

## **Shannon Prince**

Shannon is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation descendent from the Elgin Settlement and Buxton Mission, which was a haven for fugitive slaves prior to the American Civil War. She is the curator at the Buxton National Historic Site & Museum

She is a graduate from the Museum Studies Program through the Ontario Museums Association; Chair of the National Historic Sites Alliance of Ontario; a member of the Chatham Kent Tourism Advisory Committee; the Kent Cultural Network committee; a member of the Chatham Kent Community Leaders Cabinet; a member of Ontario's Underground Railroad Alliance and is a historical storyteller.

She is involved in joint UGRR projects with York University, Toronto, The Underground Railroad Freedom Centre in Cincinnati, with Millersville University, the Network to Freedom program with the National Parks Service and several historical organizations in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She and her husband Bryan have received numerous awards including YMCA of Chatham Kent's Peace Medallion and the Underground Railroad Free Press international prize for "The Advancement of Knowledge", and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

She actively farms with her husband Bryan & their four children, & grandchildren and she enjoys cooking, reading and playing baseball.