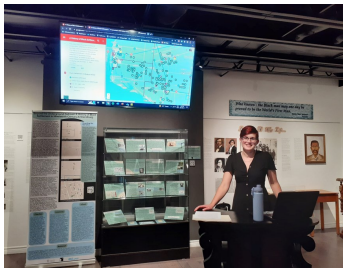




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About Us

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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Beyond the Underground Railroad Exhibit Opening



On Thursday, August 31st, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum hosted the exhibit opening for *Beyond the Underground Railroad: A History of Black Settlement in 19th Century Amherstburg* which was created by University of Windsor student Karleigh Kochaniec. This exhibit is

part of the Local Black History Internship Program which was created in partnership between the Amherstburg Freedom Museum and the University of Windsor's History Department. The Internship is also generously funded by the Board of Amherstburg Freedom Museum and a Mitacs Accelerate Program Grant.



During Karleigh's presentation, she talked about her exhibit and shared her experience in creating both the in-person exhibit and digital map, which maps Black settlement in Essex County and shares the stories of those connected to the listed properties. *Beyond the Underground Railroad: A History of Black Settlement in 19th Century Amherstburg* is on display until December 31st. To view the digital map please go to <https://ow.ly/8xC350PPluV>



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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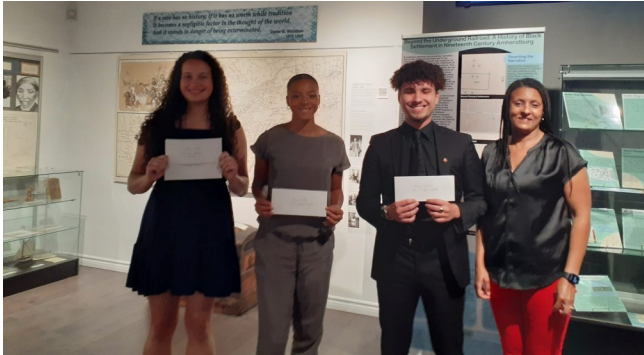
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Mac Simpson and Maturine-Romain Scholarship Awards!



On August 31st, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum awarded the Mac Simpson Award and Maturine-Romain Scholarship to students of African descent who commenced their post-secondary education in September. The Mac Simpson Award was created to honour the legacy of Museum founder, Melvin 'Mac' Simpson and the Maturine-Romain Award is given on behalf of Dr. Bernice McKenzie to honour the lives and memory of her grandmothers, Evelina Maturine

and Lucie Romain. Thank you to AFM Board Director Cari-Lynn Ristic for presenting the awards and the scholarship judging panel for determining the winners. Additional thanks to Guy Logan for generously supporting this year's Mac Simpson Scholarship fund. Congratulations to all the winners!

Scholarship Winners!



Jordyn Taylor was awarded both a Mac Simpson Award and a Maturine-Romain Scholarship. She attended Kingsville District High School and is currently enrolled in the Advertising and Marketing Communication Management Program at St. Clair College. Jordyn's extracurricular activities include karate, swimming, dance and long distance running. She was also on the Honour Roll.



Reese Akpata is the winner of a Mac Simpson Award. Reese attended Sandwich Secondary High School and is studying Criminology and Law at Wilfred Laurier University/ Sussex University. He enjoys playing hockey and track and field, and was on the Black, African and Caribbean Student Advisory Committee, while being on the Academic Honour Roll.



Mya Mulder was awarded a Mac Simpson Scholarship. She was a student at North Star High School and is currently studying Occupational/Physiotherapy Assisting at St. Clair College. Mya's extracurricular activities include basketball, track and field, and spirit team. She was also on the Honour Roll, while acting as a mentor for Amherstburg Public School Students and a leader/counsellor at Youth Leadership Camp.

Ya-Shania Waltin was unable to attend the award ceremony, but is the winner of a Mac Simpson Award. Ya-Shania attended W.F. Herman Academy and is currently studying Architecture Technology at Fanshawe. Ya-Shania's extracurricular activities include robotics club, art club, photography club, and eco team, while being on the Honour Roll.

Quincy Browning-Morgan was unable to attend the award ceremony, but is the winner of a Maturine-Romain Scholarship. He attended W.F. Herman Academy and is studying Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor. His interests include basketball, coaching, and volunteering with Big Brothers, Big Sisters (administrative work), while being on the Honour Roll.



Still Standing

On September 26th, Season 9 of *Still Standing* premiered and the Amherstburg Freedom



Museum was thrilled to be a part of the episode. In the episode, Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board President, Monty Logan, gave the show's host Jonny Harris a tour of the Nazrey African Methodist Episcopal Church, Taylor Cabin and the permanent gallery, while discussing the town's significant Black History. You can watch the full episode on CBC Gem here <https://gem.cbc.ca/still-standing/s09>

Amherstburg Fort Malden Horticultural Society Trillium Award

On September 26th, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum was honoured to accept a 2023 Trillium Award from the Amherstburg Fort Malden Horticultural Society. This award recognizes spaces with front yard appeal through good landscape design, maintenance, and efforts to enhance the beauty of Amherstburg. We received a painted Trillium garden stake which will be on display in our garden.

Accepting the award was Amherstburg Freedom Museum Curator Mary-Katherine Whelan and long-time volunteer Carolin Harris (pictured) who has tended to our garden for many years. We are so grateful to Carolin for all of her efforts to create and maintain this beautiful space here at the Museum.



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Amherstburg Freedom Museum would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Charitable Gaming Windsor** and **Paradise Gaming Centre** for their continued support. Throughout the years, they have helped us keep the Museum open and running, and allowed for us to continue to offer programming that shares the significant history of Freedom Seekers and Black settlers in this region. Thank you! For more information and how Charitable Gaming supports non-profits and local communities across Ontario, please go to charitablegaming.ca



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