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About Us

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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The Grove Brew House Donates to AFM

We are so grateful to The Grove Brew House in Kingsville for generously donating a portion of their proceeds to the Museum from the sale of their newest seasonal beer, Henderson Jacobs Honey Kolsch.

The Grove Brew House consulted with historian Elise Harding-Davis for the history written on each can and we are grateful to them for sharing this local history. Did you know that Henderson Jacobs tells the story of two formerly enslaved families who escaped through the Underground Railroad to gain freedom near Kingsville? Henderson Jacobs Honey Kolsch is now available for purchase at the Grove Brew House and online at shop.mygrovebrewhouse.com.



A Call for Board Directors and Fundraising Committee Members



Attention Community Members! Are you looking for a great way to give back to your community? We have a great opportunity for you! The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is looking to take on more Board Directors and/or those interested in being on our Fundraising Committee.

To apply, contact curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

The Talking Drum

The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

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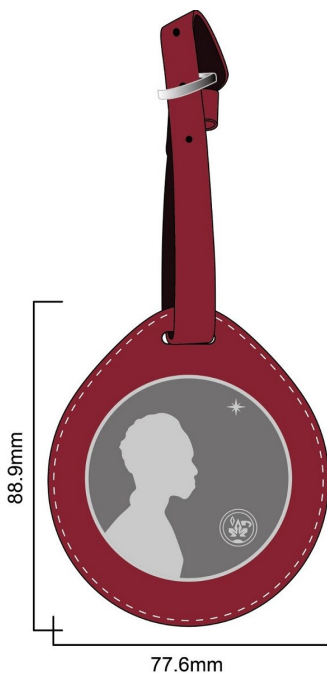


Can Drive for the Amherstburg Mission

Did you know for the past three years, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum has donated canned goods at Christmas to the Amherstburg Food and Fellowship Mission. Help us keep up this tradition by dropping off your canned goods and non-perishable food items here at the Museum (271 King Street, Amherstburg). There will be a bin outside the front door for you to drop them off. Let's work together to help those in need.



The Perfect Stocking Stuffer



Are you looking for the perfect Christmas stocking stuffer? We're here to help. The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is offering this embossed bag tag that features the Amherstburg Freedom Museum logo. Put it on your luggage, golf bag, backpack or purse. The possibilities are endless! All you have to do is give a donation of \$35 and this bag tag, plus a \$15 tax receipt, could be yours. The tag has a brown leather strap and a nickel medallion with Amherstburg Freedom Museum logo surrounded by a border of leather.

Note: Bag Tag will look similar to image, but the leather will be brown not red. See the image for the size. Stay tuned for more information on our social media channels. To purchase, please call 519-736-5433.

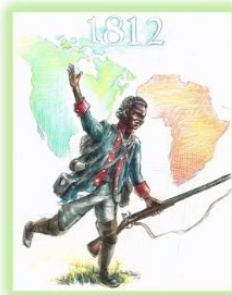


Recap of "Remembering Military Courage Through Confrontation"

On Friday, November 6th we hosted a presentation by Museum Curator/Administrator Emeritus, Elise Harding-Davis, who shared "Remembering Military Courage Through Confrontation." Elise's presentation discussed the military contributions of Black Canadians, including her own family members, from the War of 1812 to the present. Elise also provided a list of resources for you to learn more, including:

African Canadians

have a long, proud history of service in uniform. From the days before Canada was even its own country to the current efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, the sacrifices and achievements of African Canadians have shone through. Their struggle for acceptance and equality has been hard won. They persevered to make their mark.



Pictures:

1. War of 1812-Richard Pierpont
2. 1860s-Victoria Rifles
3. 1860s-Civil War volunteers
4. 1916-WWI Expeditionary Forces France
5. 1940s- Soldier-Europe
6. 2000s- HMCS Regina-Seaman



The Black Battalion: 1916-1920 Canada's Best Kept Military Secret – Calvin W. Ruck

The Black Presence in the War of 1812 – Elise Harding-Davis

Celebrating Canada 150 - Elise Harding-Davis

Left, Right – Marching to the Beat of Imperial Canada - Yves Engler

Canada's Black Battalion: No. 2 Construction, 1916-1920

Canadian Encyclopedia - "No. 2 Construction Battalion"



To rewatch:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/512641932223386/videos/688641388702883>

AFM Website - <http://ow.ly/Lee850CIP2u>

YouTube—<http://ow.ly/TuU150CIP2w>



Amherstburg Freedom Museum would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Charitable Gaming Windsor** and **Paradise Gaming Centre** for their continued support. Throughout the years, they have helped us keep the Museum open and running, and allowed for us to continue to offer our programming throughout the pandemic. Thank you!



Christmas at the Museum Has Gone Virtual

Happening December 9th at 7pm on our Facebook and YouTube Page. For details, go to <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/christmas-at-the-museum/> There is no admission fee, but we ask that you consider donating at <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/#donate>

AMHERSTBURG
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CHRISTMAS

AT THE MUSEUM:

Joyful Sounds of the Season

Featuring The New Life Fellowship Praise Team
with Musical Director Steve Riley



WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 9TH | 7PM
LIVE ON OUR YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK PAGE @AMHERSTBURGFREEDOM

With an Additional Performance From Brett Logan and Black Kids In Action
& a short story inspired by The Night Before Christmas by Renee King-Jackson
Hosted by AFM Director Dr. Brenda McCurdy

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We are hiring 1 Museum Cataloguer position. In order to apply applicants must meet eligibility requirements set by Canada Summer Jobs, and have reliable transportation to the museum. The deadline to apply is December 7, 2020 and this is a contract position for 10 weeks. For more information, go to <http://amherstburgfreedom.org/csj/>

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