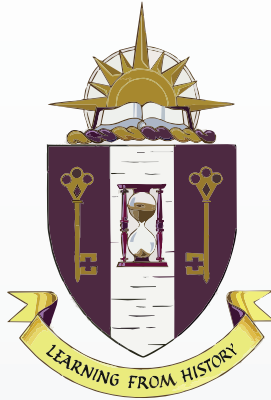


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Recent and Upcoming Events at the Museum



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A Message From The President

Hello. Bonjour. Boozhoo.

It has been a busy couple of months for staff and volunteers. In addition to some of the activities you will read about in this newsletter, planning is also underway for the return of many events and activities that have been on hiatus due to the pandemic. The coming year is shaping up to be an exciting one for the Society.

The first big event will be the return of our annual fundraising dinner, "A Taste of History," on 14 April 2023. The theme this year is women's suffrage and our speaker is award-winning historian Dr. Karen Dubinsky, a Professor in the Departments of History and Global Development Studies at Queen's University.

The Society has also collaborated with our colleagues from the North Bay Museum to host their travelling exhibits *Our Guides Were Really Going Places* and the *Nipissing Beading Project* through April of this year. The former exhibit explores the contributions of Indigenous guides to the Carnegie Museum expeditions in Northern Ontario between 1901 and 1958.

Behind the scenes, the staff has been facilitating renovations to storage with archival grade, high-density racks. Many of these will hold our newspaper collections covering both Fort William and Port Arthur daily and evening newspapers. These changes will optimize space use and improve the preservation of the collection.

For those newer to the Society, we are also a publisher of works of history focused on Northwestern Ontario. The Publications Committee is continually seeking proposals from prospective authors for consideration. The Committee is also exploring new types of publications and is interested in hearing from authors, creators, and artists who may be interested in producing graphic novels, historical fiction, photograph books, children's books, documentaries, and artifact/exhibit catalogues. Please contact our Executive Director, Scott Bradley, if you are interested.

The 2024 President's Reception will feature our biannual publications awards. We are seeking nominations for the various categories. More information about individual awards and criteria can be found at <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/resources/publications/awards/>. Nominations should be sent to Curator/Archivist, Michael deJong. The deadline is 26 May.

As many of you have seen or heard, the Society's now annual Classic Car Raffle has also returned. This year we are raffling off a 1966 Ford Mustang GT. Tickets can be purchased at www.museumraffle.com.

Finally, a thank you to all our staff and volunteers whose hard work behind the scenes supports our great institution.

Michel S. Beaulieu, PhD, FRHistS
President

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Ongoing and New Projects

Storage facility upgrades and conversions, and new digitization project underway

The Collections Storage Improvement project supported by the Museums Assistance Program has just wrapped up. One half of our second floor storage facility has been converted to high-density mobile racking to allow the Museum to continue collecting important items in our mandate. Also part of the project was the completion of new shelving on our ground floor for the Museum's bound-newspaper collection, a new art-hanging system, as well new racking for our firearms storage vault. These improvements will support the longevity of our artifact collection by ensuring items are stored in the best conditions possible.

More recently, we have begun work on our Facilitating Digital Access Project, supported by the Digital Access to Heritage component of the Museums Assistance Program. This project will allow the Museum to accelerate its digitization program including newspapers, photographs, archival material and more. Two staff are being hired to complete the work along with new equipment. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting project.

The Museum is grateful for the support of the Department of Canadian Heritage for both of these projects.



New high-density racks constructed in the second floor storage (left) and ground floor storage (right)

Canada 

2023 Classic Car Raffle

1966 Ford Mustang GT - Professionally appraised at \$46,000

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is excited to announce that its 2023 classic car raffle has officially launched! This years car is an original, automatic, first generation 1966 Ford Mustang GT. The interior is in incredible condition and the exterior is 90% original vintage burgundy paint. The wheels are original, custom mag rims in excellent condition with new tires. A total of 14,833 tickets are available for this years raffle. Tickets are moving fast with over 15% sold in just the first three weeks, **buy your tickets now** while they are available!
Must be in Ontario at the time of purchase.



Raffle Draw Date: 12 August 2023 @ Fat Guy's Auto Show
Raffle License Number: #RAF1293325
Website for Tickets: www.museumraffle.com
Accepted Payment Methods: VISA, Mastercard, VISA Debit, Mastercard Debit, and Interac
Ticket Pricing: 1 for \$15 | 3 for \$40 | 8 for \$100 | 28 for \$300



Behind the Scenes: Matt Popowich from Westfort Productions and Oliver the horse filming the promotional video for the car raffle.

2023 Spring Exhibits



North Bay Museum Travelling Exhibits

We are so thrilled to be hosting *Our Guides Were Really Going Places: Nbisiing Guides and the Legacy of Paul Commanda*. The exhibit features stories and photographs of the Indigenous guides (including Paul Commanda) who led the Carnegie Museum expeditions, honouring their work and their contributions to science.

Alongside "Our Guides Were Really Going Places" is the *Lake Nipissing Beading Project*, which is a 5-metre beaded reimaging of Lake Nipissing and its waterways using 444 individually beaded pieces to show respect and acknowledge the importance of this waterway to those across this continent. Come in to see the artistry in each tile!

These exhibits are on display until the end of April 2023. Available in English and French.



Our Guides Were Really Going Places: Nbisiing Guides and the Legacy of Paul Commanda

This exhibit was developed by the North Bay Museum in partnership with Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation and Nipissing University.

The Lake Nipissing Beading Project

The Lake Nipissing Beading Project is an arts-based collaboration led by artist Carrie Allison in partnership with Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, Nipissing University, and the North Bay Museum.

To keep up to date on upcoming exhibits please visit: <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/exhibits/upcoming-exhibits/>

To view our virtual exhibits please visit: <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/exhibits/virtual-exhibits/>

New Brands in the Museum Gift Shop

Over the past few months the Thunder Bay Museum has been busy making improvements and replenishing stock in the gift shop. Many new items and brands have been selected including: *Étchiboy* which offers traditional products of Métis culture, *Kay Lee Photography* carrying postcards and bookmarks with Northwestern Ontario landscapes, and *Persians in Pastel* which provides the beloved Thunder Bay delicacy in ornament and jewelry form. **Don't forget that as a member you save 10%!**



Salvaging Shipwrecks

In December 2022, the Museum worked with Caitlyn Slaubaugh - a placement student from Lakehead University to develop a satellite exhibit at Lakehead University. The theme is Shipwrecks in Lake Superior and includes artifacts from the Museum's collection and inspiration for students to make a career out of shipwrecks. The exhibit is located on the third floor of the Ryan building if you're interested in checking it out!



'A Taste of History' Dinner Returns for 2023

Women's Suffrage and Other Ghosts of the Past: Reflecting on Women's History

After a long past few years, The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is happy to announce the return of *A Taste of History*! This year's theme is 'A Night of Women's Suffrage' and will shed light on the beginning of the decades-long struggle to address voting inequities in the 19th century



The dinner will be taking place on 14 April 2023 at the Prince Arthur Hotel in the Provincial Room. The symposium will begin at 6:00PM with guest speaker Dr. Karen Dubinski, followed by dinner at 7:00PM. Tickets are limited to 118 due to capacity. Tax receipts will be provided for ticket purchases.

Guest Speaker Biography: Karen Dubinsky is a professor in the departments of History and Global Development Studies at Queen's University. She has authored and edited several books, on topics including Canadian women's and gender history, tourism, international child adoption, Canadian-Global South relations, the Global 1960s, and Cuban music and culture. One of her first research jobs was with the Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre's "Herstory" project, (circa 1976) interviewing women in Thunder Bay.



Call For Nominations

Every second year the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society holds its Publications Awards. We are currently seeking nominations of books and articles, both academic and popular, that deal with some aspect of Northwestern Ontario's history and that have been published in the past three years. If you know of a publication that is worthy of an award, contact the Museum's Executive Director, Scott Bradley. If you are nominating one of your own works, we will require three copies of it for distribution to the judges. Nominations close on Friday, 26 May 2023. More information about the Society's Publications Awards can be found here: www.thunderbaymuseum.com/resources/publications/awards/

Writers and Artists Needed

Our Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society has a proud history of publishing. The printing of a book was the first activity undertaken in 1908 when the Society began. We are still open to new manuscripts on historical themes related to Northwestern Ontario. Let us know if you or someone you know have a book you think might be worthy of publishing. More information for prospective authors can be found here:

www.thunderbaymuseum.com/resources/publications/guide-for-authors/

New this year, the Publications Committee is exploring other media types for the Society to develop with authors, artists, documentarians, and others. The Committee would be very interested in learning if there was interest from locals in developing media on historical themes related to Northwestern Ontario including but not limited to graphic novels, colouring books, coffee table books, full-length documentaries, podcasts, video blogs, artifact catalogues, etc. Please share this interest from the Society in your personal networks. Those creators interested in discussing future projects should contact the Society's Executive Director, Scott Bradley at

director@thunderbaymuseum.com.

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PROGRAMS

PA DAY CAMP
PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ONLY

FINE ARTS FRIDAY!
Sculpt like Degas, create Cubism portraits like Picasso, Sing a Song and be as Dramatic as you want to.

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Members: \$30 | Non-Members \$40
Limited spaces available

Registration opens April 10, 2023

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Ages 6-12

The Thunder Bay Museum reserves the right to cancel PA Day Camp due to Covid-19 restrictions, staff availability, or low registration numbers.