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Tom Thomson Art Gallery: Celebrating 55

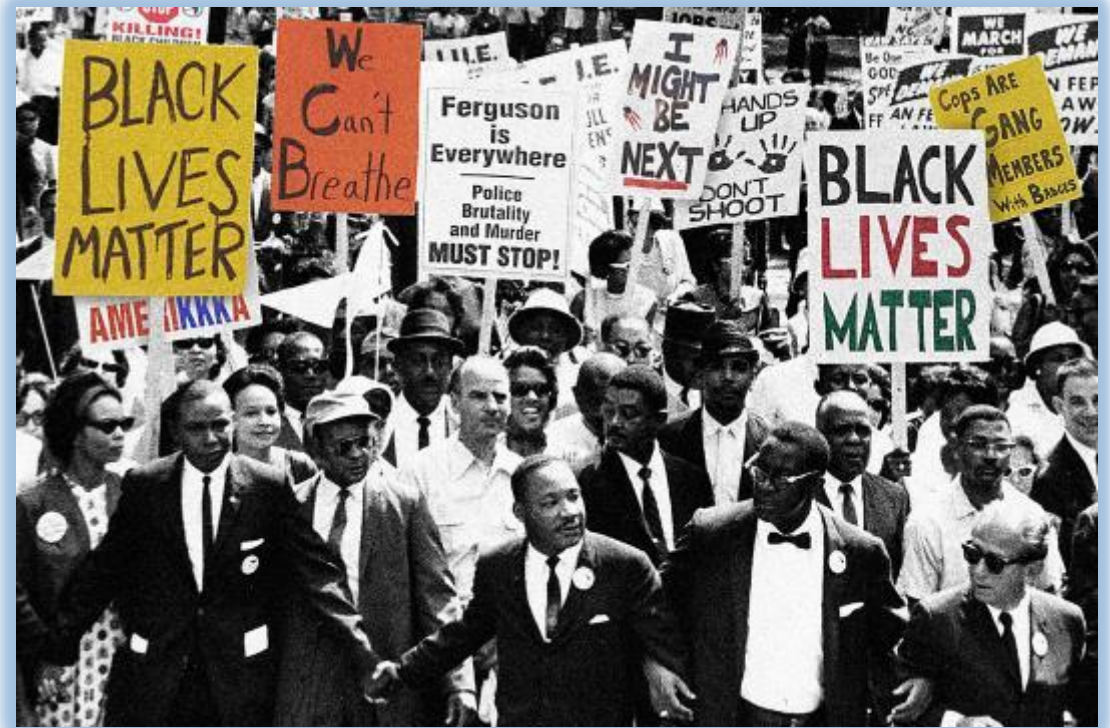
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The Civil Rights Movement





VISIONS OF JOHANNA

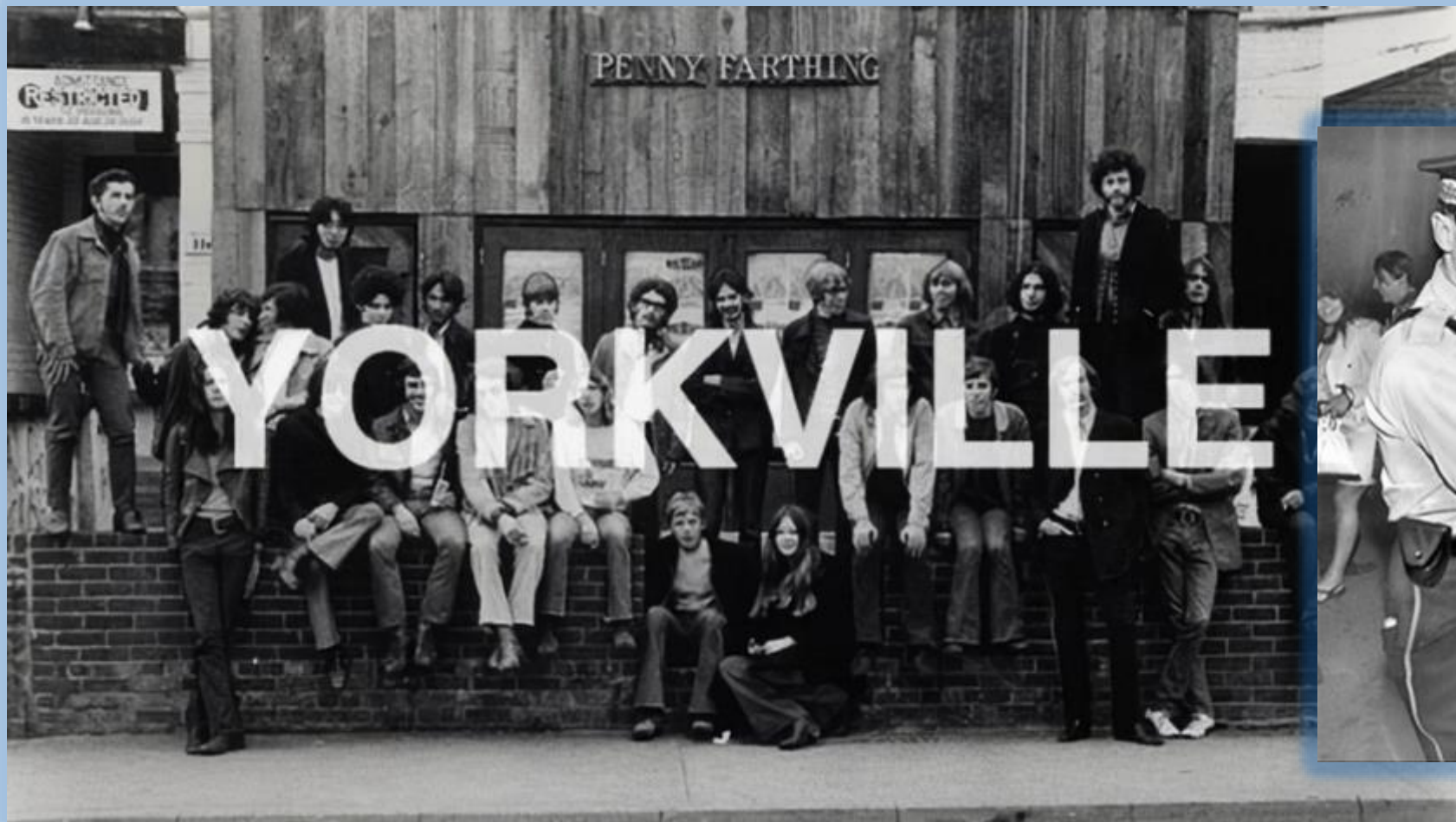


*Inside the museums infinity goes up on trial
Voices echo, this is what salvation must be like after a while
But Mona Lisa must have had the highway blues
You can tell by the way she smiles*

Bob Dylan, *Visions of Johanna*



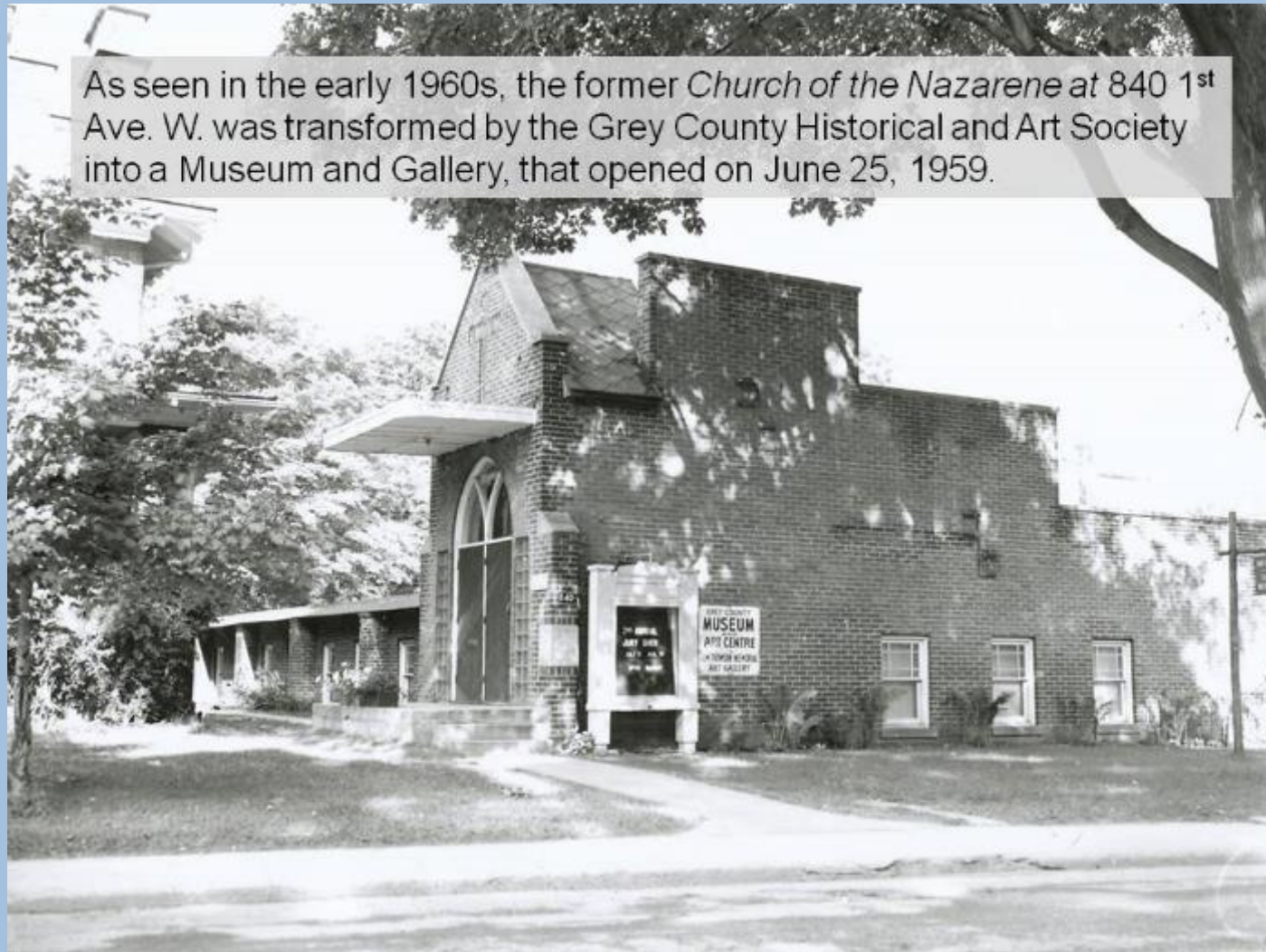






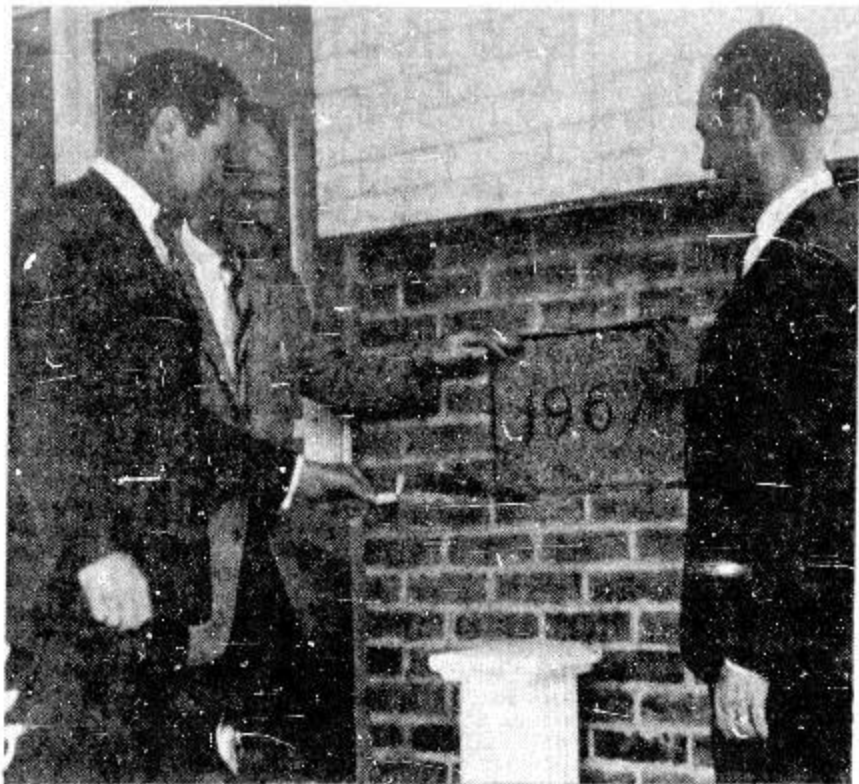


As seen in the early 1960s, the former *Church of the Nazarene* at 840 1st Ave. W. was transformed by the Grey County Historical and Art Society into a Museum and Gallery, that opened on June 25, 1959.





In November 1966, at final meeting of Grey County Historical and Art Society, (L-R) Alderman W. Hewitt; Mrs. Gordon Bothwell; William Parrott, chair of gallery committee; and Mrs. R. W. Menzies of the museum committee look at an artist's drawing of the new Art Gallery and plans for the new Museum.



LAY CORNERSTONE OF ART GALLERY — Mayor Robert Rutherford officially laid the cornerstone for the new Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery late Friday afternoon. He is shown here, left, being assisted by William Parrott, chairman of Gallery, and Alderman Bill Hewitt, right. (Sun-Times' Staff Photo)

MAYOR ROBERT RUTHERFORD
AND COUNCILLORS

Robert Gallen	Percy England
Gus Mitges	Arthur Harrison
Charles Kelly	Clifford Waugh
C. C. Agnew	William Hewitt

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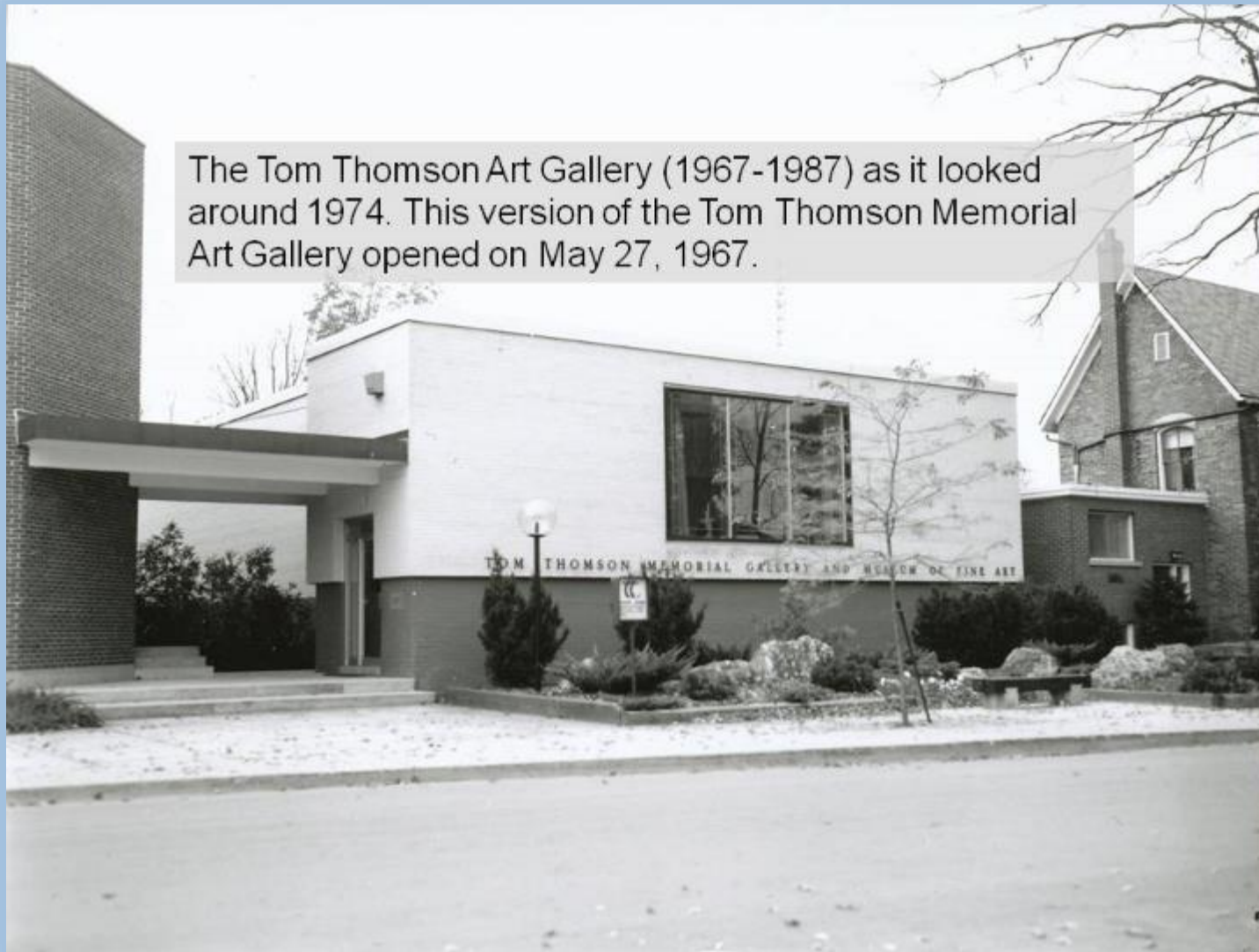
**THE
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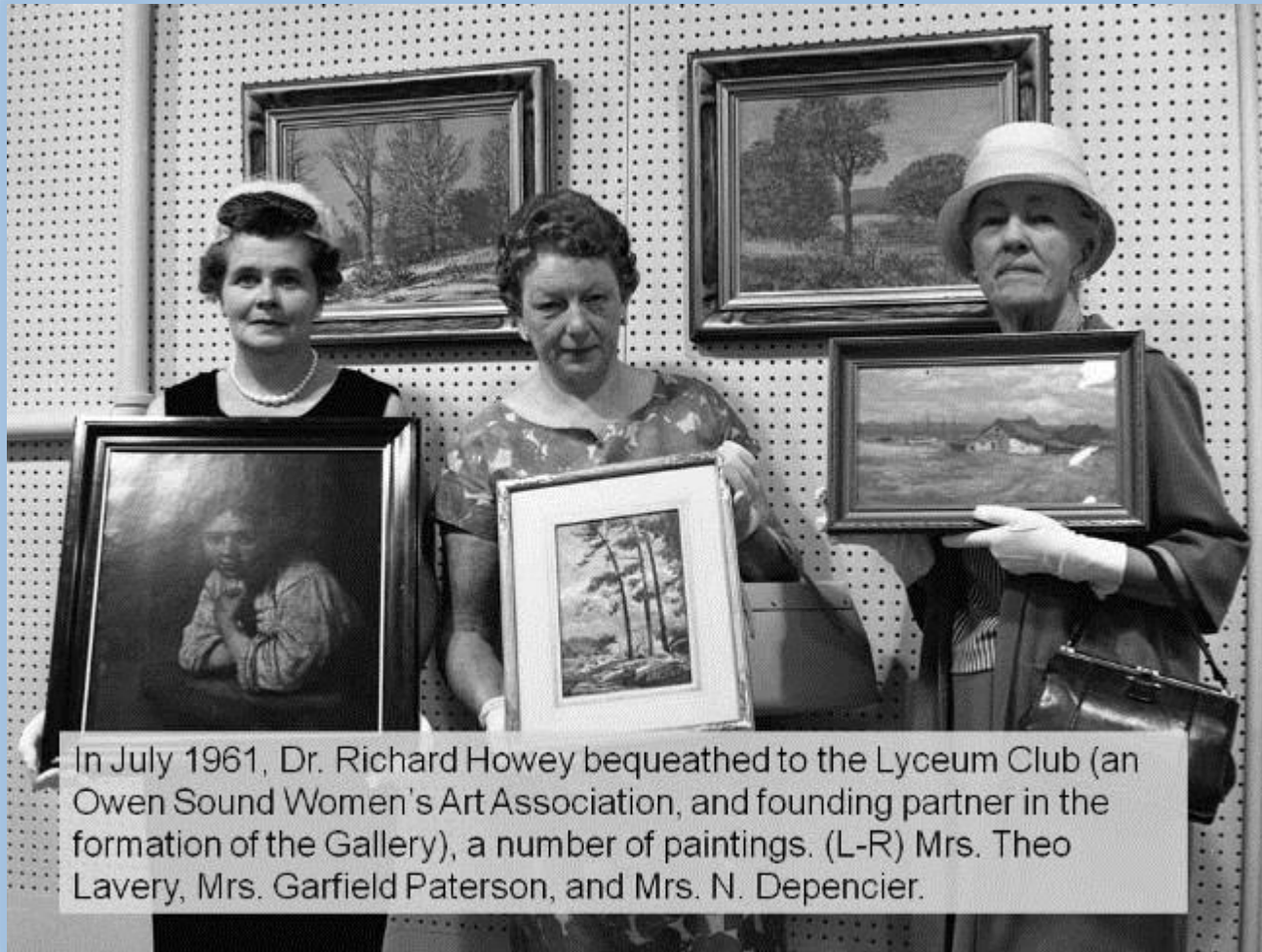
This Weekend
For Its Official Opening
Saturday, May 27th

Opening Ceremonies
at 2 p.m.
Conducted Tours for the Public
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

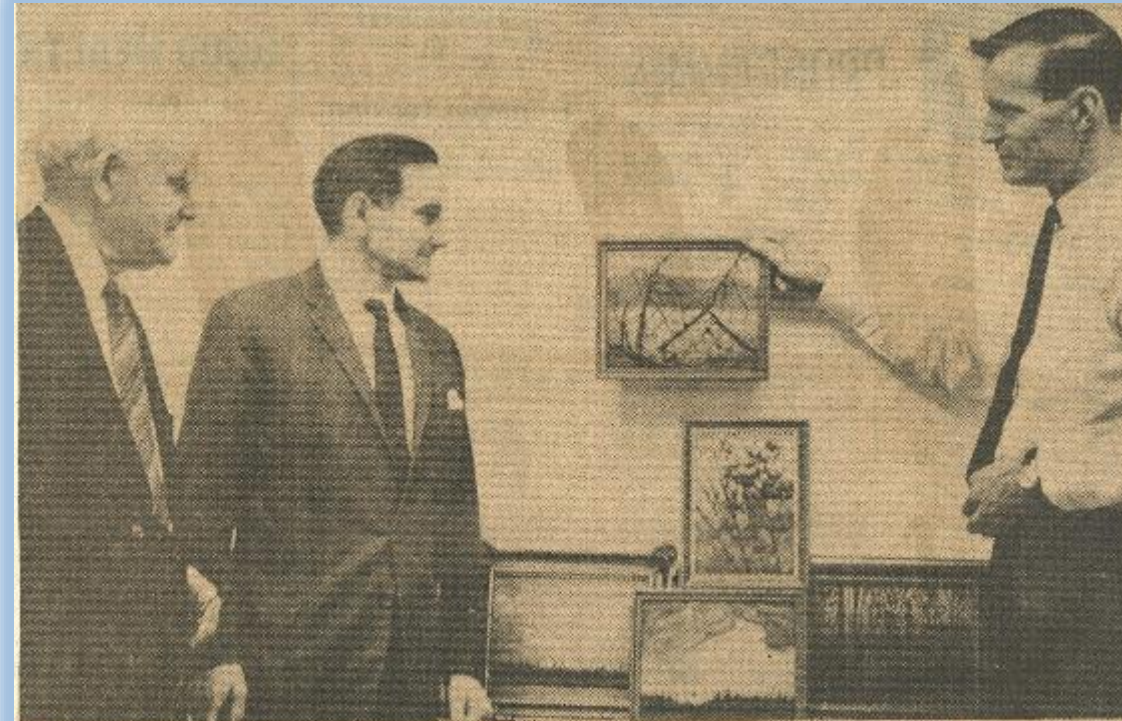


The Tom Thomson Art Gallery (1967-1987) as it looked around 1974. This version of the Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery opened on May 27, 1967.





In July 1961, Dr. Richard Howey bequeathed to the Lyceum Club (an Owen Sound Women's Art Association, and founding partner in the formation of the Gallery), a number of paintings. (L-R) Mrs. Theo Lavery, Mrs. Garfield Paterson, and Mrs. N. Depencier.



VALUABLE PAINTINGS PRESENTED GALLERY — Eight Tom Thomson works were presented to the Tom Thomson Memorial Gallery on Saturday, several of them particularly beautiful works. The works, gift of Mr. Thomson's sister, Mrs. J. G. Henry, 95, were presented by Dr. Grant Honeyman of Brantford, friend of Mr. George Thomson, jr., and past Chairman of the Glenora Arts Council of Brantford. Shown, left to right are Dr. T. J. Honeyman, who was Director of The Glasgow Art Gallery in Scotland for 25 years, Dr. Grant Honeyman of Brantford and John Taylor, Creator of the Gallery. (Photo by Foto-Art)

Tom's paintings hang on peg board in the 1959 building during the Thomson Family Exhibition in 1964. (L-R) George Thomson, Fraser Thomson and their sister, Mrs. W. M. Tweedale.





Frederick Varley visits the Art Gallery, 1964.



A.Y. Jackson, *York River* (1961)



UNPACK PAINTINGS FOR NEW GALLERY — Shown above are Bill Parrott and John Taylor as they examine early Canadian paintings for the new Tom Thomson Gallery and Museum of Fine Art. These paintings are a bequest

from the late D. I. McLeod, son of an early and prominent Owen Sound family. The paintings arrived at City Hall March 20 and will remain in the vault there until the hanging. (Sun-Times' Staff Photo)

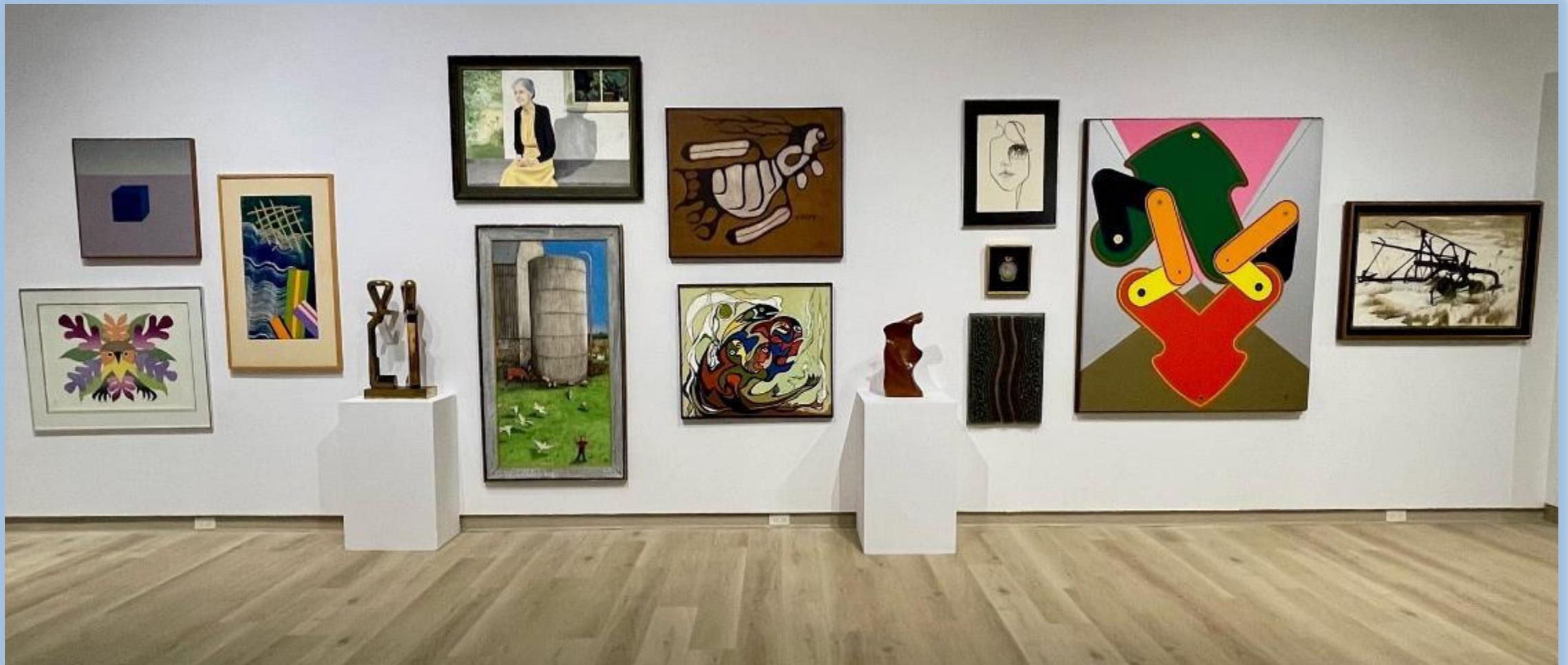
Bill Parrott and John Taylor display the artworks given to the Gallery through a bequest from the late D.I. McLeod, prominent Owen Sound financier and art collector.

The paintings arrived at City Hall on March 20, 1967.



- **Pre-1967** Bill Parrott was Gallery Chair and oversaw curatorial programming
- **1966 - 1969** John Taylor (November 1966 - May 1969)
- **1969 - 1970** Henry Kuyvenhoven (July 1969 – October 1970)
- **1970 - 1972** Doug Wood (October 1970 – June 1972)
- **1972 - 1973** Cath Harrison, Acting Director (July 1972 – March 1973)
- **1973 - 1985** Jim Logan (March 1973 – March 1985)
- **1985 - 1994** Maggie Mitchell (April 1985 – January 1995)
- **1995 - 1999** Brian Meehan (February 1995 – March 1999)
- **1999 - 1999** David Huff Acting Director (April – July 1999)
- **1999 - 2000** Fred Milsum (August 1999 - July 2000)
- **2000 - 2000** David Huff, staff in charge (July – August 2000)
- **2000 - 2000** Linda Belshaw Betty, Acting Director (August 2000 – November 2000)
- **2000 - 2001** David Huff, staff in charge (December 2000 – January 2001)
- **2001 - 2009** Stuart Reid (February 2001 - May 2009)
- **2009 - 2009** David Huff, Acting Director (June 2009 – Oct 2009)
- **2009 - 2017** Virginia Eichhorn (Oct 2009 – Oct 2017)
- **2017 - 2020** David Huff, Acting Director (November 2017 – March 2020)
- **2020 –** Aidan Ware (April 2020 - Present)

Showing 55 (and looking pretty good!)





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language of
art
is the
landscape
of our
lives



Tickets: \$100

Includes two beverages, food, and a tax receipt for a portion of the cost.

Proceeds support the Art Gallery's programming and collection.

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TOM THOMSON
ART GALLERY