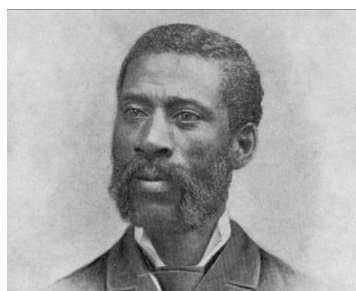




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About Us

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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Volunteer Spotlight!



For this month's Volunteer Spotlight, we are highlight an amazing volunteer, Jacob De Almeida. He is 17 years old and is currently in grade 12 at St. Joseph's Catholic High School. He was born in Toronto, but was mainly raised in Windsor-Essex. He has also been working at Skyzone Trampoline Park for the last two years. One of Jacob's main interests is architecture and he would like to work in that field when he gets older.

Jacob first visited the museum as a young boy and continued visiting over the years. He says "the museum has been a part of his life

since I can remember." He learned about volunteering at the museum through his many visits here. When asked why he volunteers, Jacob said "To graduate high school I must complete a minimum of 40 community hours and when I thought of a place that was a part of the community, I immediately thought of the museum."

At one time or another, Jacob has volunteered at three of our main fundraising events: Ribs and Ragtime, Emancipation and the Walter Perry Emancipation Golf Classic. At these events, Jacob has helped with set up/ clean up, sold 50/50 tickets, helped serve food, and any other tasks that are asked of him ... all with a big smile on his face. We asked Jacob what it is he likes about volunteering the most and he said "I enjoy the sense of community and getting together to help inform more people on this area's vibrant history." He added that his favourite memory of volunteering was after the Emancipation Golf Classic had ended and the Assistant Curator, Lorene, waited with him until his ride arrived. He said "For some reason that time sticks out in my mind."

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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Jacob also volunteers with events at his high school and at a local book store because “those places are institutions that I use regularly and I think the best way to show that you appreciate what they do is to give back.”

Jacob also mentioned what he’s gained from volunteering at the museum and said “I’ve gained many things. A reinforced knowledge of the vibrant local Black history is one but I’ve also learned generally more about the community I live in. I would say that my biggest take away was the connections I’ve made that will allow me to help the community in even more ways in the future.”

Jacob also provided some words of encouragements, saying “I would especially say as a person of color it’s vital to know your history and how you got here. I believe that this local museum provides that knowledge and much more.”

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers Wanted! Earn Money For The Museum!

How: Give two hours of your time.

What: Collect waste paper from bingo players at the Paradise Gaming Centre on Dougall Avenue in Windsor.

When: Once or twice a month on a pre-set assignment schedule.

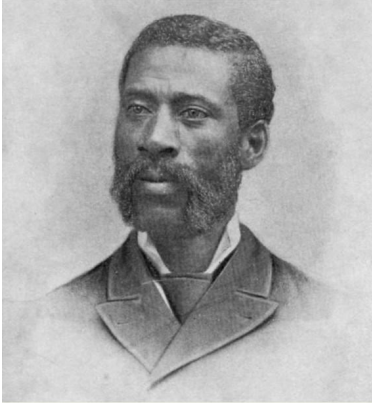
Why: Two volunteers working two hours earn at least \$400.00 for the Museum.

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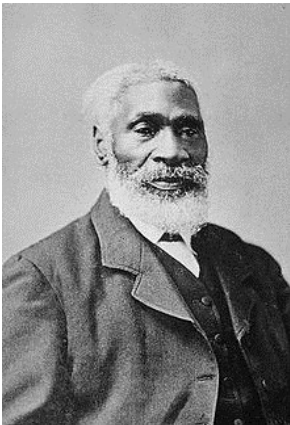


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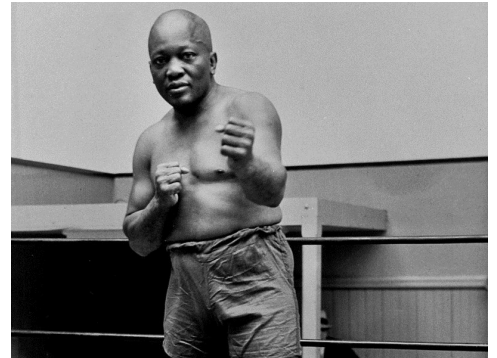


June 1, 1843: The Reverend Anthony Binga Jr. is born in Amherstburg. He was the son of Anthony Binga Sr. and Rhoda Story and, for a time, was the pastor at Puce River Church. From there he went to Athens County, Ohio, working as a preacher and principal at the Albany Enterprise Academy. In 1872, he became a pastor of the First Baptist Church of Manchester and simultaneously accepted a teaching position with Manchester Public Schools, while he oversaw the education of Black children in Manchester, which included six schools. He taught there for 16 years and was highly respected.

June 10, 1946: Boxer Jack Johnson (John Arthur Johnson), passes away. Born on March 31, 1878, in Galveston, Texas, Johnson was the son of Henry and Tina "Tiny" Johnson. On December 26, 1908,



he won the World Heavyweight Title when he fought the Canadian world champion Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia, making him the first African American to become heavyweight champion. He held his title from 1908-1915, and is considered one of the greatest heavyweights of all time.

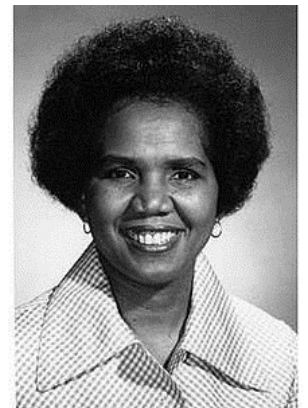


June 15, 1789: Josiah Henson is born into slavery in Charles County, Maryland. In 1830 Henson escaped to Canada and became a community leader, activist, author and a founder of the Dawn settlement. He is also believed to be the inspiration behind the lead character in Harriet Beecher Stowe's book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

June 17, 1930: Rosemary Brown is born. Rosemary Brown became the first Black woman to sit in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, after she won her seat in the riding of Vancouver-Burrard. She served 14 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and during that time she created a committee to remove sexism in British Columbia's educational material. She also played an instrumental role in introducing legislation which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or marital status.



June 24, 1911: Acclaimed contralto singer, Portia White is born in Truro, Nova Scotia. In 1939 she won a scholarship at the Halifax Conservatory of Music and in 1941, at the age of 30, made her singing debut in Toronto. After retiring she moved to Toronto in 1952 to teach voice. She returned to the concert stage on a few occasions, including the time she sang for Queen Elizabeth in Charlottetown, PEI, in 1964.





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We Need Your Help!



Are you looking for an opportunity to help your community? The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is hosting its annual Ribs & Ragtime event on **Saturday June 8th, 2019**, and we are looking for volunteers who can collect tickets, serve food, help with set up/clean up and watch the entrance to the event. For more information, please contact Lorene

Bridgen-Lennie at lorene.bridgen@amherstburgfreedom.org or by calling 519-736-5433.



Mac Simpson Award Application — Attention All Students!

The submission deadline for eligible students to apply for the Mac Simpson Award is ***Monday, June 10, 2019***.

The Mac Simpson Award is given annually to at least one student of African descent who is currently attending a secondary school in the Essex County region and will be commencing post-secondary studies in September 2019 on a full-time basis.

If eligible and would like to apply click here for more information - <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/mac-simpson-award/>

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