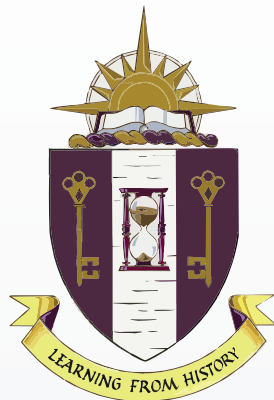


# NOW & THEN

Recent and Upcoming Events at the Museum



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## A Message From The President

Hello. Bonjour. Boozhoo.

Over the past several months, the Society has held several well attended events. Several exhibits and special projects have also been launched and received fantastic media coverage.

Shortly after our last newsletter, the Society launched the "Our Past Needs a Future" study that will take a year-long look at the future and how we meet our mission and mandate as a historical society and a museum. The goal is to develop a plan on how we can better serve the community moving forward.

We began the new year with the President's Reception and annual Volunteer Recognition. I had the pleasure of recognizing several individuals on behalf of the Society for their outstanding contributions. Our volunteers contribute to the achievements of the organization across nearly every aspect of our operations and programmes. None of what we do would succeed without them. Congratulations once again to all those we recognized.

In February, I shared the podium with Chief Michele Solomon (Fort William First Nation), Steven Debassige (Ingenious Tourism Ontario), Emily Kerton (Science North), Rajni Agarwal (City of Thunder Bay), and Erin Moir (Eco-Superior) at the media event to kick-off the Anishinaabewin Maamninendimowin: Pane Gii-Bite (Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless Inventions) exhibit. Exhibits such as this are important steps on the path of reconciliation and moving forward in a good way. It will be on display until 17 March.

We are now a month away from our annual A Taste of History dinner. Our featured speaker on 5 April will be Dr. Mike Bechthold, an historian with the Royal Canadian Air Force History and Heritage section. I hope to see you all as we recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Finally, I would like to welcome Equipment World and Woodland Heritage Northwest as two new corporate members.

I hope to see you all at our Annual General Meeting and Publications Awards on 26 March! Until then, all my best.

Michel

Michel S. Beaulieu, PhD, FRHistS  
President

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# Exhibit Updates for Spring 2024

## What to know for planning your next visit

Spring 2024 will see a flurry of exhibit activity at the Thunder Bay Museum. Closing at the end of March are **Fur Trade Fort William: A Chronology Through Art**, presented

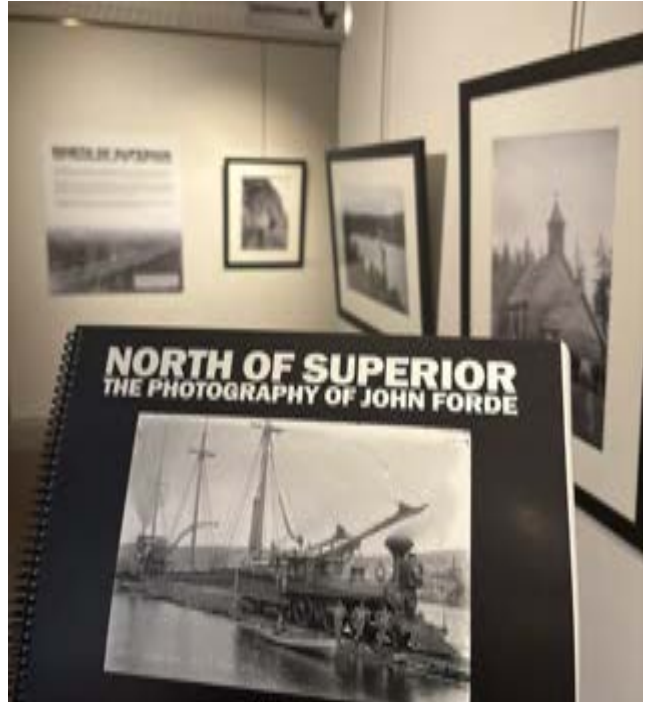


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Buy online for \$15.00



## About The John Forde Photography Catalog

This catalog contains a fascinating collection of 38 images taken between 1890 and 1910 by John Forde. His photographs capture the early post-settlement history of Thunder Bay and the north shore of Lake Superior

including scenes of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and the industrial and civic development of Port Arthur and Fort William. Buy your copy in our gift shop or online by scanning the QR code.

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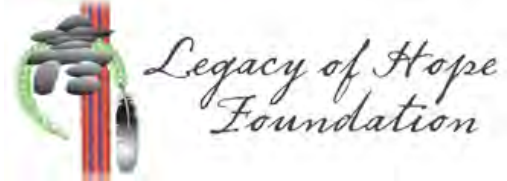
## New products in stock at our gift shop

Next time you visit the Museum be sure to stop in the gift shop to explore the new products that we have in stock. We've replenished our stock of Heartbeat hot sauce, are carrying new travel mug designs and jewelry, along with many new books including colouring and activity books.

Remember that as a member you save 10%!



Opening April 2 will be a new traveling exhibit from the Legacy of Hope Foundation, called **Indian Day Schools in Canada: An Introduction** which used archival documents and photographs to tell the story of these schools and their impact on Indigenous peoples across Canada.



Opening in June 2024 is a new exhibit on artist Susan Ross and writer Sheila Burnford. This exhibit will highlight their friendship and their fascinating travels through Northern Ontario as well as the Arctic. The exhibit will display a variety of Susan's artwork through the stages in her career, as well as objects from Sheila's literary career.



Susan Ross and Sheila Burnford on their travels



The Museum has recently partnered with the Port Arthur Rotary club to develop an exhibit reflecting their 100th anniversary this year, that is on display now on our first floor. This exhibit features fascinating items from the club's history, including an axe original to the construction of the Outlaw Bridge. The Museum has also partnered with Parks Canada to



 Parks Canada Parcs Canada

develop an exhibit showcasing the heritage designation plaque formerly at the site of the Finnish Labour Temple that highlights the history of the building and its importance for Thunder Bay residents. This exhibit will be installed in May 2024.



Finally, on our 3rd floor we will be opening the exhibit Ukrainian Matrix on April 9, 2024 a community-led exhibit which showcases physical expressions of Ukrainian culture and traditions, and highlights their roots. Alongside this exhibit will be a variety of programming reflecting different aspects of Ukrainian culture - stay tuned to our events page for further information.

**Upcoming Events**



**Wondering what events are happening next?**

Over the next couple months we have a variety of events happening at the Thunder Bay Museum, here is a list of what's coming up next. Scan the QR code above to register or view more details.

- March 21 In support of: Diversity Thunder Bay Presents - Cadmus Delorme
- March 26 Annual General Meeting and Publications Awards Presentation
- April 5 A Taste of History dinner
- April 14 Free Public Lecture - Bill Skrepichuk - Troop Treks of 1885
- April 20 Storytelling Workshop - Brad Woods

# A Taste of History Dinner

Join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF

Join the Thunder Bay Museum for a night of food, drink, and discussion as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. This dinner will once again take place at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel with a historically inspired menu from the 1920's Royal Canadian Air Force mess halls. Each ticket purchase will include a donation tax receipt in the amount of \$80.05 for single tickets, or \$70.05 for multiple seat ticket purchases. Gluten-free and vegan options are available upon request. For more information or to notify of dietary restrictions contact:

[reception@thunderbaymuseum.com](mailto:reception@thunderbaymuseum.com). There will be a bar at the dinner along with a 50/50 raffle so be sure to bring cash. We are also excited to announce our special guest speaker, renowned military historian, Dr. Mike Bechthold!



## Presentation Description:

It has been an eventful century. From its roots in the Great War and interwar years, through the challenges of the Second World War and Cold War, and its subsequent roles in support of Canada, NATO, and the UN, the RCAF has seen good times and bad. This talk explores the history of the RCAF through a number of innocuous objects - a Group of Seven painting, a German Gotha bomber pilot's helmet, a battered leather suitcase, and others that provide a window into the known and unknown stories of the Air Force.



Buy Tickets  
Starting at \$125



## ROOM RENTALS

### Multi-Purpose Room

\$55/hr | \$75/hr (Off-Hours)

Our versatile Multi-Purpose Room is adorned with floral fabric wallpaper, stained glass accents, and an array of unique artifacts. Seating up to 80 people, it provides a one-of-a-kind backdrop for your special event.



### Murphy Room

\$30/hr | \$50/hr (Off-Hours)

Our inviting Murphy Room is perfect for casual gatherings and birthday parties. This versatile space comfortably seats up to 24 people. It features large windows, a built-in counter top, and a projection screen.



### Board Room

\$35/hr | \$55/hr (Off-Hours)

Our Board Room is the ideal space for holding formal meetings, presentations and teleconferences. Seating up to 10 individuals, it provides a comfortable and professional environment with a view of Animikii-wajiw (Mt. McKay).



## ADD-ONS & AMENITIES

- Silver tea service and china teacup rentals
- A/V equipment rentals
- Provide your own food or catering
- Banquet style table settings available
- Fully accessible venue
- Free parking next to the building
- After-hours bookings available
- Galleries remain open for your guests to enjoy
- Kitchen use included with rental price

Discounts available to Museum members and registered non-profit organizations.

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## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The Thunder Bay Museum offers birthday parties for kids ages 5-11  
Weekends only January to June and September to November  
from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### THEMES INCLUDE:

Heroes and Villains (ages 5 - 11)	Dinosaur Party (ages 5 - 11)
Mermaid Party (ages 8 - 11)	Outta This World (ages 5 - 11)
Video Games Alive (ages 8 - 11)	Once Upon a Time (ages 5 - 11)
Jazzy Jewellery (ages 8 - 11)	#Selfie (ages 5 - 11)

\$120.00 for a 2-hour Theme Party with Host - 10 children maximum  
\$30.00 Per Hour for a Do-It-Yourself Party - groups of up to 25 people  
Museum members receive a 10% discount

To book a party or more information see the website at  
[www.thunderbaymuseum.com/learn/kids/birthday-parties/](http://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/learn/kids/birthday-parties/)  
then fill out the booking form

