



# CANNERY CURRENTS



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## Season's Greetings from the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

It's hard to believe another year is coming to an end. And what a good year it's been!

We've had a record high number of general visitors and school classes coming to learn about the Cannery's history. We've worked with Parks Canada to complete the Cannery's facelift with restoration work on all the metal objects such as the

Stinkeroo, Ice Machine, oil tanks and smoke stacks.

We produced a well-received interactive exhibit *Women on the Homefront*, about women's work in the cannery and at home during WWII. We launched a new oral history program, reaching out to seniors connected with the fishing industry to preserve their stories. And we've welcomed several fantastic new staff to our team who continue our success in providing

excellent visitor services and help make our school programs, special events, and volunteer program better than ever.

We at the Cannery hope that you have also had a stellar year and take the time to celebrate all that you have with family and friends. Have a wonderful holiday!

REBECCA CLARKE

## A look back at 2016 events

2016 has been very busy for events at the Cannery - we were delighted to collaborate with different community partners in hosting some new events at our historic site, such as the *From Rationing to Ravishing* fashion show and *River's End Fisher Poets*. Every event is made possible through the help and support of our society volunteers who have dedicated over 700 hours to events alone this year.

CARINA HARRIS

*Right: Celebrating National Aboriginal Day with Pathways Aboriginal Centre.*



*Above: The sold-out "From Rationing to Ravishing" show by fashion historian Ivan Sayers.*



*Above: Our dedicated volunteers at our Canada Day information table.*



*Left: The jolly Shady Isle Pirates at Pirate Weekend at the Cannery.*

## A new home for the Triumph Ice Machine

The Triumph Ice Machine has a new home! That's right – this poor, often misunderstood artifact that sat in pieces slowly rusting away in the chicken-coop-like shelter behind the Stinkeroo for many years has been fixed up and installed in the north-west corner of our parking lot.



*The Ice Machine being transferred to its new location.*



*One-half of the flywheel is set in place in the Ice Machine's new location in the parking lot.*



*A crane lifts the 25,000 lb base of the Ice Machine onto a flatbed truck*

Displaying this machine here not only helps to draw attention to our site from passersby, it also allows us to provide people with a better understanding of this machine and how refrigeration revolutionized the fishing industry.



*The Triumph Ice Machine is lifted by crane into its new location.*

This Triumph Ice Machine is one of two ammonia compressor units that were installed at the Canadian Fishing Company's Home Plant in Vancouver in 1910.

For over 60 years, it produced ice for the Company's fishing operations, including operations here at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. 300-pound blocks of ice made at Home Plant were transported by truck to the Gulf of Georgia's Ice House, where they were stored and crushed before being loaded on boats or used to box up fresh fish for transport.

HEIDI RAMPFL

 The advertisement features a background image of a fisherman hauling a net full of fish. The text is overlaid on this image.
 

**Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society**  
**Fishing the West Coast**  
**Photography Contest**

Enter to win fabulous prizes and preserve the history of the West Coast Fishing Industry!

More information and entry forms available at [www.photocontest.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org](http://www.photocontest.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org)

Deadline to enter is **January 15, 2017**



*"Hauling Them Onboard" by C. Ellis*

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering for the Society? Here are some upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities:

- Cannery Farmers' Market
- Holiday crafts preparation
- Oral history interviewer
- Educational program assistants
- Tour guides

For more information on how to get involved, please contact: [carina.harris@gogcannery.org](mailto:carina.harris@gogcannery.org) or call 604.664.9262

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE CANNERY

### Parks Canada brings good tidings to the Cannery

Building on this year's success, Parks Canada gave the Cannery an early Christmas present. On Nov. 10th, Parks Canada announced they are providing funding to improve the exterior presence around the Cannery's entrance and improve the building envelop of the administration building. Both projects will start early next year and will significantly enhance the visitor experience and the working conditions for staff and volunteers.

While there will be some disruption for the first half of 2017, the end result of the exterior work will mean safer walkways in front of the Cannery, more interpretive items that tell the Cannery's history and improved space for special events. The administration building will be seismically upgraded and made more energy efficient.

In addition to capital projects, Parks Canada has announced that it will offer free site entry to all visitors in 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. If you haven't been to visit us in a while, this is a great chance to come with your family and see all

our great improvements first hand. The offer starts January 1st and is good for nearly 150 National Parks and Historic Sites across Canada. So, we encourage you to get out next year and celebrate all the wonderful experiences Canada has to offer!

We appreciate all that Parks Canada has done over the last few years to preserve our site and look forward to these gifts we have been given for next year.

REBECCA CLARKE

### A great start to the Cannery Farmers' Market



Market Manager Trish with market vendor Baguette & Co.

The sun came out for the first Cannery Farmer's Market of the season on Sunday November 6th, and so did 1250 people to enjoy what the market had to offer.

We have a lovely range of vendors at the market this year. Edible options include artisan chocolates, wine, breads, and pies, seafood, and kettle chips, as well as a new vendor, Furry Munchies, who will be outside on select markets serving up treats crafted specially for four-legged friends! At each market, there is also a great selection of craft vendors offering leather products, pottery, scarves, soaps, and spa products - perfect for holiday shoppers. A big motivation for me is that it feels great to support local merchants. The vendors at the Cannery Farmers' Market are mostly locals who have poured their hearts and energy into family-based companies and they appreciate every sale.

TRISH WHETSTONE

For more information on the winter market, or to become a market volunteer or vendor, please contact Trish at [market.manager@gogcannery.org](mailto:market.manager@gogcannery.org).

### Holiday shopping at the Cannery Store

We have some great holiday gifts in store at the Cannery. Our recently added food items from St. Jean's Cannery make great stocking stuffers and they've put together some of the best into tempting gift baskets. We also have nautical themed ornaments and holiday decor. Our selection of First Nations gifts and jewelry is unmatched in Steveston and is bound to be perfect for somebody on your list. Don't forget as a member, you receive a 20% discount, making great gifts even better!

ROB HART

Right: Gourmet seafood gift baskets from St. Jeans Cannery



## Thank you for your support all new & renewing members

(AS OF NOVEMBER 15 2016)

Please note your name appears here only when you renew or join.  
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Thank you to all of this year's sponsors who have helped make our events and programs a success!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 1 to 31: Festival of Trees**  
Vote for your favourite tree, decorated by Steveston merchants and organizations.

**December 4: Santa at the Cannery**  
Bring your camera to take photos with Santa 2 to 4pm

**December 4, 11, 18, January 29, February 12 & 26: Cannery Farmers' Market** 10am to 3pm

**February 18: Cannery Society Fundraiser**

<Holiday hours>  
**The Cannery will close early on Dec. 24 & 31 at 2pm, and will be closed all day on Dec. 25, 26 & Jan. 1**

### BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW TODAY !

I wish to join the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society :

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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