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A Message From The President

Hello. Bonjour. Boozhoo.

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual General Meeting and our Annual Taste of History Dinner. Both were well attended and provided an opportunity to highlight how the Board and Staff are meeting our mandate and

opportunity to highlight how the Board and Staff are meeting our mandate and mission. They also provided an opportunity for members to come together and collectively share our commitment and excitement about our region's past.

The new Articles and By-Laws approved at the Annual General Meeting have now been submitted to the pertinent provincial and federal departments. For those renewing your membership after June, you will see the consolidation of Senior Individual and Senior Family memberships into the corresponding level for Individual and Family memberships, as per the Articles of Amendment. The Strategic Plan work I presented is now finalized and formatted. Members will receive a message on where to access the completed document on the Museum's website soon.

Since April, our curatorial team has been working hard on preparing for new exhibits developed in-house, but also arranging for travelling exhibits. North of Superior: The Photography of John Forde will open in June. This exhibit, displayed in our 3rd floor antechamber gallery, presents a selection of 21 photographs taken between 1890 and 1910 by John Forde, a fur trader who worked as a photographer in his spare time and who later in 1896 purchased a studio in Port Arthur.

In July, the Museum will also be hosting an important exhibit produced by the Ontario Science Centre, titled Behind Racism: Challenging the Way We Think. Presented by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, this thought-provoking exhibition asks visitors to consider what would happen if everyone could better understand the mental processes that lead to inequity.

I'd like to end this update by bringing to your attention the success of the Places and Faces program. The Thunder Bay Museum and Age BIG hosted a digital storytelling workshop in December 2022, made possible through support from the Government of Ontario. Eight older adult storytellers gathered to write, record, and share their stories about the places and faces that helped them foster a sense of connection and belonging to their community. Many of the stories in the series were inspired by adapting to changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. You access the videos and learn more about the project at:

https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/projects/places-and-faces/

All my best,

Michel S. Beaulieu, PhD, FRHistS President

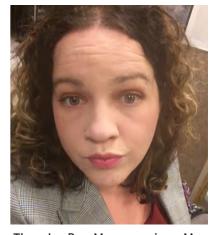
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Please Welcome Our New Staff and Board

Felicity Wyatt - Receptionist

Starting with the Thunder Bay Museum in June 2023, Felicity has always had a deep interest in anything and everything historical. She is a self-claimed historical nerd; and has a very hard time picking a favourite historical subject. She's acquired quite a collection of historical books (and is starting to run out of space for them) but that hasn't stopped her from getting more. She loves to read about Greek Mythology, European architecture, Egyptian history, and different monarchies of Europe...just to name a few. In her spare time, Felicity loves to cross stitch, is an avid gamer (particularly RPGs and classic games), loves listening to music, and takes care of her two cats: Gypsie, her three-legged calico kitty, and Lucifer, her sweet/devilish little black kitty.





Terri-Lynne Carter - Bookkeeper

Terri-Lynne Carter has been the bookkeeper for the Thunder Bay Museum since May 2023. After completing her Bachelor of Science degree at Lakehead University, she continued her studies at Western University. Terri-Lynne is a long-time resident of Thunder Bay and has previously worked in bookkeeping at the Thunder Bay Public Library, United Way of Thunder Bay, and BNL Contracting Ltd and is excited about her new opportunity to work with the Thunder Bay Museum. In her spare time, Terri-Lynne likes to explore experimental archaeology, recreating woven textiles using historic methods such as tablet card weaving. In addition, she enjoys gardening, cooking, camping, and making mead.

Summer Students & Contract Staff

The arrival of summer also means the much anticipated arrival of summer students! This year we received funding for 5 positions through Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations via the Canadian Museums Association, and the Summer Experience Program. This year we have (from top to bottom) Joshua Wetendorf (Digital & Outreach Initiatives Assistant). Shylin Henits (Newspaper Writer), and Thomas Archbold (Education Assistant). Not featured are Olivia Wood (Outreach Assistant), and Lotus Waite (Education Assistant). Additionally, the Thunder Bay Museum has been approved by the Nothern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for two year-long internships for an Exhibits Assistant and Archival Assistant. River Johnson (not pictured) started in May 2023 as the Exhibits Assistant. Another 18-week long internship has also been approved through the Young Canada Works - Building Careers in Heritage stream for a Curatorial Assistant for Indigenous Belongings which is currently open for applications.











New Board Members



Tyra Ohman (left) is an associate lawyer with Cheadles LLP practicing in the area of family law. Prior to joining Cheadles, Tyra has worked in the area of family law in Thunder Bay and Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

Farhan Yousaf (right) is the Executive Director of the Lakehead University Student Union. He holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Lakehead University and is a community leader, youth mentor, and governance professional.





Behind Racism: Challenging the Way We Think

On Display July 8 to September 25, 2023

If you could better understand how your brain processes information that can lead to bias and racism, could it impact your behaviour and result in positive change? *Behind Racism:*Challenging the Way We Think shows how the mental processes that help us think and act

Challenging the Way We Think shows how the mental processes that help us think and act quickly can lead to racism and discrimination. This new exhibition

quickly can lead to racism and discrimination. This new exhibition examines racism in Canada and encourages visitors to recognize bias, challenge discrimination and appreciate our differences.

For the duration of the exhibition, admission is pay what you can.

The exhibition and its tour are presented by The Canadian Race Relations Foundation with the generous support of the Government of Canada and in partnership with Mosaic Institute, Ontario Science Centre and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.







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In both official language

The Thunder Bay Museum is grateful to Matawa First Nations Management and the City of Thunder Bay's Anti-Racism and Equity Advisory Committee for their generous support of the exhibition in Thunder Bay.



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Show your support by donating to this exhibit through Canada Helps for the 2023 Great Canadian Giving Challenge. For the month of June, every dollar donated provides the selected charity with a ballot to win a prize of \$20,000! To donate, visit the link below or scan the QR code and select Fund #4 - Behind Racism https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/give/donate/

North of Superior: The Photography of John Forde



On Display June 13, 2023 to March 2024

This exhibit highlights photographs taken by Forde in the 1890s and early 1900s depicting scenes from the north shore of Lake Superior and the industrial and civic development of Port Arthur and Fort William.

2002.34.17k - Self-portrait on the Horseshoe Trestle near Jackfish Bay. Beside him is the wooden box in which he carried photographic glass plates.

Digital Access to Heritage Project

This spring the Thunder Bay Museum was approved for funding from the Digital Access to Heritage component of the Museums Assistance Program. This generous funding will allow us to substantially accelerate our digitization program including historical photographs, newspapers, archives and more, and make these fascinating resources available to researchers. It has also allowed us to purchase a Bookeye Pro scanner that allows for delicate archival books and oversized documents to be scanned from above, with minimal handling and compression that could further damage them. We have hired two contract staff to complete this work over the next year - Andrew Turnbull (left) returns to the Museum having worked on previous projects, and we also welcome new staff Kris Fedick (right). Stay tuned to our social media to follow the progress of this exciting project.





'A Taste of History' 2023 Recap

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society was thrilled with the return of one of our key fundraisers this April- the "A Taste of History" dinner! This year's theme "A Night of Women's Suffrage" invited attendees to dine on a menu pulled from the pages of historical cookbooks, assembled and edited by suffragettes themselves and sold to fund the movement. The speaker portion was provided by Dr. Karen Dubinsky of Queen's University and entitled "Women's suffrage and other ghosts of the past. Reflecting on women's history". Dr. Dubinsky illuminated the suffragette movement from a modern perspective and explored its nuances, highlighting unsung heroes and bringing new lenses to historical figures like The Famous Five.



Many thanks to all who attended and the staff at the Prince Arthur Hotel. Details of the 2024 "A Taste of History" dinner and fundraiser will be posted soon and circulated via email to members so if you missed out this year, stay tuned for the next!"

Win This Mustang - Draw on August 12th

Where to find the car this summer and how to buy tickets

Time is quickly passing by - now is the time to buy your tickets for this original, first generation 1966 Ford Mustang GT! A total of 14,833 tickets are available for this years raffle. Tickets are over 40% sold out, buy your tickets now while they are available! Must be in Ontario at the time of purchase.

Where To Find The Raffle Car This Summer:

Registration opens May 15, 2023 Camps Run Mon. to Fri. 9:00am-4:00pm amps run mon. w Fil. 2. John Members \$180 Members: \$150 | Non-Members avail members; \$150 | Non-Members \$180
Call early, weeks fill up fast! Limited spaces available

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- July 1 Bannon's Gas Bar
- July 14 to 15 BrewHa Festival @ Prince Arthur's Landing on the Waterfront (4:00pm 9:00pm)
- July 22 Festival of India
- August 9 to 11 Canadian Lakehead Exhibition in the Coliseum
- August 12 Fat Guy's Auto Show @ Fat Guy's Auto Parts



Prize Value: professionally appraised at \$46,000.00 Draw Date: 12 August 2023 @ 2PM (Fat Guy's Auto Show) Raffle License Number: #RAF1293325

Payment Options: VISA, Mastercard, VISA Debit, Mastercard,

Debit, Interac, and cash (on site)

Tickets: 1 for \$15 | 3 for \$40 | 8 for \$100 | 28 for \$300





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