at one time.

Fortunately, many were there as observers only, however anyone who wanted to try their hand at excavation was accommodated. It was certainly a hive of activity as visitors were introduced to the site, received their initial instructions and were paired up with experienced excavators.

For those of you who are not familiar with the results of last year's work a quick review should set the stage for this year's project.

1998 DIG RESULTS

The 1998 excavations produced massive quantities of artifacts (over 5,500 were recovered) and revealed some details about the manner of the construction of the house. The information recovered enabled the production of an archaeological licence report which helped to flesh out the historical record, providing insight and confirmation of some of the activities which occurred at the site.

Last year we learned that the vast majority of the domestic tablewares were of the most common and inexpensive types. Large quantities of white ironstone dishes were recovered. While most of the dishes were imported from England a Canadian Pottery was also represented. Several examples of the St. John's Stone Chinaware Co. (Province of Quebec) products were represented in the collection. All of these dishes were produced during the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

In addition to the tablewares, numerous spirit bottles, clay pipe fragments, tobacco tags, medicine bottles, shell casings, a 1902 U.S. one cent "Indian Head" coin, and a clay marble were recovered. These all speak to the everyday life of the inhabitants.

One of the most intriguing artifacts recovered during our initial testing at Basin was a small Staffordshire child's plate (which we've labelled Peggi's saucer) with a humorous picture of a man seated backwards on a pony, and another man holding onto the bucking pony's tail. A lot of wild speculation as to the meaning of the caricature was entertained. Research has revealed it to be a depiction of "Billy Button," a nineteenth century English Clown.

The most common artifacts related to the structure itself were window glass fragments and cut nails used for framing, the board siding of the building, and shingling. Several sections of the foundation wall were exposed. Many questions about the structure however were unresolved.

1999 DIG RESULTS

This year's excavations revealed more details of the house structure and produced over 3,600 artifacts. This enables us to make further comment about the house and provides a larger sample of material on which to base some of our conclusions.

In Rory MacKay's book *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere*, the Roche house — as it has come to be known — was referred to as the "big house". But just how big was the big house? Our 1999 excavations were focussed to some degree on determining

the answer to this question. The results are now in. The big house was in fact a big house for its day. Although it doesn't seem to be perfectly rectangular, our best estimate is that the house measured 31 x 27 feet. Since it was a two-storey structure it would have worked out to 1674 square feet. Additional observations made on-site allow us to determine the orientation of the house in relation to several archival photos. A picture in another of Rory's books, *Algonquin* co-authored with Wm. Reynolds, shows several Algonquin Park Rangers standing in front of what must be the west side of the building.

Excavations along the east wall of the Roche House revealed a hearth extending inward from the stone foundation. In amongst the stones of the hearth some fortunate excavators recovered 165 clay pipe fragments. These pipes were manufactured by several makers including Dixon and McDougall. While the Dixon pipe clearly dates from the mid-1880s the McDougall pipes were manufactured over a much wider time range (so wide that they are of little use in nailing down a good date for our purposes).

One artifact recovered in the midden was an 1896 Canadian five-cent piece. Obviously it could not have been deposited prior to 1896 so this gives us a good initial date for the midden. The large amount of extremely fragmented dishes mixed in with nails which must have been used in the construction of the house, as well as fair quantities of window glass, indicate the midden (or parts thereof) may represent a post-destruction collection of items from the house. It is unlikely that many of the items recovered would have been thrown out while still useful.

The combined excavations of 1998-99 produced a large amount of faunal remains. Last year a large number of both domestic and wild animal bones were recovered. At that time we did not have a qualified faunal analyst willing to take on the task of identifying the specimens and/or identifying use patterns, modifications and the like. This year we do. Laura Smith of the University of Toronto and former Bonnechere Provincial Park interpreter will be examining the collection as part of her course work and should shed some light on what we have. Results will not likely be available until the spring of 2000. We will keep you posted.

FUTURE DIGS

Unfortunately it is unlikely that we will revisit the Roche House. Archaeologists always attempt to leave something for the next researcher if at all possible. New techniques and ideas may answer questions we did not even think to ask during our initial investigations. We would like to protect what remains in order that someone else may have a crack at it in future. In the meantime we hope that additional archival material may become available that will reveal more about the house without additional excavation. We have other fish to fry.

Our initial investigations conducted in 1996 revealed interesting collections of material from far flung areas but did not extend to the bounds of the village site. Much more testing will be required. Over the course of the winter we hope to determine the next areas of the site to investigate. Additional research can also be conducted on the recovered artifacts as questions occur to us. We have only scratched the surface in terms of drawing meaning from the material recovered thus far. Almost all of the material recovered is related to the occupation of the Roche House and can be attributed to the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first few decades of the twentieth. What lies beneath the ground in the vicinity of the Blacksmith Shop? What would we find if we excavated around the perimeter of the existing log cabin? Where are the shanties of an earlier era? A whole community lies beneath the ground awaiting exploration!

Contributed by Tom Ballantine, Director, Haliburton Highlands Museum

Art in the Park 1999

Under the creative leadership of Artist in Residence – Herschel Payne, the Artist in the Park program hosted a successful season of events at the Park. Select Saturday mornings throughout July and August saw Herschel provide helpful hints to workshop participants. This again proved to be one of the most popular activities of the summer as over 100 visitors painted scenic Round Lake.

Our art program received special support from businesses in the form of donations towards the publication of an "Artist in the Park" brochure. Special thanks go to:

- National Bank of Canada,
- Wallacks
- Century 21
- Michael Moncion Gallery
- James Lapointe Motor Holdings
- KI Pembroke
- McDonald's Restaurant
- Runge Stationers
- Pembroke Foodliner
- The Co-operators
- Valley Arts Council
- Friends of Bonnechere Parks

Bonnechere was again host to an Eastern Central Ontario Art Association Paint-In this past June. Members spent a memorable evening by the river, around the campfire entertained by the violin of our resident artist. A wide diversity of techniques and themes were represented on the following day by the group.

We look forward to the group's return on June 21, 2000 for the first Paint-In of the new millennium. *Special thanks to Herschel for all the effort and volunteer time.*



Much to our surprise, Dr. Barbara Brintnell donated a beautiful watercolour of ducks on the Bonnechere River to Park staff member Shawna Conway.

Discover the Valley's Hidden Treasure

Enjoy a Winter Getaway Along the Little Bonnechere River

Once snow blankets the Ottawa Valley, Bonnechere Provincial Park takes on a whole new atmosphere. Come enjoy the great outdoors

with us — we've got everything you need to feel at home on your mid-winter breakaway:

- cabin, lodge or campsite accommodation
- 5km of groomed and track-set x-country ski trails
- riverside ranger cabin and warm-up huts
- outdoor skating rink
- snowshoeing
- ice-fishing

RUSTIC WOODLAND CABINS

Each 480 sq ft furnished cabin offers 2-bedrooms, sitting room with propane fireplace, kitchenette with microwave oven, bar fridge and electricity, a screened porch, propane BBQ and picnic table. Located near ski trails and outside washroom. Drinking water and bundle of firewood included with overnight stays. Each cabin accommodates a maximum two couples or one family [parents and immediate children only]. Be sure to bring food, cooking utensils, pots and pans, pillows and linens, skis, snowshoes and skates. No cooking, pets or smoking allowed inside the cabins. Campfires permitted in designated area only.

Cabin/night [2-night minimum]: \$65

Cabin/week: \$425

[Fee includes parking for one vehicle per cabin. Additional vehicles \$6/night].

OKUM HOUSE LODGE

2400 sq ft Bonnechere Lodge provides accommodation for up to 15 people in eight bedrooms with single beds. Also, complete kitchen including fridge, stove and dishwasher, sitting area with satellite TV and wood fireplace, clothes washer and dryer. The screened porch houses a propane BBQ and picnic table; firewood provided with each overnight rental. Located near cross-country ski trails. Be sure to bring food, pillows and linens, skis, snowshoes and skates. No pets or smoking allowed in the lodge. Campfires permitted in designated area only.

Lodge/night [up to 6 people]: \$100

Each additional person/night [7 to 15 people]: \$10

Lodge/week [up to 6 people]: \$600

WINTER CAMPING

Enjoy your favourite campsite in the winter season with electrical hook-ups for additional warmth and convenience. Campfires permitted in designated area only.

Campsite without electricity/night: \$10.75 Seniors: \$8.00

Campsite with electricity/night: \$13.75 Seniors: \$10.25

Additional Vehicle/night: \$6.00 Seniors: \$4.50

DAY USE

Enjoy Bonnechere Provincial Park by the day to ski, snowshoe, skate or hike along the scenic Bonnechere River. Pack a lunch and enjoy a campfire along the frozen lakeshore. Campfires permitted in designated areas only. Warm-up huts available.

Day-Use Permits:

	Regular	Seniors	Handicap
Daily Vehicle	\$8	\$6	\$4
Winter Seasonal Vehicle	\$40		
Daily Bus	\$40		
Youth Daily Walk-In [6 to 17 years]	\$1		\$.50
Adult Daily Walk-In [18 years and over]	\$2	\$1.50	\$1.00

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are recommended and can be made in person or by calling the Park office at 613-757-2103, 24-hours a day. Our winter answering machine is on 24-hours a day; please leave a message and we will get back to you. A cash deposit, or a VISA or MasterCard number will be required to make a reservation. A \$9.00 non-refundable reservation fee is charged for all reservations. A full refund is available if you cancel 14 days in advance of your arrival date [excluding the reservation fee]. If you cancel with 7 days of your arrival date, a 50% refund will be issued.

SUMMER 2000 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer is high season at Bonnechere Park with special activities planned for most weekends and several days a week from mid-June to early September. During Summer 2000 we'll celebrate the millennium with a variety of family events celebrating the Bonnechere's history and culture including the Friends Festival, a wolf howl in neighbouring Algonquin Park, archaeological workshops, evening storytelling, and fiddling and stepdancing. We also have big plans to celebrate the opening of the first phase of our new Cultural Heritage Centre. Check our website next spring for a detailed Calendar of Events:

www.bonnecherepark.on.ca

AND THE BIG WINNERS ARE!

At the annual Dig 'n Pig Membership Chair Ross Taylor drew winning names from the 1999 Membership List.

I guarantee the process was totally fair and independent but somehow the Duff family came up the big winners:

1st Prize: Wilderness Tours High-Adventure Whitewater Rafting Trip won by **Steven Duff**

2nd Prize: Bonnechere Park Sweatshirt won by our very own **Jane Duff**

The **early-bird draw** for 2000 membership renewals will take place on May 15, 2000. The lucky winner will receive admission for one on a **Wilderness Tours Family Raft Trip**.

TREASURES WANTED

Artifacts suitable for display at Bonnechere Provincial Park. Circa 5,000BC to 1940AD. Arrowheads, tools, dishes, furniture, photographs, maps, correspondence and folk tales. In particular an **early-1900s Park Ranger uniform** or the epaulets for same. Excellent care guaranteed.

Tax receipts given for all donations. Call 613-732-9273 or email: dhouse@renc.igs.net.

CONDOLENCES TO RORY

On November 3, Rory's dear wife Kate passed away after a two-year battle with ALS. We remember Kate for her quiet smile and flaming red hair, and we extend our sincere condolences to Rory.

Early-Bird Renewal

The early-bird draw for 2000 membership renewals will take place on May 15, 2000.
The lucky winner will receive admission for one on a Wilderness Tours Family Raft Trip, so renew NOW!

MEMBERSHIPS

Individual (\$10) please indicate new or renewal

Family (\$15) please indicate new or renewal

Memberships benefits for individuals and families include:

- subscription to the Circle of Friends newsletter,
- invitations to Friends' special events, and
- voting rights at the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Bonnechere Parks.

SUPPORT

We invite you to support the Friends of Bonnechere Parks by giving a donation of your choice or a donation according to one of the following categories:

Annual (\$35 to \$99) Supporting (\$100 to \$149)

Donor (\$150 to \$249) Benefactor (\$250 and up)

If your donation is an In Memoriam, please print the name of the loved one: _____

Make cheques payable to the Friends of Bonnechere Parks. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations.

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VOLUNTEERS

As a charitable organization, we benefit a great deal from the volunteer efforts of a dedicated group of families, friends and campers who look upon Bonnechere Park as a special place. If you would like to become a part of our group, help out with a special event, or join our Board of Directors, please check the following box(es).

Volunteer

Board of Directors

FRIENDS IN NEED, FRIENDS IN DEED

Established in 1992, The Friends of Bonnechere Parks is a community-based, non-profit, charitable organization. Our mission is to encourage and support programs for interpretive, educational, scientific, historical, protection and preservation purposes related to the natural and cultural heritage of Bonnechere, Bonnechere River and Foy Provincial Parks. The operations of the Friends are authorized by Ontario Parks, and coordinated by a volunteer Board of Directors.

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