

# The Torch

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## Second World War Artist Visits the Museum and the Friends

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Robert Hyndman in the FCWM Office, surrounded by many of the regular Tuesday Volunteers. Back row, left to right: David Holmes, Reg Redknapp, Abe Tarasofsky, John Courtney, Marcel Lavigne, Jack Dunn, Ramsey Withers. Front row, left to right: Hunter Dunn, Robert Hyndman, Jacquie Gagnon.

On Tuesday, March 24 the Friends had a very special visitor: the Second World War artist Robert Hyndman. Robert was a fighter pilot until 1944, when he was appointed an official war artist.

This was Robert's first visit to the CWM, and his personal tour guide was none other than Ramsey Withers.

The CWM owns 122 of Robert's paintings, mostly portraits. Three of them are on exhibit (two on the Portrait Wall and one in Gallery 3.) Two of his works also appeared in the groundbreaking Canvas of War exhibit which travelled across Canada in the first half of this decade.

### ADOPT-A-BOOK 2009

Please see the insert with this issue of *The Torch* for full details of this year's campaign in support of the Military History Research Centre.

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## Online Exhibition on the History of the Canadian Navy

Genevieve de Mahy, Manager, CCO Projects

In connection with the Centennial of the Canadian navy in 2010, the Canadian War Museum is developing an online resource, to explore the role of sailors, navies and sea power in Canadian history. The module will highlight nearly 1,000 objects, from the collection of the Canadian War Museum and other partner institutions, and follows the Museum's highly successful *Canadian and the First World War* web module, launched in 2008.

The story will be presented using a rich variety of personal stories and objects, including original photographs, letters, artworks, uniforms, technical equipment from ships and shore establishments, models, medals, and commemorative items.

Site visitors, including educators, youth, and researchers, will find unprecedented access to naval objects and personal stories at this dynamic site, many of them presented for the first time, in vivid colour and detail. Education lesson plans, primary source materials and research tips will allow visitors to use the module as the starting point for further research.

This project, funded in part by the Canada Culture Online initiative, a federal program sponsored by the Department of Canadian Heritage, has a project team of 13 members and, throughout its develop-

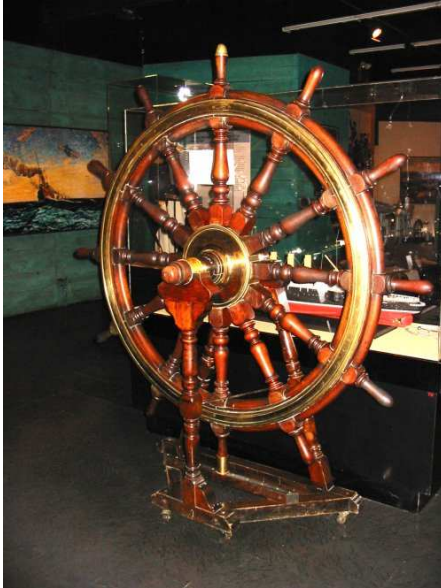
ment, will include the input of many more colleagues from across the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation. Also involved are several key partners, including the Canadian Naval Centennial Committee (1910-2010), the Naval Museum of Alberta, and HMCS *Haida*, a National Historic Site of Parks Canada.

The Canadian War Museum looks forward to presenting this resource and invites visitors to look for it on the Museum's main website, under the "Online Exhibitions" menu, beginning in November 2009.



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## The Friends Salute the Navy's Centennial



The ship's wheel of HMCS Rainbow, on display in Gallery 2.

May 4, 2010 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Canadian Navy. In honour of this centennial, the Board of the Friends has authorized three special initiatives:

- The creation of additional Fact Sheets on naval topics
- The inclusion of special 4-page naval supplements in the 4 issues of *The Torch* culminating with the May 2010 issue
- The posting on the FCWM web site of additional Navy-

related material which cannot be fitted into one of the above formats

Fact Sheets are brief (2 to 4 page) FCWM-sponsored publications which provide background on topics of Canadian military history. Each fact sheet is researched and written by one or more Friends, and most include relevant photos or graphics. To date 21 have been produced:

- 5 on "Personalities and Services"
- 4 on the Air Force
- 4 on the Navy
- 7 on the Army
- 1 miscellaneous.

The existing Naval Fact Sheets are:

- HMCS *Niobe*, The Birth of a Navy
- Canadian River Class Frigates
- HMCS *Bonaventure*
- Valour at Sea - Canada's Merchant Navy in WW2

Hard copies of all Fact Sheets are available in the FCWM office. All of them are also available on the Friends' web site ([www.friends-amis.org](http://www.friends-amis.org)) under the Publications menu.

The upcoming 4-page supple-

ments to The Torch newsletter will focus on stories in the following major categories:

- CWM exhibits on navy subjects (providing additional details beyond what is included in the exhibit itself)
- Service-related experiences and reminiscences of naval Friends
- Current CWM volunteer activities involving naval Friends

These supplements will be stapled into the newsletter as the middle 4 pages. This will make it easy to remove and file them separately. Some copies of each supplement may be printed separately for publicity and marketing purposes.

The FCWM Communications Committee has met on this subject, and the content and format of the first supplement is well in hand. We continue to look for specific suggestions on subjects for the new Fact Sheets. Interested Friends may contact us via email at [comms-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca](mailto:comms-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca) or by phone at the Friends' office (819-776-8618).



## Museum Architect Wins Governor General's Award

The renowned architect of the Canadian War Museum, Ramond Moriyama, again received recognition for his outstanding artistic achievement

at a ceremony at Rideau Hall on 25th March, 2009, when the Governor General presented him with the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts

and a \$25,000 prize. Amongst numerous other awards, Mr Moriyama was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2008

## Silver Cross Mother 2008



Mrs. Avril Dianne Stachnik and Angus Brown, President of the Friends.

This year's Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother, Mrs Avril Dianne Stachnik, visited the War Museum during Remembrance Week and was greeted by the Director-General, Mr Mark O'Neill, and by our President, Col Angus Brown, who presented her with a Friends' Life Membership plaque on behalf of all Friends.

Mrs Stachnik is the mother of the late Sergeant Shane Hank Stachnik who was killed in an

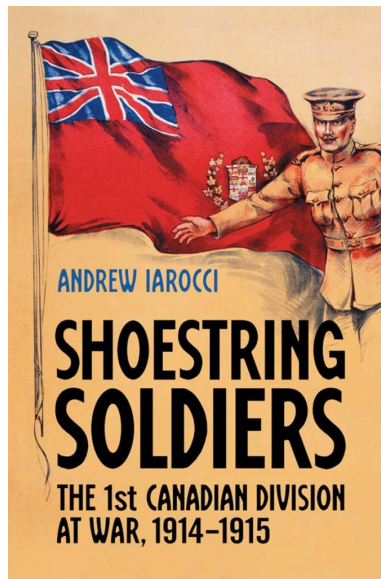
ambush while leading his section in Afghanistan on 3 September, 2006. Sgt Stachnik was a member of 2 Combat Engineer Regiment based at CFB Petawawa. He was on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan when he was killed. Honores ad Memoriam.

## Book by CWM Research Fellow

***Shoestring Soldiers: The 1st Canadian Division at War, 1914-1915*, by Andrew Iarocci.**

*Shoestring Soldiers* is the first scholarly study since 1938 to focus exclusively on Canada's initial overseas experience from late 1914 to the end of 1915.

In this exciting new work, Andrew Iarocci challenges the dominant view that the 1st Canadian Division was poorly prepared for war in 1914, and less than effective during battles in 1915. He examines the first generations of men to serve overseas with the division: their training, leadership, morale, and



combat operations from Salisbury Plain to the Ypres

Salient, from the La Bassée Canal to Ploegsteert Wood. Iarocci contends that setbacks and high losses in battle were not so much the products of poor training and weak leadership as they were of inadequate material resources on the Western Front.

*Shoestring Soldiers* incorporates a wealth of research material from official documents, soldiers' letters and diaries, and the battlefields themselves, surveyed extensively by the author. It marks an important contribution to the growing body of literature on Canada in the First World War.

## Spare Change ??

If you have significant quantities of small change weighing down your purse or gathering dust at home, the Friends may have a solution. Bring the change – unwrapped – to the Friends' office. We will sort and wrap it, and the money will be used in support of the Museum. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over \$10.00.

## Major New Temporary Exhibit in Cooperation with Imperial War Museum

### **Camouflage**

#### **LeBreton Gallery**

**June 4, 2009 – January 3, 2010**

In the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever held on the subject, *Camouflage* will explain how the development of aerial surveillance led to the need to camouflage guns, equipment and buildings; how artists sought to confuse U-boats by painting ships in 'dazzle' patterns; why camouflage uniforms were adopted world-wide in place of the colourful uniforms of the 19th century; and how over recent decades camouflage has entered into popular culture through art and design and in fashion where its original use has been subverted to make the wearer stand

out rather than disappear.

The first camouflage unit was set up by the French army in 1915. This pioneering body, which comprised mainly artists, used Cubist techniques to hide equipment and to make uniforms less visible.

The work of the French camouflage units at the outbreak of the First World War prompted the establishment of British camouflage teams who also employed artists. Some of the most dramatic exhibits from this period featured in the exhibition are the original dazzle plans and ship models from the IWM's collections

In the Second World War camouflage became more sophisticated. *Camouflage* will explore how scientists, including

the zoologist Hugh Cott, played a part in developing techniques of concealment and deception during this period, along with a large community of creative people including the architect Hugh Casson, advertising designer Ashley Havinden and Surrealist painter Roland Penrose.

The exhibition will also explain how in recent decades camouflage has infiltrated popular culture. It has been used as a uniform for anti-war protestors and also taken up by singers and musicians such as The Clash, Public Enemy and Madonna.

This exhibit, borrowed from the Imperial War Museum, has been supplemented by material from the CWM.

## Military History Conferences a Great Success

This winter, the Canadian War Museum was pleased to host two conferences, made possible by the generous help of the Donner Canadian Foundation and the Friends of the Canadian War Museum.

**"Is Difficult Important? Canadian Museums and the Search for Social Values"** saw Museum professionals from across Canada come together to address the critical issue of how Canadian museums and other cultural agencies can, or should, deal with contested or otherwise

difficult subjects or methodologies. Speakers from all over Canada, as well as a couple from the United States participated in the two-day conference. It was held 18-19 February 2009.

The second conference **"Wars With Words: Great Debates in Canadian Military History"** was a day long event with some of Canada's top military historians debating everything from Bomber Command to which battle was truly the Great Canadian Battle:

Vimy Ridge or the Plains of Abraham. The day was capped off with Dr. Roger Sarty and Dr. Desmond Morton in a series of quick fire debates ranging in topics from Louis Riel to the unification of the Canadian Forces. During the day in the Galleries, volunteers led discussions, comparing and contrasting items from the Museum's Collections, including the Ross Rifle and the Lee-Enfield Rifle. "Wars with Words" was held on Vimy Ridge Day, 9 April 2009.

## New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009.

Mr. Doug Beaton  
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## FCWM Changes Office Manager



After fifteen remarkable and unique years of service to the Friends, **LCol (ret'd) Alf Rasmussen** signed in at 0730 hrs on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009 to serve his last day as Office Manager. Since moving to the new Museum he has religiously reported for duty three days a week at that time, but before that his record of service to the Friends was even more remarkable.

Commencing in 1994 as the Associate Campaign Director of our very successful *Passing the Torch* fund-raising campaign he commenced work at the office every week day even earlier - at 0700 hrs, until we moved to the new building. In recognition of his outstanding record of dedicated service Alf was made an Honorary Life Member of the Friends at our 19<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting.

Our new Office Manager is **Erin Fowler**. Erin is originally from Montreal. She has a B.A. in History from Concordia University in Montreal and spent many years working for Birks Jewellers. She married in 1999 and because of her husband's



military career has lived in many locations across the country. She and her husband have been in Ottawa for about four years. A highlight of recent years was a Battlefields Tour the couple took in 2007, culminating at the re-dedication ceremony of the memorial at Vimy Ridge. She had always wanted to be involved with the War Museum and became an eager volunteer in the fall of 2007.

## 22nd Annual General Meeting – Reminder

Friends are reminded of the 22nd annual general meeting, to be held in Ateliers C and D of the Museum, on Wednesday June 3, 2009 commencing at 7p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Business will consist of:

- Approval of the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> AGM
- The President's Report
- The Financial Report
- Election of Directors

- Appointment of Honorary Life Members
- Appointment of Auditor
- Other Business

## Late Twentieth Century War Art

This new exhibit, *A Brush With War: Military Art from Korea to Afghanistan* has been organized by the CWM and the Defence Department and has just been installed at the McMichael

Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg. The exhibition will arrive at the CWM next year, from Feb. 4 to May 2.

Other stops during the next three years include Calgary,

Fredericton, London, Hamilton and Oshawa. A catalogue by Laura Brandon is available in the gift shop.

## Upcoming Events

May 28	Temporary Exhibition "Landscapes of 1759" opens in CWM Lobby
June 3	FCWM Annual General Meeting, 7 p.m. CWM Ateliers
June 4	Temporary Exhibition "Camouflage" opens in McCrae Gallery
June 6-10	<i>Jake's Gift</i> – One-person play about Second World War veteran's memories – Barney Danson Theatre

## Donations to the Friends

The following donations which were made to the Friends during the period January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 are most gratefully acknowledged. With your financial help the Friends continue to support the Museum through programs of acquisition, research, conservation and restoration of artifacts, and special events, as well as publication of the Newsletter.

### In-Memoriam Donations

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