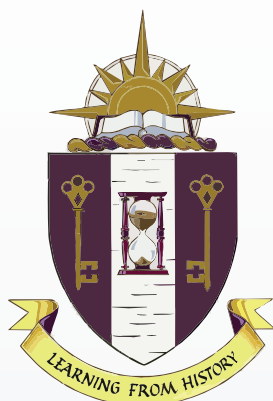


# NOW & THEN

Recent and Upcoming Events at the Museum



TBHMS Newsletter  
WINTER 2020



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The Society recognizes the ongoing support of the City of Thunder Bay through its Community, Youth, & Cultural Funding Program



## Happy Holidays To All

### *A Message from The Thunder Bay Museum*

Greetings members of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society from your Executive Director. I feel blessed that many of you have become friends and allies during this bizarre and tumultuous year. As I write this note, I look out from my office, which faces to the south and overlooks the Nor'Wester Mountains and the Ogilvie grain elevator. Those two landmarks are my weather gage for how intense a rain or snow storm is. If I lose visibility on the mountains, okay that's just 4.5 kilometer away, probably not to worry, but the elevator is just 1 kilometer away and a few times this year I have lost sight of it. I feel like the view from my office is a metaphor for 2020. It has been a year of trying to keep perspective even as the tumult of nature progresses just outside.

My family and I have lived in Thunder Bay now for just over a year. In this time of reflection I want to express my gratitude to the Society for choosing me to lead your organization. It has truly been a great opportunity and I feel good every day to be here.

The Thunder Bay Museum, despite challenges, through the hard work of our staff has had many successes this year. We have hosted a new series of webinars in the spring, partnered and participated in many virtual events, created a virtual tour of our exhibit spaces on our website, added

capabilities to host lectures online, hosted our first virtual annual general meeting, started offering virtual educational programs, and look to a bright future as we have adapted well. We have also installed new temporary exhibits, accepted new donations, and mentored many interns, all while carrying out the mission of the Society while keeping our staff and patrons safe. Our Classic Car Raffle continues, with a delay in the draw, but is on track to continue to be a great source of revenue for the Society. So to continue the metaphor, when eventually the last mists of the storm that was the Pandemic disappear behind the Sleeping Giant the Museum will still be here and stronger for it.

There are many things you can still do to participate in the TBHMS while spending the holidays in Northwest Ontario. We are still looking for donations related to your experiences during the Pandemic. For more information and how to donate visit the URL: [www.thunderbaymuseum.com/-covid-19-stories/](http://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/-covid-19-stories/). You can also visit our gift shop in person and online. There are also opportunities to contribute financially through our annual appeal and our website.

From the Museum team to you and your family, we wish you a safe and happy holidays.

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# Students Returning

## Three Students Returning Through Young Canada Works

Three summer students have returned to begin new contracts with the Thunder Bay Museum in November 2020 and will be working until March 2021.



We received funding from Young Canada Works - Building Communities through Heritage for Jason Feller (left) to work as a Collections Project Assistant. His work will continue the textiles relocation project which started earlier this year but was cut short due to our temporary closure in the spring. Additionally, we received funding for two part-time Archival Assistant positions through Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations for Sierra Lemonius-Walker (center), and Calie Flannery-Hill (right). Calie and Sierra will be assisting in the archives with accessioning collections and sharing highlights on our social media platforms.



# Strawberry Hill Pottery

## Expanding our Collection

Over the last several years we have received several generous donations of Strawberry Hill pottery. A selection of these beautiful pieces will be put on exhibit earlier in 2021, so stay tuned to our exhibits page and social media.

Randi Pert, who has been working with us this fall in a placement through the Lakehead University, Department of History, has been working diligently to catalogue these extensive collections in preparation for exhibition, among other projects. This ongoing partnership is of immense value.



Breanne (left) and Randi (right) unpackaging the Strawberry Hill collection at the Museum.



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## Continuing Support

Despite the many challenges that 2020 has presented, The Thunder Bay Museum has continued to receive ongoing support from the Superior Shores Gaming Association. Although the popular Bingo events have been cancelled until further notice, the Gaming Centre has remained open for most of the year with cabinet games, reduced capacity in the building, and increased safety measures in place. The Museum receives a monthly share of the Gaming Association's proceeds which in turn has allowed us to continue providing our services, programming, and online content to our members and the public without experiencing major disruptions during a time with so much uncertainty.



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Searching for the perfect stocking stuffers this year? Look no further! Here's your chance to win. Purchasing tickets from the comfort of your own home placed on our website with payment over the phone required.

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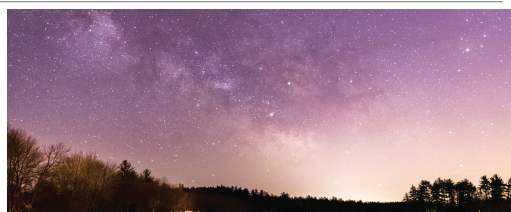
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ar? Or perhaps a gift for that classic car fan you know? win this fantastic 1969 Chevrolet Camaro. home is now easier than ever. Ticket orders can now be ne by credit card within 2-3 business days of placing the request.

### Ticket Prices:

- \$15 each
- 2 for \$20
- 5 for \$40
- 15 for \$100
- 80 for \$500

[thunderbaymuseum.com/classic-car-affle/](http://thunderbaymuseum.com/classic-car-affle/)



## legacy CLUB

Established in 2020 to recognize the generous bequests to the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, the the Legacy Club provides a new opportunity to recognize those who share the common goal of providing the Thunder Bay District and North-west Ontario with a outstanding institution of national importance.

You can find more information about the Legacy Club and planning your estate on our website:

[www.thunderbaymuseum.com/legacy-giving/](http://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/legacy-giving/)

# In Search of Wendell Beckwith

Keep in touch on social media:



## Film Premier Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the film *In Search of Wendell Beckwith*, by filmmaker Jim Hyder in partnership with the Thunder Bay Museum, is now complete. The film will be available for viewing on our website in January (<https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/beckwith-film-project/>); please stay tuned to that page as well as our social media. We are grateful to all those who contributed time and financial support to the film project, the museum's own Beckwith committee, as well as our funding partners which made it possible. The accompanying exhibit is aiming to open in the first quarter of the new year as well.



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## New Exhibits Curator

### Welcome Sydney Belluz to the team!



Sydney grew up surrounded by the historic buildings of the Mckellar neighbourhood in Westfort, and attended Westgate CVI where she was inspired by her teachers to pursue a career in history. Sydney attended Lakehead University and studied Archaeology and Earth Sciences. In 2017, she attended a year long immersive Museum Management and Curatorship program at Fleming College that concluded with an internship and research paper. Sydney chose to apply to Halton Region Heritage Services in Milton, Ontario for her internship as she had an interest in exhibit fabrication and heritage services. Sydney moved to Guelph, Ontario and began her internship with HRHS where she was excited to learn how to use power tools and get a running start to her career in heritage.

Sydney completed her internship and continued working at HRHS for a year and half as Collections Assistant. She worked on a large scale deaccessioning project where she researched and flagged items for potential deaccessioning and led a storage reorganization and rehousal project with approximately 10,000 artifacts flagged for deaccessioning. She also continued to work with the HRHS team in exhibit fabrication and installation, as well as servicing Halton's Heritage Network.

Sydney started volunteering for the Thunder Bay Museum in 2017 by researching and writing articles, and again when she returned to Thunder Bay in December 2019 where she spent her time cataloguing. Since February 2020, Sydney has worked as programming, front desk and as archival collections staff at the Thunder Bay Museum.

In her spare time, Sydney is spending time outside, camping, hiking, testing new recipes, wood working, or playing video games.



# Gift Shop Updates

## New Local Products & Online Store Changes

With the many changes this year, we decide that the Museums' gift shop could also use some sprucing up. The giftshop is currently undergoing a facelift including changes to the layout, signage, and product range. Notably, our center display unit now features items from local vendors such as maple syrup from Norwest Maple Company, and the delectable persian candle from Peace and Quiet Candle Co. Fresh new Museum branded merchandise will soon be available!

The online giftshop also received updates such as better photos, descriptions, new products, and more to come. As a member of The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, use coupon code **TBHMS-MEM** to save 10% on your online store purchases.



# Lecture Series

## Upcoming Winter Lecture Dates

For the 2021 lecture series we are planning to attempt a hybrid format with a recorded online webinar as well as an in-person component, with open attendance. This may change depending on the ongoing Covid-19 situation, so please stay tuned to our social media, or call us for further information closer to each event.

### Upcoming Lecture Dates:

- January 26 Lakehead University Graduate Student Session - TBD
- February 23 TBD
- March 23 Iain Angus: 100th Anniversary of Chippewa Park

For more information and updates, visit our website:

[www.thunderbaymuseum.com/lecture-series/](http://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/lecture-series/)



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## Request for Nominations, 2021

Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society will be accepted until 12:00 noon, March 23, 2021. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 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. Three directors are to be elected for three-year terms. The following persons continue in office as directors until their term of office expires in March of the years indicated below

2021  
Sara Janes  
Gillian Matson  
Christina Wakefield  
Donna Gilhooly

2022  
Michel Beaulieu  
Frank Gerry  
Jenna Kirker  
Diana Pallen

2023  
Douglas A. Yahn  
Nick Duplessis  
Greg Johnsen  
Alexandra Franków

### Nomination Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Director of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Consent of Nominee: I hereby consent to my nomination for the position of a Director of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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. [bylaw #7, March 28, 1985]