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Season's Greetings from the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

2017 has been an exciting year for all of us at the Society. In celebration of Canada150, all Parks Canada sites

offered free admission, which brought a record number of visitors to the Cannery. Many were locals, who discovered our site for the first time.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. We take a look back at some of

our 2017 events on Page 3, and hope that you will join us again in the new year.

We wish you and your families the very best for the holidays!

Society Welcomes New Executive Director

A letter from Char Murray

Hello everyone. It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society. I am absolutely delighted to join a very dedicated team who are so committed to the preservation of the West Coast fishing industry and the stories of those who have lived and worked at the

Cannery. Over the past month I have had the opportunity of meeting many of you and have been touched by the warm welcome I have received.

After an eight-year hiatus, I am returning to the West Coast complete with gumboots and rain gear. The ocean has called me back from the Kootenays where I was Executive Director/Curator of the Cranbrook History Centre/Canadian Museum of

Rail Travel and the Boundary Museum & Interpretive Centre in Grand Forks.

Much of my earlier years were spent on the Sunshine Coast and I have very fond memories of catching salmon and red snapper up Humphrey Channel.

As well as museum experience, I worked as a travel consultant for many

years and have thoroughly enjoyed travelling to historically significant places around the world.

As a lover of history, art, and culture, I feel privileged to work in an industry that rewards creativity while preserving local, regional and national heritage. Through such initiatives as the Society's Oral History program we ensure that the stories for those who have gone before us will be passed along to future generations.

Please feel free to drop by and introduce yourself to me. I look forward to meeting you, our very valued members and community partners, for we could not fulfill our mission without your continued support.

Very best regards,
CHAR (CHARLOTTE) MURRAY



Fishing the West Coast Annual Photography Contest and Archive Project



2016 contest entry by Joel Baziuk "Barkley Sound Sockeye"

As members, most of you will be aware that the Society's mandate is to present and promote the history of the West Coast fishing industry. To fulfill this mandate, we work to document various aspects of the commercial fishery, and collect stories and experiences to share with our audience both today and in the future.

The *Fishing the West Coast Photography Contest and Archive Project* was established almost 20 years ago based on the idea that today's activities become tomorrow's history. With that in mind, we run this contest every year as a way of collecting images showing the events, activities, and overall beauty of BC's fishing industry from the past year. Once the submission period closes, a special display is created inside the Cannery, and we ask the public to vote for their favorite images to determine the contest winner. At the end of the contest, all images are added to the Society's Archive Collection.

A picture really does tell a story. Help us preserve these stories and add to our collection by submitting your photos to this year's *Fishing the West Coast Annual Photography Contest!*

Submission period: December 1, 2017 – January 14, 2018.
Display and voting: Sunday January 28 – Sunday March 25, 2018.

For more information about the contest and how to enter, visit the contest website at www.photocontest.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org or contact heidi.rampfl@gogcannery.org or 604-664-9007.

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2016 contest entry by Neil Trelenberg "Ready for the Season"



2016 contest entry by Angus Straight "Buddy Boats"

In Memoriam

Our condolences to Society Director, dedicated volunteer, and a founding member, Eileen Carefoot, who lost her husband Foster this past October. Foster was a well loved and respected member of the Steveston community and will be missed.

CANNERY EVENTS

A Look Back at 2017

With the added excitement of Canada150, the Society launched our new two-year feature exhibit *Pull of the Net: Commercial Fishing in Canada* with a multicultural celebration in May. A wonderful collaboration with many community groups, this colourful event was well attended, and perfectly represented the multicultural background of Canada's fishing history.

Here, we take a look back at the *Pull of the Net* and other events held at the Cannery in 2017.

We wish to thank all those who attended, and the many volunteers and sponsors who helped to make the year a great success.



Clockwise, from bottom left: Pirate Weekend, Canada Day Parade, Pull of the Net Multicultural Festival, Halloween at the Cannery, Pull of the Net Multicultural Festival.



CANNERY STORE

Holiday Shopping Ideas

The Cannery has some great gift ideas in store for you. From fine jewellery to children's toys, we have you covered. Our glass and pewter salmon platter makes a great gift that people will use for years to come while enjoying Steveston's famous seafood.



For kids we have an excellent section of stuffed animals and toys. New this season are Huggers, little stuffed animals that wrap around the wrist. They've been very popular! We also have a wide range of children's books in stock.

Older kids and adults will love the funky nautical socks we have from Sock It To Me with their colourful designs (*bottom left*).

Our jewellery includes some wonderful First Nations designs which make fantastic gifts. Corrine Hunt's line of silk encased in acrylic, feature earrings and pendants in several different colours (*top right*).



Complement them with a stylish scarf featuring a local artist's design. For the men, our line of ties is a great way to bring the West Coast to the office.

ROB HART

