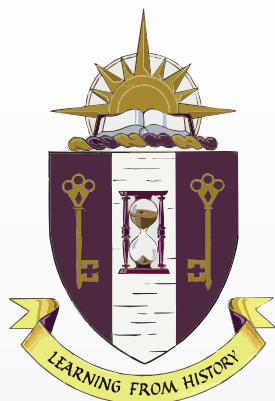


NOW & THEN

Recent and Upcoming Events at the Museum



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

Thunder Bay at 50!

A Taste of History celebrating amalgamation



Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of Port Arthur and Fort William with a themed meal from the time and a lecture by Peter Raffo entitled "*Saul Laskin: Man and Politician*".

In addition to the lecture there will also be a film presentation featuring newsreel footage from the local media that was first broadcast during the amalgamation era.

Take a step back in time and enjoy a taste of the past with all proceeds going directly towards helping the Thunder Bay Museum continue to make history!

Details:

Friday, April 3, 2020
The Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel
6:00pm Symposium | 7:15pm Dinner

Tickets are \$75 each, \$140 for 2, or \$500 for a table of 8.

Meal Choices:

Coq Au Vin *OR* Vegetable Quiche

For tickets or for more information, please call the Museum at (807) 623-0801.

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New Executive Director

Welcome Scott Bradley

Introduction from Mr. Scott Bradley, the new Executive Director of your Thunder Bay Museum:

"First, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society for entrusting me with the sacred duty of guiding your great institution into the future. For those of you who may have missed the media coverage of my arrival, I come to you by way of Dayton, Ohio, where I graduated from Wright State University in 2005 with my MA in Public History, and was for the last 16 years a curator at the National Museum of the US Air Force. My wife, Jennifer, and our two children are over the moon to now be in the winter paradise of Thunder Bay. We are settling in quite nicely.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. You are invited to contact me at director@thunderbaymuseum.com or by calling the museum to chat or to setup a meeting."

Tory Tronrud

Library to be renamed in his honour



Photo courtesy of CBC

In December, Tory Tronrud retired after over three decades at the museum. Tory began his career as one of two employees when the Society was still located in the old Registry Office (now housing the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame). Over the next three decades Tory played a crucial role in all aspects of the development of the museum and our society's activities. Most importantly, Tory's commitment and work during the development and on-going operation of our home today on Donald Street is a lasting legacy. Under his guidance the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is envied throughout the province and nationally and a fixture of the City of Thunder Bay. At his farewell event on December 11th, the Board of Directors named the library the Dr. Thorold J. Tronrud Library in recognition of his dedication and years of service.

Thunder Bay's Peoples

Exhibit celebrating diversity at the Lakehead

The Society is currently working on a new travelling exhibit exploring some of the many cultures that have contributed to the rich ethnic diversity of our community. Led by Dr. Michel S. Beaulieu and our curator Michael deJong, the exhibit is being researched and designed by Sierra Lemonius-Walker, a graduate student in the Department of History at Lakehead University. The exhibit is being funded through a generous donation by Dr. Michel S. Beaulieu and grants from Lakehead University and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Partners also include the Multicultural History Society of Ontario.



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Reel Memories of the Lakehead

A partnership between the Thunder Bay Museum, Shebafilms Ltd., and the Friends of the Finnish Labour Temple, a project is underway to digitize a large collection of newsreel footage originally donated to the museum by Fraser Dougall. This collection consists of hundreds of reels of 16mm footage used in news broadcasts spanning from 1958 to 1978, and captures many memorable moments from Thunder Bay's history during that timeframe. Two interns will be hired to digitize and catalogue the collection thanks to funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

Volunteers Needed

Have some free time? Need to make up volunteer hours for school? Want to help preserve our local heritage legacy? The Museum is currently looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as raffle ticket sales, bingos, digitization, data entry, and so much more.

Help us continue to make history! Volunteer today.





Classic Car Raffle

Tickets are now available for this 1969 Chevrolet Camaro being offered for raffle this year. Once a show car, this Camaro has had only three owners in its history.

Professionally appraised value: \$44,500.

Tickets: \$15 each, 2 for \$20, 5 for \$40, 15 for \$100, 80 for \$500.

For tickets or more information, call us at (807) 623-0801.

Lottery Licence #M835459

Bursary

Once again it's time to apply for the Professor Ken Dawson Research Trust Bursary. The bursary is in aid of those doing original research on some aspect of Northwestern Ontario. Contact Scott Bradley at the Museum for more information. Deadline for applications is March 31.

Amalgamation

Guest-curated by Kate Beaulieu, our Collections Project Assistant, a new exhibit in our Recent Years case presents a timeline of previous attempts to join Port Arthur and Fort William leading up to the cities' ultimate amalgamation in 1970. Supplementing the exhibit are photographs of some of these events and a variety of commemorative artifacts from the museum's collection.

Congratulations Margaret!

Exhibit Designer retires after 31 years

If you have spent much time in the museum, you may have heard the sounds of clogs on the floor. These clogs belonged Margaret Hartviksen and on January 31st, after 31 years of designing exhibits, Margaret has chosen to retire. Margaret came to the museum in May of 1989 filling a maternity leave in the education department and soon realized exhibit designing was where she was meant to be. Luckily the position became available and she started her career as Exhibit Designer. From building props to hanging frames and everything in between, Margaret has seen and done it all including a move to a new building in the 90s. To say she will be missed is an understatement. We wish her the best as she moves forward into this new chapter of her life.

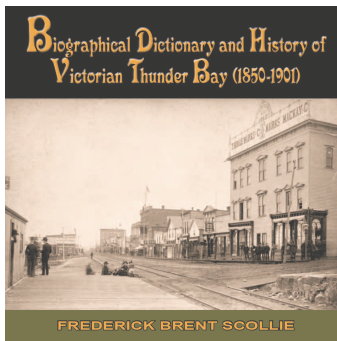
Keep in touch on social media:



Margaret setting up a temporary exhibit at the Museum for a Victorian Order of Nurses event

Our Latest Publication

Biographical Dictionary and History of Victorian Thunder Bay (1850-1901), by Frederick Brent Scollie



Now available at a special price of \$30

In this 376-page book, Brent Scollie includes biographical sketches of 849 individuals, Americans as well as Canadians, non-residents as well as residents, who played a role in the history of the north shore of Lake Superior with a focus on how Thunder Bay developed in the late nineteenth century into an economic centre for exploiting natural resources, an administrative centre for delivering government services to the District of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario, and a transshipment port for goods and people passing to and from eastern and western Canada.

This book will be of interest to those who wish to know more about the Lake Superior Region, the indigenous and settler population of its north shore, and the types of people attracted to the region between 1850-1901, people such as J.B. Penassie, chief of the Fort William First Nation, defender of its rights and territory, Walpole Roland, Imperial adventurer and Canada's Flashman, Hannah Everington, miner's widow and the first woman to vote in 1884, and Eva Powley, the second woman to qualify as a lawyer in Ontario.

UPCOMING EVENTS

► **Friday, March 13 at 12:30pm**
Museum volunteers to work a bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre.
Come play and support over 70 local charities!

► **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm**
Thunder Bay Museum
Annual General Meeting

Lecture series sponsored by the Department of History, Lakehead University
► **Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00pm**
"Indigenous Women in Canada and MMIWG (Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls)"
Lecture by Riley Yesno

Roy Piovesana

1942 - 2020

On 22 January the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society was saddened to learn that former President and long-time supporter Roy Piovesana passed away after a massive heart attack. He was 77 years old. For over 50 years, Roy was a pillar of the Society and played a significant role in its revitalization. Roy was President during a crucial time in its history, leading the New Museum Committee that was central to the acquisition and renovations of our current home. As a historian, Roy distinguished himself regionally, nationally, and internationally. A recognized expert on Italian-Canadian history and religious history, he authored numerous books and both academic and popular articles on the subject. Roy's dedication to history and heritage was recognized by numerous organizations throughout his career. In 1999 he received a Citizen of Exceptional Achievement Award (Culture) from the City of Thunder Bay. In 2003 he was made an Honorary Life Member of The Thunder Bay Historical Society. In 2013 he was awarded the inaugural Department of History Alumni Honour Award, and in 2015 Lakehead University made him a Fellow. Roy will be remembered in the Blake Funeral Chapel Memorial Grove annual dedication service on Sunday, June 13, 2021.



Multipurpose Room Facelift Continues

Great for events, meetings, parties, weddings, and more, the Museum's Multipurpose Room received some new carpet this past month.

A very special thanks to Pierce Floorcraft for doing such a great job!

Don't Forget!

Museum Members get discounts on all Children's Programming registrations, Room Bookings, and Purchases from our Gift Shop.



PROGRAMS

MARCH BREAK THEME CAMPS

PICK A DAY, OR ALL WEEK

THE WORLD AROUND US

Monday - In a Galaxy Far, Far Away
Tuesday - Under the Big Blue Sea
Wednesday - Around the World in 8 Hours
Thursday - All About Canada
Friday - Thunder Bay Camp-Out

Members: \$30/day, \$125/week
Non-Members \$40/day, \$155/week

Registration opens January 6th. Call early, days fill up fast!

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