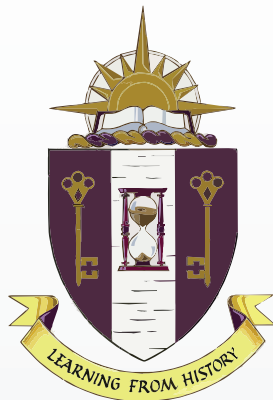


NOW & THEN

Recent and Upcoming Events at the Museum



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A Message From The President

Hello. Bonjour. Boozhoo.

I hope everyone has had a good summer. It has been a busy couple of months for staff and volunteers of the Society. In addition to our regular summer camps, staff and volunteers have been busy participating in community events and ensuring our history is shared among much-requested excursions for the various cruise ships that have visited the city over the past few months.

During the summer months, the board and staff have been preparing for what will be a very busy fall undertaking our annual review of board and operational policies and plans. While perhaps not as exciting as taking part in activities at the waterfront, attending one of our monthly lectures, or touring our exhibits, this process is central to our ability to fulfil the Society's mission to preserve and interpret the history of Northwestern Ontario.

With that in mind, I am happy to report that our Strategic Plan can now be viewed and downloaded from the Museum's website: thunderbaymuseum.com/about/policies-plans/. Copies are also available at the Museum front desk. The Society's new Business Plan will also soon be available online at the same location.

Partnerships and collaboration are central to the Society's success. As many of our members are no doubt aware, one of our long-time partners, Fort William Historical Park, has been celebrating its 50th Anniversary. In recognition of the anniversary, the Society has worked with the "Fort" to republish two of the late Jean Morrison's books on the fur trade.

For those new to the Society, until her passing in 2014, Jean was crucial in the activities of The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society and the historical community regionally and nationally. Between 1975 and 1990, Jean also served as Research Historian at what was then Old Fort William and established herself as a leading national expert on both Fort William and the North West Company.

The reprint of *Superior Rendezvous-Place: Fort William in the Canadian Fur Trade and Lake Superior to Rainy Lake: Three Centuries of Fur Trade History* is now available for purchase at the gift shops of both the Museum and Fort William Historical Park. A reprinting of *The North West Company in Rebellion: Simon McGillivray's Fort William Notebook, 1815* is in its final stages of editing and is expected to be available later this fall.

In addition to partners, our Society benefits greatly from ongoing support from all levels of government and from the generosity of individual donors. Visitors to the Museum in recent weeks will have noticed some capital improvements to the front steps. Thanks to Employment and Social Development Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Society was able to replace the front steps.

I would also like to acknowledge David Augustine's recent substantial donation to the Society. These funds will be allocated equally between the Museum's Acquisitions Fund, Reel Memories of the Lakehead Project, and the Society's Development and Endowment Funds. Gifts such as this ensure that the Society can continue its important work.

Finally, if you have not already, visit the Museum to see the new exhibits that have been installed over the summer. The *Behind Racism: Challenging the Way We Think* exhibit runs until 24 September and the *North of Superior: The Photography of John Forde* is on display until March 2024.

All my best,

Michel S. Beaulieu, PhD, FRHistS
President

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2023 Classic Car Raffle Winner

Congratulations Barry Head from Newcastle, Ontario

The Thunder Bay Museum's 2023 Classic Car Raffle officially came to a close on 12 August 2023 with the draw taking place at Fat Guys Auto Parts for their 12th annual Classic Car Show. The winner of this 1966 Ford Mustang GT is Barry Head of Newcastle, Ontario. After finding out he won, Barry said "I'm overwhelmed, that's for sure! I've never won anything big in my life so that's just fantastic and I love Mustangs!"

We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets this year for supporting The Thunder Bay Museum's biggest annual fundraiser. Proceeds from this raffle go to supporting the Museum's operations and programs. Keep an eye out for announcements as we plan to prepare for another Classic Car Raffle in 2024!



Summer Camps Come to a Close

Eagles, Homemade Pizza, Forever Fishtanks, and So Much Baking Every Week!

Seven weeks of arts, crafts, games, science and fun have officially come to an end! This summer was our busiest ever for summer camps with most weeks selling out. The best activity according to the children, baking/cooking and of course eating it. Thank you to Chef George Turner and Cheers the Village Pub for donating all the ingredients and coming to make pizza. This was a huge success. Also a huge thank you to Skyline Falconry for coming to visit (we all loved this visit).



NOHFC Archival Assistant

Welcome Jessica Stacey

The Thunder Bay Museum is pleased to announce receiving further internship funding support from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. Through this funding we have hired Jessica Stacey for one year as an Archival Assistant. She will be working on processing archival records, digitization, and research. We are excited to welcome Jessica to our team this year.

Jessica attended Lakehead University to complete her Bachelor's of Fine Art with Honours before attending Western University where she recently graduated with a Masters of Library and Information Science. She has a strong interest in musical history from the 40s-60s, and takes pride in her ever growing vinyl collection.



*Mark your calendars for
5 April 2024!*

We are excited to announce the Thunder Bay Museum's annual *A Taste of History* dinner is set to return 5 April 2024. The dinner will be once again held at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel with the theme of 2024 being the "100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force". Keep an eye out for ticket sales and more information!

Jane Goodall: Reasons for Hope

The Thunder Bay Museum is excited to have partnered with Science North to welcome an exclusive 25-minute version of the film Jane Goodall - Reasons for Hope and an accompanying interactive exhibit.

The film draws on decades of work by the world's most famous living ethologist and environmentalist, Jane Goodall - Reasons for Hope, is an uplifting journey around the globe to highlight good news stories that will inspire people to make a difference in the world around them.

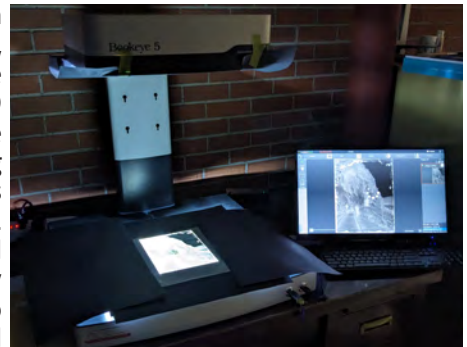
Kids can dive into an interactive exhibit that accompanies the film and learn about biodiversity and our environment.

This inspiring exhibit highlights Dr. Jane Goodall's four pillars of hope: the resilience of nature, the power of youth, the indomitable human spirit, and the amazing human intellect.



Digital Access to Heritage Project Update

Scanning the Thunder Bay Museum's glass plate negative collection has been an interesting and challenging experience. The collection contains 1045 plates and, as of now, 635 have been scanned using a technique we developed in house. The technique uses a book/document scanner (BookEye V5 scanner) and an LED panel light. The scanner has top lights which are blocked and the scans are performed with the room lights off to prevent reflections on the plate appearing in the final scan. Since the scanner is designed for bright conditions, the images are affected by sensor noise which has random and a non-random components. The random component has a different pattern in each scan and can be removed by taking multiple images and combining them. This technique is commonly used in astronomy for images of objects like galaxies and nebulae which are also affected by sensor noise. The non-random component, sometimes called



banding noise, appears as horizontal lines and can be removed digitally after the image is "developed". A high sharpness and contrast image is also generated and stored with the original. The quality of these images and the level of detail that can be recovered from them is amazing even though many were taken over 100 years ago and its been a wonderful opportunity to digitize them so they can be enjoyed for many more years to come. Thank you to the Government of Canada - Museum Assistance Program for providing funding to this project.



Before and after image enhancements were applied.



Summer Fun Under The Tent

The Thunder Bay Museum was everywhere this summer! We set up at over 30 exciting and fun events including: The Children's Festival, Celtic Days at Fort William Historical Park, Pride Street Fair, Buskers Festival, Impala Kid Zone at Rib Fest, Live on the Water Front, Brew Ha! and many more. People loved learning about our interesting exhibits, what programming the Museum offers, and as usual, making buttons was a hit! By the end of the summer Museum Staff and volunteers engaged with over 4,000 people.



Culture Days 2023 CULTURE DAYS

September 22 to October 15

The Thunder Bay Museum is thrilled to be a part of Culture Days 2023! Join us from September 22nd to October 15th for Pay What You Can Admission to the galleries, drop in history-themed crafts for kids, and free entry to events. Here is a list of the events happening:

- September 26** Lecture - Women in Technology by Stephanie Pesheau
- September 28** Panel & Discussion "Our Thunder Gay: Belonging in the Bay"
- September 30** Behind the Scenes Tours with Museum staff in the collections and archives areas.
- October 1** Behind the Scenes Tours with Museum staff in the collections and archives areas.

Culture Days Website



New and Restocked Products

The Thunder Bay Museum's gift shop has been replenished and freshly stocked with new products after a busy summer. We've received a fantastic new stand from *Persians in Pastel*, are carrying new products from *Indigenous Collection*, *Native Northwest*, and *Etchiboy*, new scents from *Peace & Quiet Candle Co.*, new flavours from *Heartbeat Hot Sauce*, and our Museum branded plushies have also arrived! Our most recent addition is the fantastic laser-cut wood maps from *Stakd Birch* which you will find in our lobby as soon as you walk in through our front doors.



PROGRAMS

CAMPS AT THE MUSEUM

All camps run from 9:30am - 4:00pm
(drop off is between 9:00am and 9:30am
pick up is between 4:00pm and 4:30pm)
Full Week camp cost:
Members: \$150/week | Non-Members \$180/week
PA Day camp cost:
Members: \$30 | Non-Members \$40

Limited spaces are available
Museum Members have early access to registration
Campers must be 6 years of age by the start of camp
☎ 807-623-0801
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Note to Self:
Remember to sign up for MUSEUM CAMPS

2023-24 THUNDER BAY MUSEUM THEME CAMPS*

- Oct. 2nd and 27th '23: BOO-Tea-full Fall
- Nov. 17th '23: UP! UP! and Away
- Jan. 26th and Feb. 2nd '24: Musical Theater
- Mar. 1st '24: Toys R' Us
- March Break - Mar. 11th to 15th '24: Where in the World is . . .
- Let's find the elusive crook Charlie Quinn
- Apr. 26th '24: Chop to Chomp: Pizza Time
- June 14th '24: Dock of the Bay
- AND Remember the Summer Camps Too!

*Camp themes are subject to change

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

