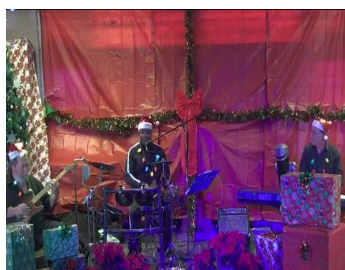




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"Mapping Ontario's Black Archive: A Conversation"

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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Recap of Christmas at the Museum

On Wednesday, December 15th we hosted our annual Christmas at the Museum concert. The evening's program was virtual and featured fan-



tastic performances from Black Orchid and Black Kids in Action. We also heard messages of thanks from this year's Mac

Simpson Award Winners, Isabella Ristic, Isaac Harris and Gabrielle Manore Dubois, in addition to Nathan Maxie and Isabella Ristic who were the recipients of The Maturine-Romain Award which was created by Dr. Bernice McKenzie in honour of her grandmothers, Evelina Maturine and Lucie Romain. You can watch Christmas at the Museum on both our YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDbKEEE-3mU> and Facebook Pages <https://www.facebook.com/AmherstburgFreedom/videos/284177557003434>



A big thank you to everyone who watched, the performers, our host AFM Director Cari-Lynn, and to our sponsor, James H. Sutton Funeral Home. We are also grateful to the fundraising committee for all of their hard work, including fundraising chair, Barb Porter.

We also hosted a silent auction with amazing prizes and wanted to



thank everyone who participated. Additional thanks to everyone who donated prizes to our auction including Marlene Crepp, Ruth Bridgen, Jodi Bridgen, Bev Bridgen, Cari-Lynn Ristic, Barbara Porter,

Dr. Brenda McCurdy, Bonita Seecharan, Phil Alexander, Sheneese Johnson, Dr. Barbara K. Smith Hughes, Eye Smile Dental, and Toronto Railway Museum. We are so grateful for your support!

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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Thank you volunteers!



On Saturday, December 4th, we had our annual volunteer luncheon as a thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. The Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board, Staff and Volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch at Armando's and participated in a fun

gift exchange. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who helped us throughout the year. Additional thanks to our Board of Directors who volunteer their time and energy to making the Museum the best it can be. Thank you Monty, Barb, Phil, Sheneese, Brenda, Barbara K., Cari-Lynn, Bonita, Marcia.

A Call for Board Directors & Fundraising Committee Members



Attention Community Members! Are you looking for a great way to give back to your community? We have a great opportunity for you! The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is looking to take on more Board Directors and/or those interested in being on our Fundraising Committee. **To apply, contact** curator@amherstburgfreedom.org



Mapping Ontario's Black Archive: A Conversation

Join us on January 28th, 2022 at 2pm for "Mapping Ontario's Black Archive: A Conversation" with Dr. Cheryl Thompson & Dr. Karen Cyrus. Join at the following link

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Amherstburg Age-Friendly Initiative Survey



Age-Friendly Communities

Are you a senior or person living with a disability or chronic conditions such as Arthritis, COPD, Diabetes, Hearing loss, Depression and or Anxiety?

The Town of Amherstburg Needs Your Feedback

The purpose is to assess the unmet needs of seniors and people with disabilities (visible & invisible) using an 8 Domain Framework developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and supported by the Provincial Ministry of Seniors and Accessibilities. Needs identified from the surveys will be presented to Town Council in the winter of 2022.

The survey uses a check-list style and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The link to the survey is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKHDM2P>

If you are interested in receiving a paper copy of, please contact Dawn Maziak at 519-280-5240



Check out our Giftshop!



Christmas may be over, but you can still treat yourself to something nice from our giftshop. We've added this beautiful 'North Star' Christmas ornament which is handmade by tinsmiths from the Park House Museum and Milo Johnson's book of poetry, *The Color of Freedom*.

There is also a great selection of books for kids and adults, games, and postcards, plus AFM merchandise like t-shirts, bag tags, pens, mugs and masks. All of these great gifts can be purchased at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum (277 King Street, Amherstburg) or our online giftshop <https://amherstburg-freedom-museum.myshopify.com/>

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