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Black History Month presentation on Owen Sound's Potter's Field to be held at BCM&CC

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Titled Erasing Erasure, the talk will focus on those buried in Potter's Field, many who were fleeing slavery in the US via the Underground Railroad, including members of Dorothy Abbott's family, and arriving at its northernmost terminus in Owen Sound. Black settlers still faced enormous systemic racism in Canada at this time and many were considered impoverished and required burial in Potter's Field, which became operational in 1860 and was in use for more than 100 years.

The Potter's Field project has won five awards, including most recently an Architectural Conservancy Ontario Heritage Award.

Erasing Erasure takes place, Saturday, February 4 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Museum's Bruce Power Theatre with refreshments to follow. The presentation will be recorded and made available online for later viewing.

Members FREE; General Admission Applies. For registration visit brucemuseum.ca. Proudly presented by Judy Rich Barrister & Solicitor.

About Black History Month

During Black History Month (February 1-28), Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

About the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre offers adult and children's programming, special events, and is home to the Bruce County Archives & Research Room. Our mandate is to preserve and make available the documentary heritage of Bruce County.

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