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*Wishing you the best of the holiday season!*

## Christmas at the Cannery

It's hard to believe winter is so quickly upon us, but we're excited for some of the events that we have coming up, starting with the 5th Annual Festival of Trees, taking place inside the Cannery, from November 29th to December 31st.

Take a stroll through the Cannery and enjoy the festive trees, beautifully decorated by members of the Steveston Merchants Association and local community groups. Be sure to bring a canned good along with you to exchange for a voting token! All donations go to the Richmond Food Bank and the winning tree will be announced at the December 20th farmers' market.

December 6th is another exciting day to mark on your calendars this winter. It's one of the last farmers' markets before Christmas and we have over 30 vendors lined up for your holiday shopping needs. Throughout Steveston village, there will be carollers, reindeer and snowmen greeting visitors. In addition, the *Classic Car Show and Cruise* will be taking place behind the Buck 'n Ear Pub. The Festival of Trees will still be shining bright and the big man himself, Santa Claus,



will be inside the Cannery for photos from 2-4pm. For those who would like photos with Santa, don't forget your camera, and pick up your timed entry card in advance, to ensure your spot. We know that there will be a lot of eager children wanting to tell Santa their gift choices for Christmas!

We do hope to see you at the Cannery over the holidays, and thank you all for your support throughout the year. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season!

*- From all of us in the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society*

From the Collections

Okay, confession time: putting together my article for the newsletter is not easy, mostly because it usually takes me a bit of time to come up with a topic. This is not because we don't have interesting stuff in the collection to write about mind you, but more because there's so many interesting things it becomes hard to choose just one. Every once and a while though, I come across an object (or set of objects) that virtually screams at me to share its story with you. This was especially true of the extensive collection of salmon (and other seafood) can labels recently donated by the family of William Branter.

William Branter worked for the Canadian Fishing Company for 50 years before retiring from the Company in May of 1990. A good portion of his career was spent as the distribution and transportation

manager, meaning he was the one in charge of making sure things – whether it be product for customers, or supplies for the Company's canneries – got to where it was supposed to go. He was also responsible for overseeing the labeling of the canned product, which, fortunately for us, gave him the opportunity to collect many of the various brands and types of can labels produced by the company over the years from the 1940s up to his retirement in 1990.

There are more than 500 different labels represented in his collection



that he organized into five photo albums, plus a shoe box sized container of loose duplicate labels, all of which are now part of the Society's Salmon Can Label Collection. This is a particularly exciting acquisition, as not only are there many excellent examples of the evolution of different brands over time, but also because previous to this donation, we actually had very few examples of Canfisco labels in our collection. On top of all this, we discovered an extra bonus tucked into one of the albums – an almost mint copy of the 1953 comic book *The Silver Treasure Hunt* produced by Canfisco and featuring the cartoon figure "Sammy Gold Seal" aka "Sammy the Salmon" (as well as other characters) designed for Canfisco by Walt Disney Studios.

For further stories about this exciting collection, check out the blog on our website for the recent posts written by our fabulous Head Interpreter, D'Arcy Schuster!

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The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society

## Fishing the West Coast Photography Contest

Enter to win fabulous prizes and contribute to the preservation of West Coast fishing history!

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

Deadline to enter is **January 15, 2016.**




"Fishing on a Foggy Morning" photo by G.E. Ailey

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CANNERY STORE



### Christmas in the Cannery Store

The holiday spirit is in full swing at the Cannery Store. We have a new range of heritage-style glass nautical ornaments that will look wonderful on your Christmas tree this year. In addition, we have a great selection of salmon inspired holiday cards from Vancouver Island artist Anissa Reed that would be perfect to send to friends and relatives around the globe.

If you are looking to keep warm in front of a roaring fire, we have new super-soft Velura throws from Kanata Blanket (see photo, left) in stock featuring designs by First Nations artists. Also in store for

holiday entertaining are new marine themed serving dishes from Abbott (see photo, below).

ROB HART



### Skipper Otto

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Store is proud to be starting a partnership with “Skipper Otto”. Skipper Otto’s Community Supported Fishery (CSF) offers shares to the public in its yearly fishing catch.

In an industry dominated by big business and fish farms, Skipper Otto’s CSF supports independent, small-scale, low-impact fishermen by paying a fair price for their catch. Consumers become members of the CSF and get access to a selection of top-quality seafood at reasonable prices with a guarantee that all seafood is caught and processed in B.C.

Skipper Otto’s is pleased to announce a new pick-up location at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery starting in 2016!

Each month from June to September, CSF members will have the opportunity to select the Gulf



of Georgia Cannery as their pick-up location. Members will have a period of several days, any time during opening hours, to pick up their order in the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Store.

#### ***How does Skipper Otto’s Community Supported Fishery work?***

CSF members receive weekly emails explaining what fresh seafood is in season and where it can be picked up. Members decide throughout the year what they want and when they want it. Seafood purchases are competitively priced and are simply deducted from a member’s share balance. Fresh and frozen seafood items that are available during the year include

whole salmon and sashimi grade fillets (sockeye, spring, chum and pink); varieties of smoked and candied salmon; salmon lox; sashimi grade tuna loin; halibut fillets; spot prawns; Dungeness crab; and canned salmon products.

Added benefits for members include access to an equipment library for smoking, canning and sealing equipment. Members can also sign up for workshops, and join their annual BBQ events in each city during the year.

#### ***Buying a share***

Individuals can buy a share on the Skipper Otto’s CSF website (skipperotto.com). After signing up, members can start picking up seafood year-round at regularly scheduled pick-ups.

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

(AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2015)

Please note your name appears here only when you renew or join.  
It does not appear in every issue.

### Honorary & Lifetime Members

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Mimi Chen	Anne Landry
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Doreen Erikson & family	Robert & Lea Oye
Sophie Fajardo	Susan Sittrop
Patricia Field	Dorota Szlagowitz
Corinne Gevaert	John J.S. Tam
Heather Green	

## Kudos to our sponsors

*Thank you to all of this year's sponsors who have helped make our events and programs a success!*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Cannery Farmers' Market**  
Sundays, 10am to 3pm  
December 6 & 20  
January 17 & 31  
February 7 & 21  
March 6 & 20  
April 3 & 17

**Festival of Trees**  
November 29th to December 31st  
Vote for your favourite tree with a donation to the Richmond Food Bank.

**Santa at the Cannery - Christmas in Steveston**  
December 6th (Santa from 2pm to 4pm)

**<Holiday Hours>**  
The Cannery will close early on Dec.24 & 31 at 2pm, and will be closed all day on December 25th, 26th & January 1st.

### BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW TODAY !

I wish to join the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society :

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate \$60     Family \$35     Individual \$20     Senior (55+) \$18     New

Renewal     Change of Address     DONATION (amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you do NOT wish to have your name published as a new or renewing member.

As a member of the Society, we will be sending you updates on events and information about the Cannery. Please check below if you do NOT wish to receive these emails.

I do NOT wish to receive email updates from the Society

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