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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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No. 2 Construction Battalion Apology

On July 9th, 2022 in Truro, Nova Scotia, the Federal Government, represented by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, apologized to members of the No. 2 Construction Battalion (Canada's only all-Black military Battalion) for the racism that they experienced while serving in WWI. In the audience were descendants of the men who served in the Battalion, including Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board Vice President Barbara Porter. Her grandfather Alfred Augustus Tudor and two of her great uncles served in the Battalion so it was a very special day for her. Barbara was accompanied by AFM Board Secretary Bonita Seecharan, Shelly Davis and Gladys Hicks. As a descendant of a member of the No. 2 Construction Battalion, Barbara also received a commemorative medal in recognition of the apology. The group also got to meet Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard! Barbara said "I was moved by the apology done by the Prime Minister and felt he was sincere when delivering it, but actions will speak louder than words."



Shelly, Gladys, Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard,
Barbara, Bonita



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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Hi! My name is Nicole Maxey and this is my second summer working at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. I am going into my second year at Carleton University studying computer science. Next year I will be living in a first year residence building at Carleton as a Resident Assistant to help students with the transition into university and living away from home for, possibly, the first time ever. I will be there to create a community with the residents on my floor and to be a friendly face that they can talk to about anything. I wanted to come back to the museum again because I had such a good experience last summer. I am always looking to improve skills such as public speaking, and this job provides the perfect opportunities to do that. There is also so much more to be learned about the history of Amherstburg and African-Canadians' journeys into Canada. I am working here at the museum to help preserve the history of this town. I want the generations after me to have the same opportunities that I had to learn about this important information.



Hi, my name is Anna. I am 20 years old, and I am currently studying Electrical Engineering at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have been happily involved with Windsor's multiculturalism for several years; throughout high school, I loved to help organise Assumption's annual Multicultural Festival. I have also been doing Scottish Highland Dance since 2007 and German Dance with the Teutonia Youth Group since 2019, so I have also been quite involved with Windsor's Carrousel of the Nations. I became interested in working at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum because my older sister worked here a few years ago and because of an experience I had earlier this year. In mid-May, my family came to visit me in Halifax; together, we visited Pier 21 to look for my family's immigration records. Given that my family tends not to talk too much about our history, I quickly came to the realisation that if my grandmother had not been with us to provide family names and other pertinent information, we would not have been able to find any of the records we were looking for, and this part of my family history may have been lost to us forever. This is why I wanted to work at the museum; Windsor-Essex County has such a rich history with respect to the Underground Railroad, but there are many stories that could have been lost without the help of the museum. I want to help keep these stories alive, and I also like being able to learn about Amherstburg's history in an interactive way.



Hello everyone! I am Howard Kuo, and I am a Museum Cataloguer here at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum for the summer of 2022. I am an undergraduate student currently double-majoring in History and Classics at the University of Toronto, where I am going into my fourth and final year of studies. To study history and fully come to understand the past in order to learn from it is a passion of mine and my most important priority when working in the museum archives. Although I am not a native of Amherstburg, having lived first in LaSalle and then Belle River, I hope to really get to know the local community, heritage, and traditions better over the course of these summer months. Some of my hobbies include playing chess, reading novels, watching movies, and listening to music. You can usually find me in the basement working in the archives, but sometimes I will be at the front desk to greet and lead tours as well. It is a pleasure to meet you all!



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To join, <http://ow.ly/ZsC950JQVkt>

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