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Subject: CORRECTED PRESS RELEASE -- Sheldon Museum presents a series of talks on WWI
Attachments: Poppies by Fran Bull, Don Ross.jpg; Canadian Phalanx, 1919, Ivan Mestrovic..jpg; Dr. Jacob Johnson Ross of Middlebury, VT, flight surgeon for the 17th Aero Squadron. Scanned by James Blair.jpg

Please note that the last talk in the Sheldon Museum's WWI series is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 2 p.m. Please make that correction in any articles you publish. The corrected press release appears below.**

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Poppies, Fran Bull. Photo: Don Ross
Canadian Phalanx, 1919, Ivan Mestrovic.
WWI poster, Library of Congress

Press Release

Release: immediately

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particularly on the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France where 4,153 Americans are buried and honoring 284 Americans missing in action there, in a talk presented by the Sheldon Museum.

On Wednesday, October 17 at noon, Internationally-known, Brandon, Vermont, artist **Fran Bull** discusses her art installation *In Flanders Fields*, on view at the Sheldon Museum, which is based on her moving artistic interpretation of the well-known poem by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel, John McCrae, M.D., who wrote the poem after witnessing a comrade blown to bits at the 1915 battle of Ypres. **Rebecca Bennette**, Associate Professor of History as well as the Director of Jewish Studies at Middlebury College will present "Dissent during World War One: American and British Conscientious Objection and the Strange Case of German Silence," on Wednesday, October 24 at noon. The talk will provide an overview of the routes available for conscientious objectors to express their dissent during World War One by comparing three countries: the United States, Britain, and Germany. Contrary to many accounts that highlight the sizable numbers of objectors that took advantage of official programs offering exemptions in America or Britain in conjunction with an almost complete lack of such scholarship for the German case, this talk will provide a reassessment of the systems in the three countries and the men who availed themselves of these spaces for dissent.

On Wednesday, November 7 at noon, **Bill Lipke and Bill Mares**, co-authors of [Grafting Memories: Essays on War and Commemoration](#) will discuss how Canadians have chosen to commemorate their veterans through paintings, photographs, sculptures, and cemeteries. A transplanted Midwesterner, Bill Lipke is Professor Emeritus of Art History from the University of Vermont and served as the Director of the University's Robert Hull Fleming Museum (1977-79). His previous publications range from Vermont landscape painting and the History of Shelburne Farms to interviews with contemporary sculptors and architects. He has a Canadian relative who fought in WWI. Bill Mares has been a journalist, high school teacher and member of the Vermont House of Representatives. He has authored or co-authored 14 books on subjects ranging from the Marine Corps to workplace democracy to desert travel to Presidential fishing.

On Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m. [the 100th anniversary of the armistice] two gallery WWI gallery talks will be presented. **Robert Bernheim**, Professor from the University of Maine, Augusta, who is also the great-grandson of a veteran highlighted in the exhibit, will address Post WWI German repercussions following conditions imposed by the Treaty of Versailles, eventually leading to WWII. **Brennan Gauthier**, the Senior Archaeologist with the Vermont Department of Transportation by day, is a military photography scholar by night as he collects antique and vintage photography of WWI and WWII, which are available on his website "Portraits of War,"

<https://portraitofwar.com/> He will show and discuss images from his collection, dedicated specifically to photographs taken during or directly after the WWI, the majority interior studio portraits.

The talks are free with museum admission. Henry Sheldon Museum, One Park Street, Middlebury. Museum hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sun. (through October 15) 1-5 p.m. Research Center hours: Thurs. and Fri. 1-5 p.m. Admission: \$5 Adults; \$3 Youth (6-18); \$4.50 Seniors; \$12 Family; \$5 Research Center. For more information call 802/388-2117 or visit our website: www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org.

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