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## 2016 Feature Exhibit: *Women on the Homefront*

### Exhibit opens April 9th

We are pleased to invite you to the opening of our 2016 feature exhibit, *Women on the Homefront: Women's Contributions During World War II*, on Saturday April 9th from 4-6 p.m.

With thousands of Canadian men overseas, it was the women of Canada who harvested the crops, kept factories running, looked after the children, and raised money for the war. Using newspaper articles, propaganda posters, and magazine advertisements, *Women on the Homefront* examines women's roles at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery and the creative ways women saved resources for the war effort inside their homes.

*Women on the Homefront* invites everyone to do their part. Visitors can put on a uniform and join the workforce, explore sugar-free baking recipes, sit and knit, sort and recycle, and plant a row in our fabric 'victory garden'.

We anticipate that this exhibit will prompt discussions about personal experiences and connect visitors to the skills that women used to contribute to the war effort, many of which are still popular today.

Do you have memories or family stories about Steveston during World War II? Do you enjoy knitting, canning, or gardening? We would like to connect with members who have memories or skills that they would like to share with visitors. We are planning a variety of drop-in programs for this exhibit including walks down memory lane, canning and knitting demonstrations, and gardening advice sessions.

We thank the Province of British Columbia's Community Gaming Program and Parks Canada for their support for this project.

SHANNON KING



*Women workers filling cans with herring, ca. 1940s. CFC-3-12-1*

*If you would like to help with the programs mentioned in this article, please call Shannon at 604-664-9282 or e-mail [shannon.king@pc.gc.ca](mailto:shannon.king@pc.gc.ca).*

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE:**

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 pm in the Boiler House Theatre. For details, please call 604.664.9006. The AGM will be followed by the Exhibit Opening.

## COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

### The Collections Department is looking for volunteers!

Yes, that's right! We have a number of great Collections related projects coming up this year, and we're looking to spread the love and get more people involved.

Some of the projects that we are looking for assistance with include (but are not limited to):

- inventorying, cataloguing and photographing artifacts in the Collections storage areas as part of the ongoing Collections Rationalization Project;
- digitizing archival materials – specifically, helping us to scan and describe our extensive salmon can label collection;
- inventorying and assessing our large collection of nautical charts, maps, and plans in the archives;
- collecting interviews of people as part of our new Oral History Project;
- and helping with research for future feature exhibits.

We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a minimum 2-3 hours per week over a 4-6 month (or more) period, depending on the project. Training in general collections care and handling, as well as more specific project related



*One of the many opportunities available for Collections Volunteers is helping to inventory and assess the large collection of charts, maps, and plans in our archival collection.*

training will be provided. Some of the skills you can expect to gain through volunteering with Collections include: hands-on experience working with artifacts and archival materials, research and evaluation skills, working with people in the community, digitization and description experience, and much, much more!

If you're interested in working with artifacts and archival materials, or even just becoming more involved

in preserving the history of the West Coast fishing industry, it would be wonderful to hear from you! Please contact Heidi Rampfl, Collections Manager, at 604-664-9007 or [heidi.rampfl@pc.gc.ca](mailto:heidi.rampfl@pc.gc.ca) to further discuss your options and areas of interest.

HEIDI RAMPFL

## VOLUNTEERS

**Call for Volunteers!** We are looking for some extra help over Spring Break to assist with crafts, stories and activities for children and families. If you are interested in volunteering March 12-24, please contact Shannon King at [shannon.king@pc.gc.ca](mailto:shannon.king@pc.gc.ca) or 604-664-9282.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Thanks to the Pacific Salmon Foundation



The Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF), is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wild Pacific salmon and their natural habitats in BC and the Yukon. The Foundation exists to support 'salmon communities' in their efforts, promote awareness of this keystone species, and guide the sustainable future of wild Pacific salmon and their habitat.

We are very thankful to be one of these 'salmon communities' and to

have received support from PSF for a number of projects. Highlights that visitors regularly enjoy, include: our yearly salmonid program where we hatch and raise baby salmon eggs, then release them at a hatchery in Surrey; and the Best Catch touch screen. Installed in the Fishing the West Coast gallery in 2013, this touch screen display is a hit with visitors who are interested in sustainable fishing methods used on the west coast.

In 2015, we were thankful to receive funding for our feature exhibit, *Trading Routes: Rivers, Fish and Oil*, which explored the complex topic of resource development along BC's rivers through art. In conjunction with this, a short salmon film entitled *Flow*, was developed by artist Ruth Beer using footage of the 2014 Adams River run and archival

cannery images. To help visitors connect to the natural beauty of BC salmon, this 4 minute film will be shown in our theatre alongside our *Journey Through Time* orientation film.

For the final three weeks and grand finale of the *Trading Routes* exhibit, which closes on March 9th, the film *Flow* will also be projected on the outside of our oil drum storage building during evening hours.

Thank you again to PSF for their continued support of our work. We share the purpose of raising awareness of the importance of salmon and their habitat and look forward to many more collaborations in the future.

For more information about the Pacific Salmon Foundation, visit [www.psf.ca](http://www.psf.ca).

REBECCA CLARKE

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CANNERY STORE

### Skipper Otto starts delivery to Steveston!

As you may recall, we mentioned our new partnership with Skipper Otto's Community Supported Fishery (CSF) in our last *Cannery Currents*. We have now had our first delivery of seafood to the Cannery, and are looking forward to the full start of the season, when the selection increases, in late March.

Through Skipper Otto's CSF, members will be able to purchase premium, wild, and sustainable seafood, caught by independent, small-scale fishermen like Otto Strobel, whose son and daughter-in-law, Shaun and Sonia Strobel, started this CSF.

To give you an idea about what kind of seafood products are available, the current items include: flash-frozen halibut fillet and albacore tuna loin, sliced sockeye lox, chum salmon roe, smoked chum salmon, and pink salmon candy. And this is just the start! Later in the season, members will also be able to order spot prawn, dungeness crab, lingcod fillet, sable fish fillet, and more.

Another unique feature of the Skipper Otto CSF is that on some of the product labels you will find a photo and name of the person who caught your fish, as well as the location and date of the catch.

And now, for the great news: Cannery Society members can receive \$20 off the membership fee

from March 1 to April 30, by using the code: GOGCANNERY. For more info on joining this program, please visit: [skipperotto.com](http://skipperotto.com)

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