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New Feature Exhibit Opening on May 6

The Pull of the Net: Commercial Fishing in Canada

2017 is a year for celebrating Canada from Coast to Coast and our 2017 feature exhibit aims to do just that. *The Pull of the Net: Commercial Fishing in Canada* showcases the importance of the commercial fisheries to Canada.

The exhibit begins with the fish, without which we have no commercial fishing story. The life cycles of Atlantic cod and Pacific salmon are different but each provides a great opportunity for people to harvest the fish in enormous quantities. Combine this opportunity with an insatiable demand from Europe and its colonies for salted cod and canned salmon, and the stage is set.

The early years of the commercial fisheries on both coasts were filled

with immense promise. People from around the world came to Canada to harvest oceans that swarmed with fish. And people willing to work hard were able to make a good living. The exhibit explores these ideas with archival images showing the sea-weathered faces of families working to catch and process fish together.

The commercial fishing industries in Canada have transformed in the past century. New technology, changing environmental conditions, fluctuating fish stocks, and government regulations and quotas have all resulted in changes to the industry. Of course people's tastes have changed too. The fisheries have endured on both coasts by expanding their range of products to reflect these changing conditions.

The Pull of the Net is designed to celebrate the importance, the diversity, and the future of Canada's

commercial fisheries. It will open May 6, 2017 and will run for two years. The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society gratefully acknowledges the support of the Pacific Salmon Foundation and the Province of British Columbia.

SHANNON KING



Workers bring in a large seine net at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery in the 1940's. CFC 3-18-6

A Special Members' Only Invitation

We invite you to join Manager of Audience Engagement, Shannon King, for a members-only tour on Saturday June 10th from 1-1:45 pm. Peek into the process of creating the exhibit and stories not on display. Directly following this tour, at 2 pm, will be the first of the 2017 *Speakers' Series* programs. This program will include a screening of the short film *Stó:lō - The Big River*, and a presentation by one of the film's participants, Naxaxalhts'i, Dr. Sonny McHalsie, the Cultural Advisor and Stó:lō Historian for the Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre.

You Are Invited! Celebrating the first year of our new Oral History Project

For the past year, the Society has been working to set up a new program to collect stories of the BC's commercial fishing industry from the people who have lived them. Thanks to a grant from the New Horizons for Seniors Program that we received in 2016, we have been able to purchase new digital recording equipment, train volunteers to conduct interviews, promote the project to people in the community, and of course, talk with people and collect their stories. This grant has also helped us to purchase a new web-based collections database that will soon allow us to make these stories accessible to all.

To celebrate the accomplishments of this first year of the Oral History Project - in particular, the contributions made by our volunteer interviewers and the participants who have shared their stories - the Society will host an event at the Cannery on Saturday, March 25 from 3-5pm. This event will also see the launch of the new online database, and the opening of a special display about the project.

All members are invited to attend - Hope to see you there!

HEIDI RAMPFL

Event Details

What: Oral History Project Celebration
and Online Database Launch

When: March 25, 2017 from 3pm-5pm

Where: Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site



One of our volunteer interviewers, Cathy Lin poses with Jim Kojima after his interview.



Ralph Turner, seen here fishing the Fraser River "Mosquito Fleet" on his first boat Running Bare in 1965, has not only contributed his own story to the Oral History Project, but is also helping to collect stories from other people as a volunteer interviewer.

STORIES STILL NEEDED!

Have a story about working on a fishing boat, in a cannery, other fish processing plant, etc.? Or do you know someone that does? We'd like to talk with you!

For more information, please contact Heidi at 604-664-9007 or heidi.rampfl@gogcannery.org

Cannery Facelift Part 4

The Cannery starts the next phase of improvements this February. This phase focuses on the hardscape elements at the front exterior of the Cannery. It includes safety improvements such as replacing the wood plank entrance with concrete pavers and the overgrown cedar hedge with an attractive garden. It also addresses some needed

maintenance by replacing the rotting red fence with a new metal fence in the same style as the tank deck railing, resurfacing the tank deck planks, and removing the invasive vegetation along the shoreline. The tank deck ramp will also be adjusted to allow access straight onto the deck. These improvements were designed to visually open up the tank deck so that it may be better used for events.

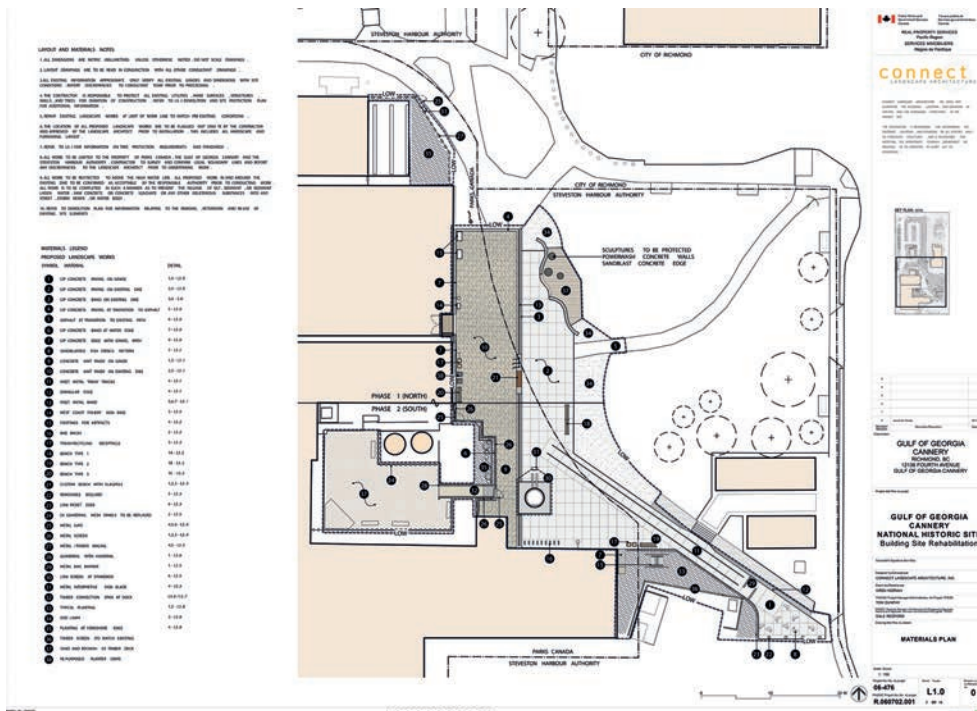
Most exciting, is the addition of some new interpretive elements. Highlights include rail tracks embedded in the concrete path leading up to the Cannery and the installation of a large net drum near the Bayview Street entrance.

The overall design opens up the space in front of the Cannery to allow for better use for events and for visitors to see how the building is built over the river. When complete, this work will significantly improve the visual aesthetic of our site and help passersby understand the Cannery is a cultural space.

Thank you to Parks Canada for their continued investment in our heritage site. The improvements made over these past few years have extended the life of our beloved Cannery and made it beautiful again.

This work is expected to be completed in May or June. Until then, thank you for your patience!

REBECCA CLARKE



A full image of the landscape ugrade map will be on display in front of the construction area.

A Multicultural Celebration on Saturday May 6th

Please join us on Saturday May 6th from 11 – 4 pm for *The Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration* event at the Cannery.

This is a free, family-friendly event to celebrate multiculturalism of Canada's fishing industry and the opening of our new feature exhibit *The Pull of the Net: Commercial Fishing in Canada*.

In addition to guided tours and programming to showcase our new exhibit, the Cannery is also

collaborating with various community groups to bring together a variety of workshops, demonstrations, speakers, performers and a small selection of short films throughout the event.

Visit the Cannery on May 6th and help us celebrate the rich cultural diversity in fishing on Canada's west coast. And don't forget to stop by Garry Point Park to visit the Kaiwo Maru Tall Ship that will be docked for the weekend in Steveston.

CARINA HARRIS

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Here are some upcoming and ongoing society volunteer opportunities:

- Cannery Farmers' Market
- 1940s Toy Station assistants
- Spring Break assistants
- Educational programs
- Tour guides

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

Thank you for your support all new & renewing members

(AS OF FEBRUARY 15 2017)

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

Honorary & Lifetime Members

Jim Barlow Bud Sakamoto
Robbie Johnson

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Jack Beetstra	Lee McDonald
Maureen Beetstra	Duncan & Jenny McLean
Sharon Betker	Diane Milsom & John Skapski
Catherine Butler	Bonnie Murray
Carol Day	David Paiger & family
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Brian Lo	Elaine Wilson
Vivienne Lowenstein	John Yap
Kathy Luck	

Join the Cannery Team!

Hooked on history? Fishing for a chance to meet visitors from all corners of the world?

The Cannery is seeking part-time Heritage Interpreters to join our fun and engaging front-line team. Position details may be found on our website, www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org, under About --> Careers. Please send a cover letter and resume to: mimi.horita@gogcannery.org

Deadline to apply: March 19

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13-24: Spring Break
Enjoy kids' activities and daily machine demos. Free admission!

March 25: Oral History Project Celebration

April 14-16: Easter at the Cannery
\$4.90 for Kids 2+, \$3.90 for Adults 17+
Members are free!

April 22: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1pm in the Boiler House Theatre

April 28: Fishermen's Memorial
12 noon at Garry Point Park. Light refreshments at the Cannery to follow.

**May 6:
Pull of the Net Exhibit Opening and
Multicultural Celebration**

**March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23:
Cannery Farmers' Market 10am to 3pm**

BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW TODAY !

I wish to join the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society :

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

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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.

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