



TBHMS Newsletter SUMMER 2022



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A Message From The President

Hello. Bonjour. Boozhoo.

It is an honour that I am writing to you in my new capacity as the Society's President and Chair of the Board of Directors. As many of you are aware, at the

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Frank Gerry announced his intention of stepping down as President and Chair. Frank has served in this role for 18 years and has overseen significant changes in the structure of the Society both in terms of staff, board, and organizational growth. He will continue on the board as Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, a new executive committee was constituted. Douglas Yahn has moved to Vice-President, Jenna L. Kirker is now Treasurer, and Nick Duplessis has joined the executive as Secretary. The AGM also saw some changes to board membership. Long-time volunteer and member of the board Diana Pallen made the decision not to seek reappointment. Diana's advice, knowledge, and generosity will be missed. As a result, in addition to the re-appointment of several previously serving members, also joining the board for the first time are Temitope Moses Ojo (2 year) a Doctoral Candidate in Forest Sciences at Lakehead University, Dr. George Patterson (3 Year) a retired Ministry of Natural Resources geologist, and Gregary Sanders (1 year) a Junior Lawyer with Du Vernet Stewart.

Shortly after the AGM, the Board learned that Richard Longtin would be unable to continue due to the demands of his new job as the Vice-President External Relations of Red Deer Polytechnic. We wish Richard all the best on this new adventure. With an open spot, the Board appointed long-time member Karen Waite to fill-out the year. Karen is as Senior Policy Advisor with Indigenous Services Canada. More information about all the new board members and their roles in your Society can be found at the Museum's website here: https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/about-us/board-of-directors/

The Board was also sad to receive news shortly after the AGM that long-time member Art Gunnell passed away. Representatives from the Society attended his Celebration of Life held on 3 April. Art was a long-time member and good friend to the Society and our condolences go out to his family and friends. The Board passed a Memorial Resolution at the April meeting and a full tribute to Art will appear in the 2022 issue of Papers & Records.

As you will read in the rest of this newsletter, staff and volunteers have been busy over the past few months. I would like to thank them for their dedication and all the work they do! I would also like to encourage each of you to make sure to visit the museum in the coming months and, in particularly, check out the temporary exhibit galleries for exhibits about the Holocaust, Residential and Day Schools, Recent Artifact Acquisitions, POW Art, and Wendell Beckwith.

All my best.

Michel S. Beaulieu, PhD President

Welcome to our new Board Members



Karen Waite Senior Policy Advisor, Indigenous Services Canada



Gregary Sanders Junior Lawyer, Du Vernet Stewart



Temitope Moses Ojo Doctoral Candidate (ABD), Forest Sciences



George Patterson Retired, Ministry of Natural Resources, Geologist

2022 Summer Students

The Thunder Bay Museum is happy to announce that this year we are receiving funding support for ten summer students through Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works: Canadian Museums Association, Ontario's Summer Experience Program, and the Museum Assistance Program. Some familiar faces are returning once again, while others are brand new to the Museum team. Please welcome: Sage Brandie: Digital & Outreach Initiatives Assistant, Christine Green: Collections Archivist, Shylin Henits: Photo Archivist, Mari Knox: Education Program Planner, Chris Omeljaniuk: Newspaper Writer, Haileigh Riddell: Collections Assistant, Raquel Robbins: Collections Project Assistant, Adam Skaf: Outreach Coordinator, Ella Whitehead: Education Assistant, and Olivia Wood: Membership Services Assistant. Not included in the photos are Adam, Ella, and Olivia.



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"And in 1948, I came to Canada": The Holocaust in Six Dates

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Only available until 24 July 2022

The summer of 2022 will see many excellent and impactful exhibits at the Museum. "And in 1948 I Came to Canada": the Holocaust in Six Dates on loan from the Montreal Holocaust Museum continues until late July. Thank you to our partners – particularly the Shaarey Shomayim Synagogue and the events planning committee that allowed us to plan a series of well-attended and appreciated events over the past few months. Thank you also to Dr. Gary Polonsky and Dr. Deborah Scharf for their loan of items that contributed to the exhibit.



Musée Holocauste Montréal Montreal Holocaust Museum



Killing the Indian in the Child: **Generations** Lost Legacy of Hope Foundation



Killing the Indian in the Child: Generations Lost focuses on the Canadian Residential School system and its enduring impacts on Survivors, their descendants, and Canadian society as a whole. We extend appreciation to our partners, Fort William First Nation and the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre for their advisory role, and the Thunder Bay Art Gallery and the Thunder Bay Public Library for their assistance with local supplementary content.





Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre







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THUNDER BAY ART GALLERY



Archives Renewal Project and New Research Facilities

Our Archives Renewal Project, generously supported by the Ontario Job Creation Partnership and the Museum Assistance Program, has been completed. Thanks to Andrew Turnbull, our Archival Assistant during this project for his hard work in making the project happen. New high-density Government Gouvernement of Canada du Canada

shelving in the archives room has allowed for the cabinets used to store maps from the library to move into the archive. In their place, we have two new height-adjustable work stations just for researchers, one with a new computer for looking through our digitized photographs, newspapers, and other resources, and the other for examining paper-based archives. Book your appointment with our Curator/Archivist today!

Wendell Beckwith Exhibit

Exhibit opening August 2022

At long last, our exhibit on the life and work of Wendell Beckwith will be open in early August. This exhibit will complement the film In Search of Wendell Beckwith, a partnership between the Museum and filmmaker Jim Hyder. Wendell lived alone on Best Island on Whitewater Lake in what is now Wabakimi Provincial Park, working on inventions and scientific theories, interacting with visitors, while supported by the generosity of Indigenous peoples living nearby with whom he forged a close relationship. Items from the Thunder Bay Museum's permanent collection that he built and collected will be on display, as well as many photographs, scientific notes, and drawings. The film continues to be available through our website (https://www.thunderbaymuseum.com/beckwith-film-project/) and as always we are appreciative of our project partners, generous donors, the Museum's Beckwith Committee, and supporters including the Government of Canada through the New Horizons for Seniors Program.



2022 Classic Car eRaffle

1979 Firebird Esprit (Redbird Edition) - \$27,000 Appraised Value

This all original 1979 Firebird Espirit (Red Bird) is a beautiful cruiser which has only had one owner. Never winter driven, this car has always been garaged and is rust-free. The interior is in incredible condition. With one professional repaint, the two-paint with pin striping is in excellent condition. The restored snowflake wheels are like new. This car is fully optioned from the factory including T-Top roof and 301 c.i. V8 with 3 Speed Automatic Transmission. The factory radio was replaced with an aftermarket Concorde AM/FM, Cassette. This Red Bird



Esprit would rate as a #2+ Driver.

Tickets start at \$15 each and must be purchased online. Scan the QR code or visit <u>www.thunderbaymuseum.com</u> for more information and to buy tickets.

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Draw Date: 2 September 2022



Spirit of Thunder Bay Award

Congratulations to Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, Past President, Frank Gerry for receiving the Spirit of Thunder Bay Award for his 20+ years in service to the Society. A virtual presentation online and in local TV will take place on 28 June 2022 at 6:30PM.



Doors Open Thunder Bay 2022

We need volunteers to help on Saturday 10 September 2022 for Doors Open Thunder Bay 2022. Volunteer opportunities include: Front Desk Attendant, Exhibit Assistant, and Doors Open Information Ambassadors. To sign up please contact: exhibits@thunderbaymuseum.com

This year during Doors Open Thunder Bay 2022 we're offering back-of-house artifact collection storage tours, artifact displays on the early foodways and agricultural development in the area, as well as a museum-wide family-friendly scavenger hunt. **FREE EVENT!** https://www.doorsopenontario. on.ca/thunder-bay/thunder-bay

Join Our Committees

We are seeking members of the Society interesting in volunteering to participate in Board committees. It's a great way to get more involved in the Museum and the Society.

Please contact the Board chair Dr. Michel Beaulieu for more information & opportunities: <u>msbeauli@gmail.com</u>