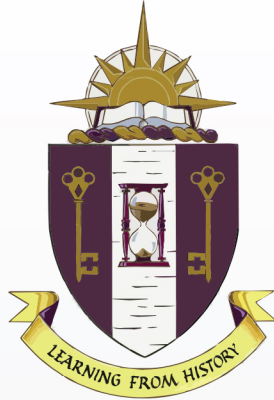


NOW & THEN

Recent and Upcoming Events at the Museum



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The Society recognizes the ongoing support of the City of Thunder Bay through its Cultural Funding Program

A Busy Summer Ahead

The Museum Looks to be Full of Activity in 2021

As Ontario slowly emerges from lockdown your Thunder Bay Museum continues to work hard behind the scenes to improve. We are proud to announce the hiring of Sarah Silvestri for the position of Collections Curator (*article on following page*). This retitled position will continue the duties of the previous Registrar position managing the Museum's collection as well as outreach to build relationships with communities unrepresented in the permanent collections. This summer will also see bustling activity in the Museum's halls with 6 summer interns provided by the Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works programs.

- Newspaper Article Writer
- Outreach Assistant
- Education Assistant
- Collection Archivist
- Collection Assistant
- Indigenous Collection Cataloger

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There will also be quite a bit of noise and shuffling about within our storage areas. Thanks to a grant from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund we will be replacing all 4 of the mission critical HVAC units in the Museum's artifact,



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archival, and library spaces ensuring that our collections are preserved at the highest standards. The existing units were nearly 20 years old and had reached a point where parts were hard to come by and for years were cannibalized to keep the most critical units functioning. The heart of any museum is its collection and this is a tremendous opportunity to ensure that our collections are preserved at the highest standards.

At the same time the Museum's archive will received a major upgrade, thanks to the Museum Assistance Program and the Ontario Job Creation Partnership, with all of the existing shelving being replaced by mobile high-density shelving; eliminating the need for permanent aisles and nearly doubling the storage capacity of the archives. This project will also allow the movement of the map cabinets from the library into the archive opening up more space for researchers and temporary staff.

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Andrew Turnbull, previously an archival intern with the Museum and author of many of our Looking Back articles, will be returning to carry out this project through the OJCP program. There will be some delays in research requests throughout June and into July due to the entire collection moving out of the room temporarily.

Another major project will be kicking off during the warmer months thanks to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries' Digital Capacity Fund. We will be upgrading the Museum website to bring it into compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA): Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0. In addition, further improvements will focus on ease of viewing content and navigation.

Finally, the Museum team is working on developing an exhibit about the 1821 merger of the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company commemorative of the event's 200th Anniversary. The exhibit will touch on themes related to the influence of fashion on culture and economics, and the merger's direct and long-lasting impact on Northwest Ontario and how it shaped our reality in the Lakehead today.

Welcome Sarah Silvestri

Our new Collections Curator - starting July 2021



Sarah has always been drawn to history. It all started with a unit on Egyptian Pharaohs in grade school and culminated in 2014 with a Master of Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. Before shifting her focus to preserving and sharing artifacts, Sarah spent her time uncovering artifacts as part of her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Near Eastern and Classical Archaeology from Wilfrid Laurier University.

During her undergraduate degree, Sarah participated in excavations in Madaba, Jordan and Thunder Bay, Ontario, which sparked a love of travelling. Since then, she has travelled to Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Israel, Scotland, Ireland, and England. Before starting at the Thunder Bay Museum, Sarah was

the Assistant Curator at the Museums of Burlington and interned at the Royal Ontario Museum. When she is not reading, Sarah likes to bake, listen to music, and hike.

Legacy Club

A Message from Legacy Club Member: Ken Boshkoff

As changes in our society become more rapid the need to be able to trace the paths that got us to where we are now will become even more important. The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is our history bank. It will continue to provide the answers to those who come after us as to how our community grew, achieved and evolved. These valuable benchmarks are vital for future generations.

All over the world people question how they got to where they are, the Legacy Club will be key to ensuring our history is well-documented for all to know. This is our bank of community history knowledge and pride.

Learn more about the Legacy Club:
<https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/legacy-giving/>

Virtual Book Sale

The Thunder Bay Museum is having a virtual book sale starting 14 June 2021. Many great titles will be marked down by 40%!

<https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/product-category/books/>



Bingo Update

As the province of Ontario begins to reopen, many are eagerly anticipating the return of Bingo's. November 2021 is the planned restart date and the Thunder Bay Museum will soon be looking for volunteers to assist with the events.

Until then, keep an eye on the Superior Shores Gaming Association website for announcements regarding at home play!

<https://www.superiorshoresgaming.com>

Complete the Membership Survey

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is still looking for your input on current and long term initiatives. Please take a few minutes to respond to our survey:

<https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/member-survey/>



1821 Merger - 200th Anniversary

Keep in touch on social media:



Help us Fundraise by Contributing to the Great Canadian Giving Challenge

The Thunder Bay Museum is proud to participate in The Great Canadian Giving Challenge, a month-long initiative run by Canada Helps every June since 2015 to help organizations drive donations during a slow time of the year for fundraising. Every dollar donated in June, via CanadaHelps.org, provides the Thunder Bay Museum a chance to win \$20,000.



As part of this year's challenge, the Thunder Bay Museum is fundraising to develop an exhibit commemorating the 200th anniversary of the merger of the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company. As of 4 June, the Museum has raised \$1,500 towards a goal of \$20,000 for the exhibit.



This exhibit will contain archival material, paintings, fur trade artifacts as well as interactive and audio-visual elements to tell the story of this important event. It will explore the fierce and sometimes violent rivalry between the companies that led to the merger, and its effects on the history of Northwestern Ontario throughout the remainder of the 19th Century and which still persist to this day, including the relative decline of Fort William, new industries that took the place of the fur trade and resulting development of treaties with the Indigenous peoples of the area.

The Museum is pleased to partner with the Champlain Society and Fort William Historical Park in this venture.



The Champlain Society



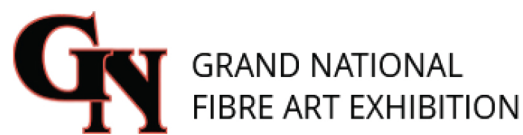
Preserving the Past
While Building the Future

If we win, the \$20,000 grand prize money will be put towards improving and growing our Paleontology exhibit on the second floor of the Museum (it's a bit dated... pun intended).

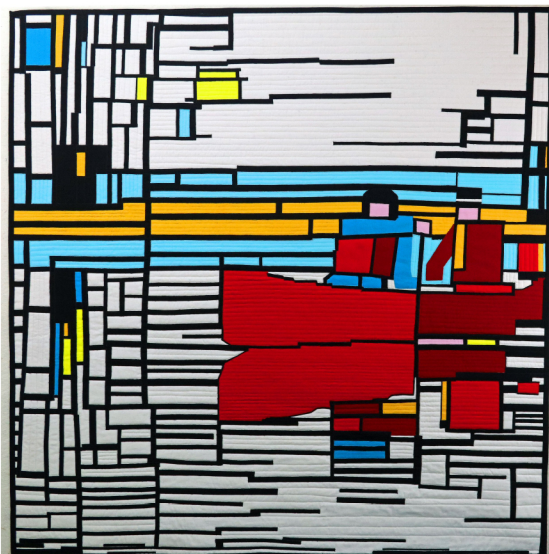
For more information visit our webpage: <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/great-canadian-giving-challenge/>

Crossroads by Grand National Fibre Art Exhibition

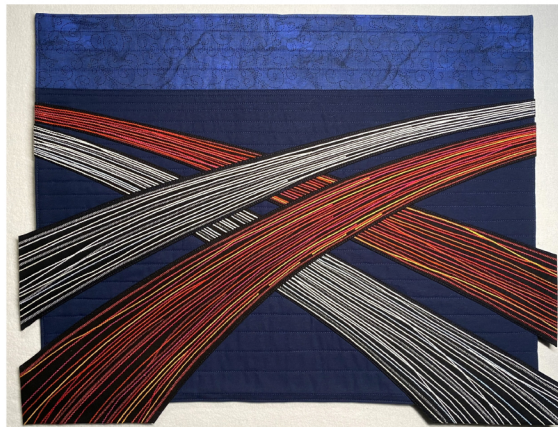
Available from Museum Reopening to 25 September 2021



Crossroads is an inspirational exhibition centered around the theme of the various paths in life, their crossroads and the eventual path taken. This juried exhibit features over 40 talented contemporary textile artists from across Canada who have all created work reflective of this theme. We invite you to come in and take a look and vote for your favourite piece!



Alongside this exhibition we will also be hosting works from the Thunder Bay Quilt Guild! The artists were challenged to create an original piece using a maximum of six fabrics, up to three of their own choosing and three fabrics that every piece will feature; additionally, each piece revolves around the theme of reflections. We look forward to showcasing wonderful local talent!



Changing Directions by
Katie Stein-Sather

Night Driving by Terry Aske

Winner of the 2020 Classic Car Raffle

"The Unattainable Dream" of Dan Zegers

We are proud to announce that the winner of the 2020 Classic Car Raffle is ticket number 12132, purchased by Mr. Dan Zegers of Orono, Ontario. The ticket draw was held on May 1st at 4:00 PM Fat Guys Auto Parts. The Raffle had originally been scheduled to be drawn on 25 July 2020 but an extension was granted by the City of Thunder Bay Lottery Office until May 1st 2021 due impacts of the Pandemic. The proceeds from the Raffle go to support the Museum's operations and programs.

We would like to thank all of our retail partners including Tronsens Automotive, DC Automotive, Caspian Auto and Oil Change, Thunder Bay Harley Davidson, South Neebing Variety, Crystal Beach Variety, Marnic's Mobile, Breeny's Auto Body, and EMCO Western Supplies. Additional thanks go to all our ticket sales volunteers, car driver Karl Haglund, and the local media who supported us by getting the word out about ticket sales. Finally selling out of tickets would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of Raffle Coordinator, Haley Werbowetski.



After finding out he won Mr. Zegers said: "As a child, Sunday afternoons were often spent at the kitchen table, assembling, painting, detailing etc. plastic model kits. My favorite was, a 69 Camaro. I've always gravitated to the 69 Camaro, but knew it was an unattainable dream. Then to receive the call on Saturday afternoon (May 1st) that I was the actual winner, was beyond belief, and still is now."

Keep an eye out for announcements for our 2022 Classic Car Raffle.

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 30 June 2021. More information about the Society's Publications Awards can be found here: <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/publications/awards/>

Research Bursary

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society is currently seeking applicants for the Professor Ken Dawson Research Trust Bursary. The bursary is in aid of those doing original research on some aspect of the history of Northwestern Ontario. Contact the Museum's Executive Director, Scott Bradley for more information director@thunderbaymuseum.com. Applications must be post marked by 30 June 2021.

Ken Dawson, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Lakehead University, passed away on July 24, 2009. He was a longtime supporter of the historical community in Northwestern Ontario and the author of numerous books and articles on the region's past including The Prehistory of Northern Ontario which we published in 1983. Ken was active in the Society's revival in the late 1960s and early 1970s and in giving the Society a strong archaeological focus at the time. He helped to make known the archaeology of this part of North America.



Writers 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 have a book you think might be worthy of publishing. More information for perspective authors can be found here: <https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/publications/guide-for-prospective-authors/>