



# *Now & Then*

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The Society recognizes the ongoing support of the City of Thunder Bay through its Cultural Funding Program

## *Presidents' Reception*

**Sunday, January 6,  
(1:30 - 3:30pm)**

### **Featuring the Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group**

**Come join our board, staff, and members for our annual Presidents' Reception. Enjoy good food, good cheer, and the ringing in of a new year.**

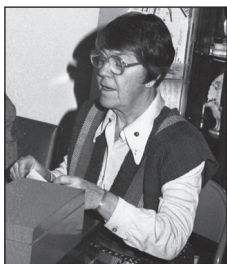




## *Holiday Market and Open House*

Alas, the Victorian Tea is no more, but our inaugural Holiday Market and Open House brought more than 400 people through the door and raised over \$3,000 for our operations. Our thanks to all the vendors, bakers, ushers, and attendants who helped make it such a success.

Volunteers are essential to the Museum's operations. Recent volunteers include Heidi Huber who has been scanning newspapers for the last 9 months, Matthew Jollineau, Trevor Bellin, and Connor Kilgour who helped with curatorial tasks, Karen Percosky who worked at bingos, and John deP. Wright who wrote articles for our newspaper column. Of course, we also thank the many volunteers who continue to help out in so many ways: on the board of directors, on the Society's various committees such as Publications, Programming, and Fundraising and at special events such as the car raffle and the opening of the new dinosaur exhibit. We are always open to new volunteers. Just give us a call if you are interested.



The late Joan Hebden, a former board member and long time volunteer, left us a generous bequest in her will. Her gift, along with the proceeds of our spring 2018 appeal, will help us upgrade our HVAC controls, replacing an old unit that is long past its projected lifespan. There's nothing flashy about this upgrade but it's essential if we are to maintain our museum's infrastructure.



Left to right: Kim Rose, Rita LeGarde, and Cindy Nethercott helped run the scones table at our Holiday Market in November.

## *2019 Lectures*

**Tuesday, January 22 @ 7:30pm**

Research papers by history students  
from Lakehead University

"The Port Arthur Mechanics' Institute,  
1876-1911" by Jasmine Hyslop

"A Peoples History: Slate Falls  
Through Memory and Material,  
1840s-1980s" by Hudson Kunicky

"Understanding Indigenous History  
through an Emotional Lens in Canoe  
River, Lac Seul First Nation" by Holly  
Fleming

"The Lakehead's Reaction to the 1962  
Cuban Missile Crisis" by Nicholas  
Duplessis

**Tuesday, February 26 @ 7:30pm**

*The Architecture of Thunder Bay's  
Grain Elevators*

by John Stephenson

**Tuesday, March 26 @ 8:00pm**

*A History of Sports and Sport Injuries*

by Nathan Hatton

(author of *Rugged Game: Wrestling at  
the Lakehead*)

*Lecture series is sponsored by the  
Department of History, Lakehead  
University*

## *New Grant*

We got a grant from the Thunder Bay Community Foundation for \$3,250 for our Seniors' Reminiscence Programs. These bring the past to life and have been presented in homes for seniors across the city for several years.

## *Beckwith Project*

Jim Hyder's film about Wendell Beckwith is progressing well. Shooting was done last summer and interviews are continuing. Donations of colour slides and period films have come into the Museum adding valuable information about Beckwith and his life.





# PROGRAMS

## MARCH BREAK THEME CAMPS

PICK A DAY, OR ALL WEEK

### AVIATION ADVENTURES

Monday - Birds, Bats and Insects  
Tuesday - Gravity, Inertia & Physics, Oh My!  
Wednesday - Eyes to the Sky  
Thursday - Planes, Pilots and Places  
Friday - Race to Space

Members: \$30/day, \$125/week  
Non-Members \$40/day, \$155/week  
Registration opens January 7th. Call early, days fill up fast!

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**New Room:** A recent reorganization of our exhibits has freed up a room on the Museum's third floor for such things as lectures, events, and meetings. The nicely decorated space is also open for rentals. Check out our website for more information.

## Museum News

Our staff created a float of dinosaurs for the ever-popular Parade of Lights this year promoting the Museum to a broad audience.

Larry Hebert who has stepped down from our board was recognized with a special award. He was made an Honourary Artifact, which means he will be duly processed into the museum's collection.

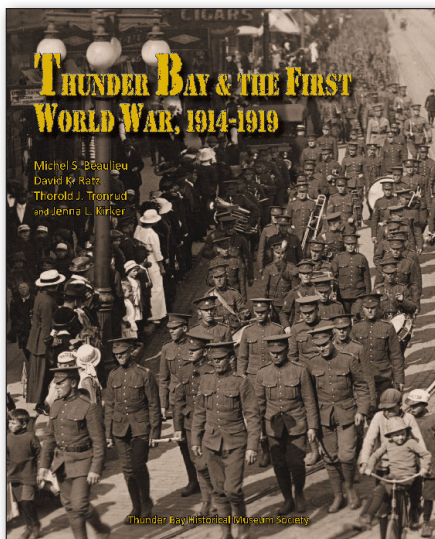
## Spring Dinner

Our 2019 Taste of History dinner will take place on Friday, April 12. This year's theme will be the Prohibition Era in Thunder Bay. It will feature several speakers about the subject and, of course, special food from the era. Mark you calendars and stay tuned for more information in the spring newsletter.



## New to the Gift Shop

These adorable plush dinosaurs wearing Thunder Bay Museum hoodies (right) are only \$15.00 each.



The Society's latest publication, *Thunder Bay & the First World War, 1914-1919*, is a large-format, 232-page, amply-illustrated narrative that tells the story of our city at war through the voices of its soldiers and citizens. A grant from the City of Thunder Bay enables us to sell this book for only \$20 but this price is limited to its first print run so get your copy soon.



# Now on Exhibit



Do not miss *Gifts of the North*, a new exhibit of art figures created by Janet Irene MacDonald-Hannam. Collectively, the appearance and attributes of each of the figures she's created tell us something about the natural beauty and history of Northern Ontario.

The display is enhanced by exquisite photos taken by Meaghan Hannam-Arpin of the figures placed in natural settings. An exhibit catalogue is also available in the gift shop.

*Gifts of the North* will run until March 3, 2019. Janet has kindly donated the figures to the Museum.

## Meet the Artist

On Sunday, January 13th, the Museum will host a launch for the exhibit during our opening hours (1-5pm). The artist will be on hand to answer questions about the figures and elaborate on her artistic vision. Refreshment will be served.

## *A Medley of Memories #2*

Marilyn Morton writes of her work: "I've been painting for over 40 years. I love to paint the water, skies, rocks, and trees of the north. I enjoy working in both oil and water-colour, and experimenting with mixed media and collage.

"Each painting in this exhibit is a memory of time spent. I hope you will enjoy."

The exhibit, which features 28 pieces of her work, will run until February 17th.

