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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 Permanent Gallery is Open!

We're Open! The renovations are partially complete, but the permanent gallery is open for visitors. Stop by and take a look. What an update!



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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AFM's Newest Board Director, Sheneese Johnson



Museum of African American History.

Say hello to the Amherstburg Freedom's Museum's newest Board Director, Sheneese Johnson! Sheneese hails from Pensacola, Florida and relocated to Detroit, Michigan in the mid 1980's. After meeting her husband, she moved to Canada in 2011. Sheneese graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and has over 20 years of experience in marketing and fundraising. She is currently the Group Sales Manager at the Charles H. Wright

Sheneese enjoys being involved in the community and has been engaged in numerous fundraising events such as The Wright Museum Galas, Detroit Youth Day, Susan G. Komen Walk For the Cure and the Molina Community Outreach Program, just to name a few. Sheneese learned about becoming a Board Director at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum through her friend, and current AFM Board Director, Barb Porter. Sheneese is very enthusiastic and is excited to help the museum continue to share the amazing stories of the brave freedom seekers who came to this country to start a new life. Sheneese says that joining the Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board is the perfect opportunity to apply her years of experience to promote awareness of African History and the needs of the Museum.

She approaches everything with a passion for excellence, and is dedicated to getting results. Sheneese loves to travel and experience different cultures. She has visited Europe, Central and South America, Asia and most recently, Egypt. Her hobbies include landscaping, interior decorating, event planning and spending time with her husband of 15 years. Welcome Sheneese!



AFM Board of Directors : Barb Porter, Gary Jean, Sheneese Johnson, David Van Dyke, Phil Alexander, Brenda McCurdy, Tom Hurst and Monty Logan. Absent: Barbara K. Smith



You're Invited to Ribs and Ragtime 2019!

RIBS AND RAGTIME

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Annual Community Meeting — Saturday, May 11th

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum's annual community meeting will be held **Saturday, May 11th at 12pm** in the Nazrey A.M.E. Church.

The Board of Directors invites subscribers and the community to come hear about, and celebrate another successful year.

The following reports for 2018 will be presented: the President's report, Program Committee report, Fundraising Committee report, Treasurer's report, and Curator/Administrator's Report.

Please join us for our year in review!

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/>

To donate to this important scholarship, please go to our website at amherstburgfreedom.org or call us at 519-736-5433.



Volunteer Opportunity



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

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