

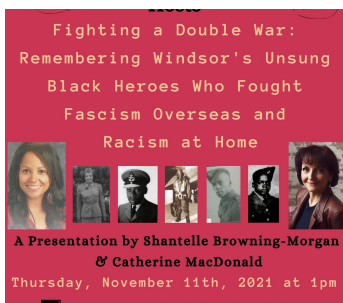


# The TALKING DRUM

## Stories



**Welcome to the  
AFM Board  
Bonita!**



**Fighting a Double War:  
Remembering Windsor's Unsung Black Heroes Who Fought Fascism Overseas and Racism at Home**



**Remembering Those Who Served**

## 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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**November 2021**



## Welcome to the AFM Board Bonita!

**The Amherstburg Freedom Museum would like to introduce our newest Board Director, Bonita Seecharan! Here is more about Bonita, in her own words.**

**BACKGROUND:** Born and raised in Detroit Michigan. Moved to Windsor, Ontario in 1993 with my husband and three children, two of whom currently live in Florida with my four grandchildren. Obtained a Master's Degree in Library Science from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan where I began my career as a Children's Librarian before advancing to the position of Assistant Manager. In 2003, I was recruited to Windsor Public Library for a position in Management which I held until I retired in 2016 from the Ouellette location. This position allowed me to create programs, purchase collection materials, provide reference assistance and create policies and procedures to bring awareness of the services of Windsor Public Library to the community.

**INTERESTS:** I love people and enjoy assisting them in researching information and solving puzzles. I also love to travel, meet people and study other cultures. I have been a member of Ancestry.com for the last four years and enjoy researching my family history. In addition, I love reading historical fiction, crocheting, studying French and word puzzles.

**CONTINUOUS EDUCATION:** I am a firm believer there is always something to learn. That said, I enjoy using creative and fun means in engaging children in learning of their cultural heritage. There is a need to bring more awareness to the community of the contributions of minorities and the historical information available at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum.

**VOLUNTEER WORK:** I have enjoyed volunteering with the Amherstburg Freedom Museum in the past in preparation for programs and at the Teen Action Centre. I look forward to joining the Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board and becoming more actively involved in bringing awareness of their presence to the community.



### 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](mailto:curator@amherstburgfreedom.org)

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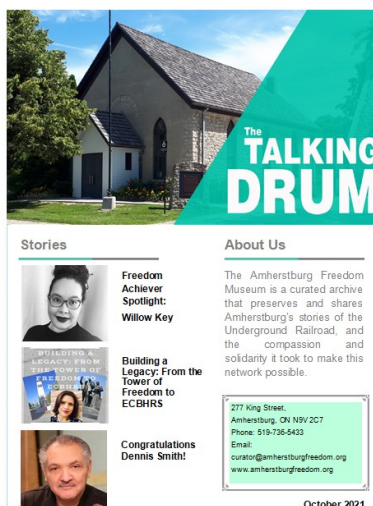


## In Remembrance of Those Who Served

On November 11th at the Essex County War Memorial Cenotaph, The Amherstburg Freedom Museum will present a wreath in remembrance of persons of colour who served/serve in the military. Presentation of the AFM wreath to take place following the service. All are welcome.



## Do You Have Something To Share?



Attention Supporters! Do you have an upcoming event or a Black History related writeup or photographs that you would like us to share in the *Talking Drum*? We're here to help! Please submit event posters and/or Black History related articles & photos to **[curator@amherstburgfreedom.org](mailto:curator@amherstburgfreedom.org)**. All submissions must be sent by the 25th day of the month.

Note: Submission does not guarantee publication in the *Talking Drum*.



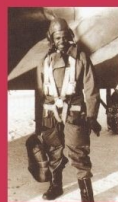


## **"Fighting a Double War"**

Join us on November 11th at the Following Link for "Fighting a Double War: Remembering Windsor's Unsung Black Heroes Who Fought Fascism Overseas and Racism at Home" - <http://ow.ly/MyyW50GnStq>

### **The Amherstburg Freedom Museum Hosts**

**Fighting a Double War:  
Remembering Windsor's Unsung  
Black Heroes Who Fought  
Fascism Overseas and  
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**A Presentation by Shantelle Browning-Morgan  
& Catherine MacDonald**

**Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at 1pm**



**Join Us at the Following Link -  
<http://ow.ly/MyyW50GnStq>**





## Virtual Paint Night!

On Wednesday, November 3rd we are hosting a Virtual Paint Night. To register, go to [AFMPAINTNIGHT.GIVESMART.COM](https://AFMPAINTNIGHT.GIVESMART.COM)

**Amherstburg Freedom  
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NOVEMBER 3RD  
AT 7PM**



- Join us for a fun virtual paint night fundraiser as we paint a beautiful fall sunset
- **Tickets are \$30 each**
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## A Call for Board Directors & Fundraising Committee Members



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