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Windsor-Essex Black History Month Kick Off 2020



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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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It is with great sadness that we share the news that long-time Board Member Tom Hurst passed away on Saturday February 15th, 2020 with family by his side.

Beloved son of Douglas and Berdina Hurst and brother of Rose, Sylvia, Pat (Mike) Moxley, Frances (Rose), Clarence, Pam and Agnes. Father to Zachary (Wendy) Horoky and Ryan (Chelsea) Hurst and grandfather

of Logan Horoky, Serenity and Beckham Hurst.

Tom owned and operated *Tom Hurst Flooring* and recently opened a store front on Erie Street that he was very proud of. Tom also loved to play soccer and dedicated his time to supporting the museum.

We remember Tom as a kind man with a giving heart, and we are so grateful for the work he did as a Board Member at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. He will be greatly





missed, and we are sending love to the family and friends of Tom during this difficult time.

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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2020 Windsor-Essex Black History Month Kick Off

The Caribbean Centre was packed for another fantastic Windsor-Essex Joint Black History Month Kick Off! Among the highlights were speeches from MP Brian Masse, MPP Lisa Gretzky, MP Irek Kusmierczyk and City of Windsor Councillor Ed Sleiman. Also, fantastic dance performances from ACSOO (Cameroonia Association of Southwestern Ontario) and Hidaya Diaspora Junior Dance Group, plus really moving poetry and music from Mbonisi Zikhali, Teajai Travis and Kionna Wilson & Crystal Bryan. Also, a great display about the Chatham Coloured All Stars from the University of Windsor. It was an amazing way to start Black History Month.

























A Celebration of Black History Month

On February 1st, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum, in partnership with the Windsor Express, hosted A Celebration of Black History Month. The event included a pick-up game with local celebrities and politicians including MP Brian Masse and MP Chris Lewis; a VIP reception and a Windsor Express basketball game. Thank you to the Black Kids in Action and The New Life Fellowship Choir who performed during the program. Congratulations to Donald Harris who received the Father of the Year Award from the Amherstburg Freedom Museum.

















"Journeys"



On February 8th, there was a great turnout at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum for the opening reception of the "Journeys" art exhibit that was created by the Artists of Colour. We have also been lucky enough to have members of the Artists of Colour speak to groups of students who have toured the exhibit throughout the month of February.

All are welcome to enjoy "Journeys" which will be on display until April 19, 2020.



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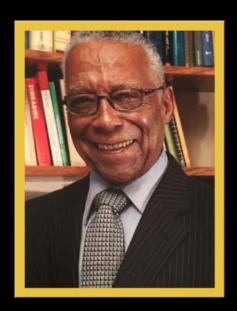
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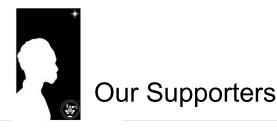
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