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# Furs & Food

#### A TASTE OF HISTORY DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 (6:30pm)

AT THE

PRINCE ARTHUR WATERFRONT HOTEL

#### FEATURING HISTORIAN ARTHUR J. RAY

(DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA)



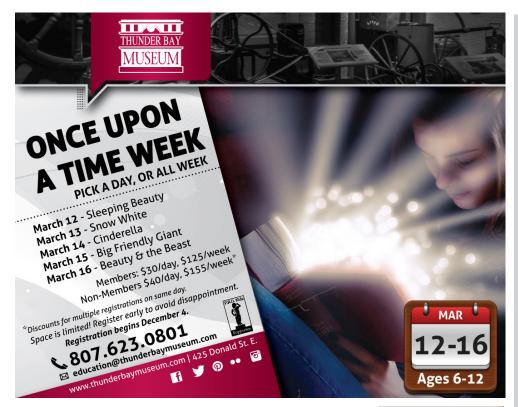


\$65/PERSON, \$120/COUPLE, \$440/TABLE OF EIGHT

(TAX RECIEPTS WILL BE ISSUED)

#### FEATURING A MENU BASED ON THE CANADIAN FUR TRADE

SEATING IS LIMITED, SO REVERVE YOUR SPOT SOON



## Botalica Merections

There's a new exhibit on the Museum's second floor. *Botanical Reflections* is a Fibre Arts Network travelling exhibit of mixed media fibre art. Each piece is a personal interpretation of a botanical theme based on each artist's vision. The Fibre Arts Network is a cooperative of Western Canadian artists committed to promoting fibre as an art form and each other as artists. Many members of the group have been recognized nationally and internationally for their work.

The exhibit contains 56 small art quilts, very colourful and highly innovative, and, like that pictured here, adhering to the botanical theme. Art lovers and quilters alike will not want to miss this show which is on exhibit until March 31.



Helianthus annus by Marie McEachern

### THE FROZEN NORTHWEST

#### Winter in Northwestern Ontario (until April 29)



of life in the unforgiving landscape of Northwestern Ontario. We have always adapted to winter and, at times, have thrived in it. This exhibit explores the ways we have historically moved, lived, and worked in wintertime through artifacts, paintings, and photographs.

Left: International Transit Co. bus on the Nipigon Highway, 1937.

#### 2018 Lectures

**Tuesday, February 27 @ 7:30pm** *History of museums from the Renaissance to Catherine the Great* 

by Dr. Tory Tronrud

#### Tuesday, March 27 @ 8:00pm

The Alexander Henry: the journey to bring home the former Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker and lighthouse tender built in Thunder Bay

by Tim Irish

### Bingo!

Every month the Museum hosts a bingo at the Superior Shores Gaming hall at 435 Memorial Avenue. Bingos are and have been a major fundraisier for us for decades. We are always looking for help at these events – it only requires a couple hours of work – so please give us a call if you are interested. Please also consider playing bingo; every additional player adds to the funds distributed to local charities.

#### Job Opportunity

The Museum's car raffle will start in earnest in April. We currently have an opening for a raffle coordinator. The job description is posted on the Museum's website. This is a contract position lasting for the duration of the raffle.

### Volunteering

The Museum is always looking for new volunteers. We need cataloguers, front desk attendants, writers, digitizers, researchers, and people who can help at events and fundraisers. Even if weeding is your speciality we an use your help. If you'd like to become involved, give us a call.

### Annual Meeting

On't miss our AGM on Tuesday, March 27th, starting at 7:00pm.

# Beckwith Film Project

Wendell Beckwith, an inventor, master wood worker, and free thinking scientist, ended up alone, on the tip of Best Island, north of Armstrong, on the remote Whitewater Lake in 1961. There he would stay until his death in 1980 at the age of 65.

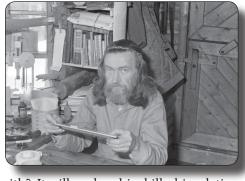
Today, Wendell's cabins still attract visitors from all over the world, and Wendell's story has become a piece of Northwestern Ontario folklore.

Filmmaker Jim Hyder, who knew Beckwith, has partnered with the Museum

to try to get a film made of Wendell's life. The film will ask, who was Wendell Beckwith? It will explore his skills, his relationships, his legacy and, particularly, his science, for it was his need to uncover the natural laws that govern the universe that brought him to Northwestern Ontario.

Wendell's story would interest those who appreciate the stories of unique and colourful individuals, and those who love the freedom and beauty of our region. The film will also assist the Museum where a collection of the Beckwith artifacts and archives are stored and made available to researchers.

The Museum is accepting funds to help complete this film. If you would like to help, send your donation to the Museum and indicate that it's for the Beckwith Film Project.



## Hward Winners

At the Presidents' Reception in January the bi-annual Publications Awards were presented:

Elizabeth Arthur Award: Ernest Robert Zimmermann, *The Little Third Reich on Lake Superior* Gertrude H. Dyke Award: David Tarbet, *Grain Dust Dreams* 

**J-.P. Bertrand Award:** Brittany Luby and Katharine Labelle, "Cooperative Education at the Day School at Dalles 38C Indian Reserve, 1890-1910" & George Warecki, "Environmental Coalitions and the Limits of Science: Wilderness Advocacy in Ontario in the 1970s"

**George B. Macgillivray Award**: Carl Westerback, "Tee Habour: A Memoir of a Life in a Fishing Village in the 1930s" **Ernest Robert Zimmermann First Publication Award**: David Tarbet, *Grain Dust Dreams* 



#### The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society

#### **Request for Nominations, 2018**

Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society will be accepted until 12:00 noon, March 27, 2018. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00pm, provided the consent of the person nominated is given personally or in writing at the time such additional nominations are made. Candidates and nominators must be valid, current members of the Society.

Four directors are to be elected for three-year terms.

2018

The following persons continue in office as directors until their term of office expires in March of the years indicated below

2020

2019

Elle Andra Warner	Michel Beaulieu	Douglas Yahn	
Sara Janes	Frank Gerry	Jesse Roberts	
Steven Jobbitt	Jenna Kirker	Dave Van Wagoner	
Gillan Matson	Diana Pallen	Brendan Hardick	
Dated at Thunder Bay, the 16th Nomination Form	h day of December, 2017		
[,, nomir	nate	for the office of Director of the Thunder Bay Histor	rical
Museum Society.			
Signature of Nominator:			
Consent of Nominee: Thereby consent to my nomination	ation for the position of a Direc	ctor of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.	
Dated the day of	, 2018 .		
First name:	Second name:	Last name:	
Address:			
Signature of nominee:			

Note: to have voting privileges at any meeting of members, one's membership must have been acquired at least two weeks prior to the meeting.



[by-law #7, March 28, 1985]



### **FACE to FACE**

#### **Portraits from the Thunder Bay Museum Collection**

T he history of Thunder Bay has been shaped by its people—people who have lived and worked here, people who harnessed our natural resources, people in politics and business. This exhibit of portraits on the Museum's third floor, highlights some of the men and women who played a role in our history, whether large or small, from our origins to the recent past.