



The Essex County
Black Historical
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2023 Windsor-Essex Black History Month Activity Schedule

Essex County is rich in Black history. Canadians of African descent have played important roles in the cultural, political, social, and economic progress of our communities. Our region has been populated by people of African descent from the 18th century, when free Black Loyalists as well as enslaved Africans were among the area's early residents; to the 19th century when formerly enslaved African Americans and free people of colour streamed into this area by the thousands, fleeing either bondage or oppression; to the modern era when immigrants from the continent of Africa and the Caribbean made this region their new home.

Here are some of the Black History Month events happening around our region... a combination of in-person and virtual activities this year.

Joint Windsor-Essex Black History Month Kick-Off

Description: The annual Joint Windsor-Essex Black History Month Kick-Off will be happening in person for the first time since 2020! Featuring Black history highlights, poetry, and music, with a focus on stories of Black activism, this free event is hosted by the Essex County Black Historical Research Society, the Windsor West Indian Association, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum, and Black Women of Forward Action. We will publicly recognize the importance of Black History Month as well as encourage the community to participate in the array of Black History Month events hosted locally this year. Thanks to the sponsors and patrons who enable this to be a free event, including the University of Windsor Office of Human Rights, Equity, and Accessibility, Arbor Memorial (Janisse and Morris Sutton Funeral Homes,) Racialized Academics and Advocates Centering Equity and Solidarity, and Women's Enterprise Skills Training. For information, contact ecbhrs@gmail.com.

Date: Friday, January 27th, 2023

Time: 7pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor

Black History Month Flag-Raising

Description: Join students, faculty, staff, and administrators at the University of Windsor Main Campus for a flag raising in honour of Black History/Black Futures Month 2023.

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Time: 12:15pm

Location: Outside Chrysler Hall Tower, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Avenue

Ecumenical Service in Support of the Sandwich Towne Underground Railroad Museum

Description: With proceeds benefiting the Sandwich Towne Underground Railroad Museum at Sandwich First Baptist Church, join the people of Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish and All Saints' Anglican Church as they co-host an Ecumenical Evening Prayer to Conclude the Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity. The service is taking place at Assumption Church (University Avenue and Huron Church Road.) We will come together to pray for Christian unity in the face of the sin of racism with esteemed Windsor-area preacher, the Reverend Tracey Thomas of Campbell African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chatham.

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Assumption Church, 350 Huron Church Road, Windsor

Biblioasis Presents Scotiabank Giller Prize-Winning Author Suzette Mayr

Description: Join Biblioasis in welcoming author Suzette Mayr to read from her latest, Giller Prize-winning book, *The Sleeping Car Porter*. Mayr will be at Biblioasis Bookshop in Windsor for a reading, signing, and short Q&A event. Masks are recommended. Space is wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be provided. Click the link to sign up for the event: <https://forms.gle/PwzLW6BQrxbwkqVM6> or head to <https://biblioasisbookshop.com/events>.

Date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

Time: 7pm

Location: Biblioasis Bookshop, 1520 Wyandotte Street East, Windsor

Free Talk by the Author of *On Account of Darkness: Shining Light on Race and Sport*

Description: Join the Museum Windsor Museum Volunteer Group for a free talk by Ian Kennedy, author of the book *On Account of Darkness: Shining Light on Race and Sport*. In many ways, Ontario's Chatham-Kent region is a microcosm of Canadian multiculturalism. As a terminus of the Underground Railroad, it has long been home to a large Black community Walpole Island and Delaware First Nations are nearby and many interned Japanese Canadians worked on local farms during World War II. The history of sport in the region is emblematic of the challenges that have confronted generations of non-white athletes nationwide. Each chapter uses the story of a local athlete—some famous, others more obscure—to illuminate one aspect of the evolving relationship between race and sport in North America. Combining tales of personal triumph with sports history and social commentary, *On Account of Darkness* examines systemic racism and ambivalent attitudes that persist to this day.

Date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

Time: 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Location: Duff-Baby Interpretation Centre, 221 Mill Street, Windsor

Onstage Concert at the Capitol Theatre

Description: The WSO's very own concertmaster, Lillian Scheirich, brings to life a concerto by the swashbuckling 18th century composer, Joseph Bologne, the Chevalier de St. Georges. Also, hear music composed by Jessie Montgomery, one of the most exciting new composers on the scene today. Her composition *Shift, Change, Turn* provides a new twist on the four seasons. This concert takes place onstage, with cocktail included and light fare. Tickets at windsorsymphony.com

Date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location: The Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor

Cafe Concert: The Chevalier de St. Georges

Description: The Windsor Symphony Orchestra presents a Café Concert: The Chevalier de St. Georges. Enjoy your morning coffee onstage with music and the WSO! The WSO's very own concertmaster, Lillian Scheirich, brings to life a concerto by the swashbuckling 18th century composer, Joseph Bologne, the

Chevalier de St. Georges. Also, hear music composed by Jessie Montgomery, one of the most exciting new composers on the scene today. Her composition *Shift, Change, Turn* provides a new twist on the four seasons. Ticket includes complimentary coffee and tea. Tickets at windsorsymphony.com

Date: Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Time: 11am-12pm

Location: The Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: Opening Ceremony

Description: Join students at the University of Windsor Main Campus for the opening ceremony of AfroFest 2023 featuring speeches, reflections, and spoken word poetry with Bunmi Africa. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance website and social media for further details.

Date: Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Time: 12-1pm

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons, University of Windsor

Canada South Blues Society Proudly Presents the Blackburn Brothers

Description: The Canada South Blues Society proudly presents the Blackburn Brothers with special guest Tim Swaddling and a historical presentation by Elise Harding Davis. The Juno-nominated, multiple award-winning Blackburn Brothers, Underground Railroad descendants, are considered Toronto's First Family of Blues. Tickets available at ticketscene.ca or at Long and McQuade, \$30.00 for Canada South Blues Society members, \$35.00 for non-members.

Date: Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6pm)

Location: Windsor Sportsman's Club, 2401 Dougall Avenue, Windsor

Coalition for Justice Unity Equity Black History Month Event

Description: All Teen Students can reserve their "FREE" dinner reservation. (Casual fun) E-mail coalitionforjusticeunityequity@gmail.com to make a reservation! After finishing up with exams, our students need a break. Free dinner and Visual Arts Show. Pasta, Dinner Roll, Beverages to be served. Pop by, bring your friends, come enjoy. Choose the winning posters! Create your own poster and try to win great prizes! RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE! Website: <https://www.cjue.org/>

Date: Feb 3rd, Feb 10th, Feb 17th, Feb 24th, 2023

Time: 7pm

Location: Hurricanes Restaurant, 3217 Sandwich Street, Windsor

Windsor Symphony Orchestra Concert: Celebrating Black Voices

Description: In partnership with the River Bookshop, and the Amherstburg Freedom Museum Windsor, the Windsor Symphony Orchestra presents WSO concertmaster, Lillian Scheirich, brings to life a concerto by the swashbuckling 18th century composer, Joseph Bologne, the Chevalier de St. Georges. Jessie Montgomery's composition *Shift, Change, Turn* provides a new twist on the four seasons. Jessie is one of the most exciting new composers on the scene today. Vocalist Florine Ndimubandi sings *Amazing Grace* and Oscar Peterson's 1962 *Hymn to Freedom*.

Date: Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Time: 7pm

Tickets: \$30 at windsorsymphony.com

Location: Nazrey A.M.E. Church @ the Amherstburg Freedom Museum and

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Time: 2pm

Location: Sandwich First Baptist Church, 3652 Peter Street, Windsor

Featured Author: Desmond Cole

Description: Desmond Cole is a Canadian journalist, activist, broadcaster, and author of the #1 nationally bestselling book *The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power*. He'll deliver a powerful talk about his work and his experience with racial injustice.

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Time: 1pm

Location: Nazrey A.M.E. Church @ the Amherstburg Freedom Museum

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/desmond-cole-a-celebration-of-black-history-month-tickets-514145913267>

Tribute to the Life, Legacy, and Music of Bob Marley

Description: Wear your Marley gear or come as you are to a tribute to the life, legacy, and music of Bob Marley (February 6, 1945-May 11, 1981), featuring Universal Expression with DJ Staxx and DJ GT Trini, at Diva's Delite Restaurant. Tickets \$20 in advance, slightly higher at the door. For information, call (519) 253-3333 or (519) 890-6188.

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Time: 9pm-2am

Location: Diva's Delite, 110 Chatham Street West, Windsor

Storytime @ River Bookshop

Description: Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board Director, Cari-Lynn Ristic, is our guest reader for this week's Storytime, and will read a selection of titles related to the Black experience.

Date: Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Time: 1pm

Location: River Bookshop

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: Away from Home Panel Discussion

Description: Join students at the University of Windsor Main Campus for a panel discussion about living away from home, challenges faced by out-of-town and international students of Black/African/Caribbean descent, the pursuit of independence, and culture shock. Panelists will include Farrah Francis, Doxa Zannou, and Dr. Anushka Plumb. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) website and social media for further details.

Date: Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

Time: 4-6pm

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons, University of Windsor

Beyond Freedom: Black North American Border-Crossers in the Emancipation Generation

Description: Dept. of History, University of Windsor & the Essex County Black Historical Research Society present "Beyond Freedom - Black North American border crossers in the Emancipation Generation," with Dr. Adam Arenson, Manhattan College.

Date: Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

Time: 7pm

Location: Performance Hall, SoCA Armouries, 37 University Ave. East, Windsor

Willow Key Presents "Windsor's Black Mecca: Recovering the Stories of the McDougall Street Corridor"

Description: University of Windsor Master's student Willow Key will discuss the history of Windsor's historic McDougall Street Corridor, which was destroyed by postwar urban redevelopment.

Date: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Hole in The Wall @ River Bookshop

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/willow-key-recovering-the-stories-of-the-mcdougall-street-corridor-tickets-515088322037>

It Started With A Dream: The History of the Amherstburg Freedom Museum

Description: Amherstburg Freedom Museum Curator, Mary-Katherine Whelan, and Assistant Curator, Dr. Lorene Bridgen-Lennie, will give a presentation about the history of the Nazrey A.M.E. Church, Taylor Log Cabin, and Museum building, and their significance to Underground Railroad History and Black settlement in Canada.

Date: Thursday, February 9th, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Hole in The Wall @ River Bookshop

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/it-started-with-a-dream-the-history-of-the-amherstburg-freedom-museum-tickets-515093928807>

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: Winter Market

Description: Join students at the University of Windsor Main Campus for a Winter Market featuring a plethora of goods sold by Windsor-Essex Black-owned businesses. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) website and social media for further details.

Date: Friday, February 10th, 2023

Time: 10am-2pm

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons, University of Windsor

An Evening of Oscar Peterson: Film and Concert

Description: The Windsor International Film Festival and Windsor Symphony Orchestra present An Evening of Oscar Peterson, featuring the film *Oscar Peterson: Black + White*, plus a concert featuring the WSO and pianist Thompson Egbo-Egbo. Your ticket includes the film, concert, and food between events. Oscar Peterson, regarded as one of the greatest jazz pianists of all time, is among Canada's most honoured musicians. Peterson's Canadiana Suite, originally written as a ballet, will be performed with jazz trio and orchestra. Florence Price's Symphony No. 1 – her first full-scale orchestral composition – was the first symphony by a Black woman to be performed by a major American orchestra. Tickets at windsorsymphony.com

Date: Saturday, February 11th, 2023

Time: 5pm

Location: The Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor

A Celebration of Oscar Peterson: Concert

Description: The Windsor Symphony Orchestra presents A Celebration of Oscar Peterson, a concert featuring the WSO and pianist Thompson Egbo-Egbo. Oscar Peterson, regarded as one of the greatest jazz pianists of all time, is among Canada's most honoured musicians. Peterson's Canadiana Suite, originally written as a ballet, will be performed with jazz trio and orchestra. Florence Price's Symphony

No. 1 – her first full-scale orchestral composition – was the first symphony by a Black woman to be performed by a major American orchestra. Tickets at windsorsymphony.com

Date: Saturday, February 11th, 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Location: The Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor
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Date: Sunday, February 12th, 2023

Time: 2:30pm

Location: The Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor

Windsor West Indian Association's Annual Black History Brunch

Description: Featuring delicious Caribbean cuisine, the Windsor West Indian Association's annual Black History Brunch is happening 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission \$30 for adults, \$15 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased by calling (519) 945-0213 or by e-mail to secretary@wwia.club or at the door.

Date: Sunday, February 12th, 2023

Time: 1pm-5pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor

92nd Annual Valentine Tea

Description: The British Methodist Episcopal Church, one of Windsor's continuing Underground Railroad-era historic Black congregations, presents the 92nd Annual Valentine Tea in a special location, All Saints' Anglican Church. Guest Speaker, Mrs. Florence Logan, 99 years of age, will share her stories. Brief historical remarks will also be offered by Irene Moore Davis and Nancy Allen. Come and be part of this nearly century-old annual tradition.

Date: Sunday, February 12th, 2023

Time: 3pm

Location: All Saints' Anglican Church Parish Hall, 330 City Hall Square West, Windsor

A Blaze of Story – Ancestors, Featuring Mbonisi Zikhali Zomkhonto

Description: Join poet/storyteller Mbonisi Zikhali Zomkhonto and City of Windsor Multicultural Storyteller Teajai Travis for a Blaze of Story – Ancestors. His spoken word/storytelling name is Zomkhonto which happens to be his bloodline's totem. Zomkhonto is a trained journalist, youth mentor, qualified Community Services Worker, grassroots community organizer, and mental wellness advocate. He considers himself an afro-empath. Mbonisi is driven to ensure that people find joy in the power of words and storytelling. This is the first in a series of ancestral storytelling events presented by Sacred Story Studio: a multimedia platform dedicated to the promotion, exhibition, and preservation of storytelling. Seating is limited and there are no reservations so arrive early to claim your seat! Pay what you can. Note that there is an open call for submissions: if you would like to be featured at a future event, send a brief synopsis of your ancestral story(ies) to sacredstorystudio@gmail.com.

Date: Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

Time: 5pm

Location: Café Amor & Art, 1464 Ottawa Street, Windsor

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: Talent Show

Description: Join in the fun at the University of Windsor Main Campus for a talent show featuring student performers of Black/African/Caribbean descent. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) website and social media for further details.

Date: Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

Time: 6-8pm

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons, University of Windsor

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: Smart Money Tribe

Description: Join in an important conversation about money management and Black wealth building. Panelists will include Dr. Kemi Anazodo, Lydia Ughulu, and Arjei Franklin. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) website and social media for further details.

Date: Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

Time: 4-6pm

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons, University of Windsor

Creating Global Solidarity Through the Making of an Open Educational Resource on Anti-Black Racism

Description: Join us virtually on Thursday, February 16th at 2pm as we welcome Dr. Nadia Prendergast, Samin Barakati, Seyedeh-Samin Barakati, Fabliha Awal, Caitlin Cosgrove, and Adedayo Adegbola who will present "Creating Global Solidarity Through the Making of an Open Educational Resource on Anti-Black Racism." They will discuss a resource they created that focuses on anti-Black racism for the nursing professional.

Date: Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Time: 2pm

Location: Online <http://ow.ly/8VFi50M5JQH>

New McDougall Street Corridor Black History Digital Archive

Description: Join the Essex County Black Historical Research Society for our February meeting on Zoom. Dr. Heidi LM Jacobs and lead graduate student researcher Willow Key will provide an overview of the new We Were Here: Documenting Windsor's McDougall Street Corridor digital archive hosted by Leddy Library... a remarkable collection of images, essays, maps, excerpts of interviews with McDougall Street Corridor residents and descendants, and more. The project was initiated in 2021 through a partnership between the ECBHRS and Leddy. The McDougall Street Corridor, the traditional neighbourhood of Windsor's Black community, was a dynamic commercial and residential district known for its Black businesses, social clubs, churches, activist organizations, and even a Black-owned hotel... until urban renewal initiatives devastated the area. Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0od-ihRDoqGtECbd13yebzNcZgYZ6Rv6J7>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Date: Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Time: 7pm

Location: virtual

Célébrer le Mois de l'histoire des noirs en famille

Description: Le CCFWEK vous invite à célébrer le Mois de l'histoire des noirs en famille !! Venez avec vos enfants de 3 à 10 ans au Carrefour communautaire (720 avenue Ouellette, Windsor, ON.) Ce vendredi, 17 février 2023. Deux sessions organisées :

1re Session: de 10h30 à 12h00

2è Session: de 16.30 à 18h00

Des pancakes et du chocolat chaud seront également disponibles. Tous les enfants qui y participeront pourront choisir un livre à emporter avec eux à la maison ! Évènement pour les enfants de 3 à 10 ans, accompagnés de leurs parents. Pour votre inscription cliquez <https://ccfwek.org/events/fevrier-mois-de-lhistoire-des-noirs-en-famille-au-ccfwek/> ou APPELEZ LE CCFWEK, Tél. 519 948 5545.

Le Centre Communautaire Francophone Windsor Essex Kent (CCFWEK) invites you to celebrate Black History Month at The Crossroads! Bring your children ages 3 - 10 to the Community Crossroads (720 Ouellette Ave, Windsor, ON.) Any child that participates will be able to choose a book to take home with them! Date: Friday, February 17, 2023. Two sessions will be held:

1st session: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

2nd Session: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Pancakes and hot chocolate will be available as well.

Event for kids ages 3-10 with their parents.

Register at <https://ccfwek.org/events/fevrier-mois-de-lhistoire-des-noirs-en-famille-au-cckwek/> or CALL CCFWEK at 519 948 5545.

Date: Friday, February 17th, 2023

1st session: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

2nd Session: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Le Carrefour Communautaire, 720 avenue Ouellette, Windsor

A Snapshot of the History of the Windsor-Essex County Black Community

Description: Unifor Local 444 Black Indigenous Workers of Colour present their 2023 Black History Month Event, "A Snapshot of the History of the Windsor-Essex County Black Community," featuring various entertainment and a historical presentation by Irene Moore Davis, followed by dinner. Tickets are \$10.

Date: Saturday, February 18th, 2023

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Unifor Local 200-444, 1855 Turner Road, Windsor

Public Launch of New McDougall Street Corridor Murals

Description: With the generous support of FedDev Ontario, the Essex County Black Historical Research Society has commissioned three new murals near the intersection of Erie and Mercer Streets, in the heart of the McDougall Street Corridor, downtown Windsor's traditional Black neighbourhood. Artists Jermaine Baylis, Ed Irmen, and DERKZ were selected to commemorate the rich Black history of the area. Join the ECBHRS at 400 Erie Street East (alley between Erie and Brodhead, just east of Mercer) for a special event to celebrate the murals. Meet the artists along with family members of some of the historical figures depicted. Refreshments will be served; please RSVP to ecbhrr@gmail.com.

Date: Thursday, February 23rd, 2023

Time: 1pm

Location: 400 Erie Street East, Windsor

Black Kids in Action Present "How Did We Get Here"

Description: Join Black Kids in Action Performing Arts Group as they perform "How Did We Get Here?" will perform "Telling Our Story: Black History Month" on their YouTube page, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$30.00 until Jan. 31st, \$35.00 afterward, or \$40.00 at the door. For information: Marcia, 519-566-8791, Malcom, 236-971-5112, or e-mail bkiayouths2019@gmail.com

Date: Friday, February 24th, 2023

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6pm)

Location: Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor

Nigerian Canadians for Cultural, Educational and Economic Progress Omoluabi Black History Month Event

Description: Omoluabi Black History Month Event, stay tuned for more details! Website:
<https://www.ncceep.com/events.html>

Date: February 25th & 26th

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Annual Black History Tea Party

Description: You're encouraged to wear your hat or fascinator and join the Windsor West Indian Association for its annual Black History Tea Party which will feature food, music, tea of course, and a presentation by Joan and Treavor Jones, "Reggae: A musical journey from Africa to the World". Admission by donation. For information, call (519) 945-0213 or e-mail secretary@wwia.club.

Date: Sunday, February 26th, 2023

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: Trivia Night

Description: Join students at the University of Windsor Main Campus for a trivia night featuring Black/African/Caribbean history and culture. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) website and social media for further details.

Date: Tuesday, February 28th, 2023

Time: 6-8pm

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons

Activities and Resources at the Windsor Public Library

Description: Windsor Public Library offers collections that celebrate Black heritage, encourage diverse and unique voices, and consider the historical significance of Black activists from around the world. Many books, ebooks, audiobooks, and DVDs are available! Also, in honour of Black History Month, WPL is offering several events and activities, geared to adults, children, and youth around the city... from Black history-related story time to film screenings to arts and crafts and much more. Visit <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/W/WINDSOR/EKP.cfm?zeeOrg=WINDSOR> to see what's happening at various Windsor Public Library branches.

Date: February 2023

Location: Multiple Windsor Public Library branches. Visit the "Programs" page at the Windsor Public Library website and click "Calendar of Events" for details.

A Celebration of Black History Month: Looking Forward from the Past

Rarely Seen: Art from the Amherstburg Freedom Museum Collection

Description: Art from the Amherstburg Freedom Museum collection is showcased at River Bookshop for the month of February. The artwork features a mix of styles, techniques, and subject matter related to the Black experience.

Date: Every Saturday and Sunday in February

Time: 12-5pm

Location: Hole in The Wall @ River Bookshop

Going Beyond Religion: The Activism and Community Service of Black Churches in Amherstburg and Colchester, 1826-1955

Description: Temporary exhibit highlighting the Black Churches in Amherstburg and Colchester highlighting the importance of the church as not only a place of refuge for Freedom Seekers, but also a

community centre, an educational institution, and a place for Black settlers to organize and discuss their concerns.

Date: February 2023

Time: Museum Operating Hours 12-5pm Tue-Fri & 1-5pm Sat & Sun

Location: Amherstburg Freedom Museum 277 King Street, Amherstburg

The Artists of Colour: Abstracted Realities

Description: Participating artists include Edward Milo Johnson, Lois Smith Larkin, Connie Lee-Turner, Dennis K. Smith, Manzella V. Vincent, Lana E. Talbot, Nicole A. Talbot, James Walls, and Susan Johnson-Washington. The voices of Black artists reverberate through history from ancient times. They cannot be ignored. No longer absent from historical records, they continue to speak independently through media of visual art, music, and literature. The process of selective filtering has been practiced in art throughout history and has rendered the Black artist as invisible. The fact that works of notable Black artists of the past have been excluded from mainstream art galleries for centuries highlights a form of abstraction. Our collective voices must be raised in protest. Today the works of many eminent Black artists are recognized as historically significant contributions and have taken their place beside other influential artists. The works in this exhibit are the narratives of *The Artists of Colour*.

Date: On display through February 19th

Time: Please visit <https://artwindsorsex.ca/> for hours of operation.

Location: Art Windsor Essex, 401 Riverside Drive West, Windsor

Manuel Mathieu: World Discovered Under Other Skies

Description: The Haitian-born Canadian artist Manuel Mathieu is known for vibrant, colourful paintings that seamlessly merge abstraction with figuration. His work reflects on our intertwined lives, in which the boundaries between the past and present or the personal and political are often blurred. Sharing recollections that depict everyday scenes, Mathieu also blends into his canvases an interrogation of the complex history of his familial homeland, Haiti. By unearthing the traumas of state violence, he addresses issues that remain as urgent today as they have been throughout Haitian history. This exhibition features a collection of new and past works, including paintings, drawings, and ceramics, shedding light on Haiti's relationship to the world.

Date: On display through February 19th

Time: Please visit <https://artwindsorsex.ca/> for hours of operation.

Location: Art Windsor Essex, 401 Riverside Drive West, Windsor

Focus on Black Innovators in STEM

Description: The social media channels of the University of Windsor Leddy Library will feature tributes to Black inventors, scientists, and innovators throughout the month of February.

Date: February 2023

Location: Follow Leddy Library on social media.

Black History Month Trivia

Description: Follow the University of Windsor website and social media channels for news about the many excellent virtual events planned for Black History/Black Futures Month as well as weekly trivia contests!

Date: February 2023

Location: Follow the University of Windsor on social media.

Buy Black Twenty Eight Day Challenge

Description: Join Black Business Can for the 3rd annual Buy Black 28 Day Challenge throughout Black History Month. There will be a showcase of Black-owned businesses on Facebook and Instagram that you can learn about, visit, and enjoy with your family.

Date: February 2023

Location: Visit blackbusinessontario.ca, <http://facebook.com/blackbusinesscan> or <http://Instagram.com/blackbusinesscan>.

Note: This activity schedule is a living document. Check our online/social media channels for the latest, most up to date information!



Keep up to date on 2023 Black History Month events happening in our region!

Visit <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/bhm/> for the latest and most accurate information.



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