



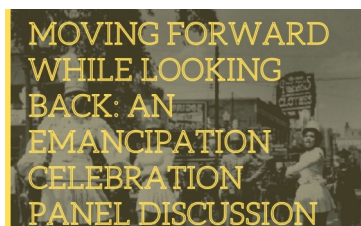
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An Emancipation Panel Discussion

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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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We're Open!



THE AMHERSTBURG FREEDOM
MUSEUM IS

RE-OPENING!

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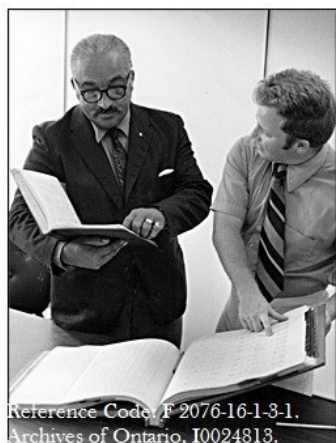
The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is now open for visitors **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

Tours will be 50 minutes long and can have up to 10 people per time slot. To book, please call 519-736-5433.

Alvin D. McCurdy Fond

On July 20, 2021, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Nova Scotia Archives, the University of Alberta Archives and the Archives of Ontario announced that three new collections have been listed in the Canada Memory of the World Register. The Register, which was created in 2017, promotes the immense diversity of Canada's significant documentary heritage, which extends from the initial settling of the land by Indigenous Peoples up to the present time. One of the three collections is that of Amherstburg's very own Alvin D. McCurdy. Alvin worked to preserve the heritage of the Black communities of Amherstburg and elsewhere in Southern Ontario at a time when traditional

archives and other established institutions were only peripherally interested in Black history records. His years of collecting and preserving historical documents are both a testament to community activism, and an enduring legacy for all those interested in the experiences of Black Canadians. The McCurdy fonds, housed at the Archives of Ontario, is one of the pre-eminent collections for understanding the histories and stories of Amherstburg's role in the Underground Railroad and Black Canadians' journeys and contributions to Canada at large. The other two collections are those of Viola Desmond and Violet Archer. Please follow the link to see the full



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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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Say Hello to our Canada Summer Jobs Employees

Say hello to our new summer employees Nicole, Jacqueline, and Aanand who will be working at the museum this summer thanks to funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program. They will be assisting with cataloging and research and will give guided tours. Here is a little bit more about them, in their own words.



Hi, my name is Nicole Maxey. I'm 18 and I recently graduated from General Amherst High School. I will be attending Carleton University this fall and studying Computer Science to pursue a career in either the Canadian government or at a major tech company. I was born and raised in Amherstburg and decided that I was ready for another adventure and wanted to explore the rest of Ontario on my own. My interests include baking, skiing, thrift shopping, hanging out with my friends, and cooking. I wanted to work at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum to help improve my public speaking abilities and be more confident in myself. I also wanted to understand the history of this town

more, as well as my own family's history. I think it is very important that we make sure we teach every generation about the history of Amherstburg so we can make sure that it is never lost.

Hi, my name is Jacqueline and I am 16 years old. I currently attend St. Thomas of Villanova and I am going into grade 11. After high school I plan to move away for university and study in the field of health sciences to one day become a physiotherapist or work in the field of sports medicine. Me and my family have lived in Amherstburg our whole lives and I also play travel softball for the Windsor Expos. With playing sports and wanting to go into the field of health science, health and wellness and learning how to live a sustainable, healthy lifestyle is one of my biggest hobbies and passions. I enjoy trying new things and



traveling to be able to see, explore and learn about the different cultures around the world. After university I want to travel and visit places that I have never been to before. Currently I am on the Mayor Youth Advisory Committee where I work alongside many different well respected people in the community to help make Amherstburg more accessible to youth. I also have been doing Tae kwon do since 2012 and I am currently a first degree black belt.

I became interested in this position at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum because I think that it is important to be able to teach others about all of the history that Amherstburg has. As time goes on, less and less people are learning and have knowledge about Amherstburg's Black history and I think it is important to be able to continue to learn and teach. I also like getting involved in the community of Amherstburg and I feel that working here would not just be beneficial to the community, but to me as well. Going into the position, I didn't know a lot about Black history in the community and I was surprised by how much there was. I knew some of the basics like that Amherstburg was part of the underground Railroad and I was eager to learn more.



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Aanand has been with the Amherstburg Freedom Museum since October of 2019 as a Tour Guide. This summer, he is also working with us as a Cataloguer, taking stock of the museum's artifacts and ensuring that our collection is up to date. Although he enjoys giving tours and helping others discover local history, Aanand finds the Cataloguer position especially interesting, because interacting with the museum's artifacts on a daily basis allows him to continue learning about the fascinating and underreported history of this region.

In April, Aanand graduated from the University of Windsor with a degree in Communication, Media, and Film. Aanand has a passion for film of all kinds, but he is especially interested in stories of marginalized people, as he feels that film, like all other art, has the power to bridge gaps between communities and help people understand each other better. His strongest passion is for writing stories, and he hopes to one day turn some of his stories into films of his own.

In his last year at the University, Aanand served as the Coordinator of the UWSA Campus Pride Centre, a service for 2SLGBTQIA+ students and allies. Although the service ran virtually this past year, Aanand was proud of the online events, discussion groups, and educational presentations that the centre was able to provide to the student body. He plans to continue working with the 2SLGBTQIA+ population in the future, as he feels there is much progress to be made for this community, along with many others in Canada.

Aanand is thrilled to continue working at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum this summer, and he hopes that guests both new and old will visit us as it becomes safer to do so.

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2021

Benefiting Amherstburg Freedom Museum

August 7th 2021

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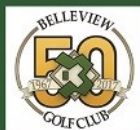
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Emancipation Celebration Panel Discussion

We're excited to host "Moving Forward While Looking Back: An Emancipation Celebration Panel Discussion" on Thursday, August 26th at 1pm. To register, go to our Website <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/emancipation-celebration-panel/>

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Attention supporters! We're looking for volunteers to help with our basement reorganization project. Responsibilities include cleaning & moving and organizing artifacts and furniture.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist at our August 28th Emancipation event. Responsibilities include helping with set up and clean up, working the ticket booth and serving food.

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