Report from the AGM

The Cannery is a hive of activity as we prepare for high season. I would like to welcome our summer students Daniel Vera, Antonia Lopez, Angela Nakade, Lina Kim, Molly Sjerdal and Fergus Maxwell. These young people are an invaluable asset to our summer offer and we greatly appreciate their enthusiasm and vigour.

On April 21st we held our Annual General Meeting which was well attended with 41 in attendance and 2 voting by proxy.

The Board of Directors stands as follows:

Dave Semple – Board Chair
Kit Grauer – 1st Vice Chair
Ken Flores – 2nd Vice Chair
Jim Kojima – Treasurer
Ryan Garnett – Secretary
Ralph Turner – Past Chair
Elizabeth Batista – Director
Eileen Carefoot – Director
Bruce Okabe – New Director
Peter Liu – Director
Geoff Matheson – Director
Everett Pierce – Director
Susan Stiene – Director

I would like to welcome Bruce Okabe to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society Board of Directors. Bruce bring years of experience in the tourism industry and has been part of the Tourism Richmond team for the past year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Schaap for his dedication to the GOGCS Board and acknowledge his time as a valuable member of our team. Paul has resigned as a director but promises to visit us often and to man a BBQ from time to time.

The membership approved the 2017 reviewed financial statements which were presented with a $24,000 surplus which will be added to the Society’s Contingency Fund. Additionally, the Annual Report was circulated, and reports were given by Melissa Banovich of Parks Canada and myself.

Those in attendance received a preview of our Virtual Museum of Canada exhibit, and our Manager of Audience Engagement, Shannon King delighted us with a guided tour of the new herring exhibit.

We look forward to another very successful year as we offer free admission for youth 17 years and younger. Many new projects are underway, and we continue to build on our past successes. As the staff and volunteers prepare for another busy season, I would like to thank you our valued members for your dedication and continued support.

Very best regards,

CHAR (CHARLOTTE) MURRAY
New Film Ebb & Flow: Turning Points in the History of West Coast Fishing

We are pleased to announce that as of May 24 we will have a new introductory film ready to show to our visitors in the Boiler House Theatre. Our old film, Journey Through Time, has served us well in introducing many visitors to the site, but is now twenty years old and it’s time for something new.

This new film, titled Ebb & Flow: Turning Points in the History of West Coast Fishing, will increase the public’s understanding of the importance of commercial fishing in BC’s history, and will help visitors to better understand the context for the Cannery’s designation as a National Historic Site.

The film intersperses interviews with past and current fishermen and other experts from the industry with archival footage and images to tell the story of fishing on the West Coast from time immemorial all the way up to the present day. It was not an easy task to boil this extensive history down to one twenty-four minute film as there are many events and developments that have shaped the industry into what it is today. However, we are extremely happy with the results and hope you will be as well.

This new film was made possible with funding from the British Columbia Museum Association’s Canada150 grant and contributions from individual donors. Our former Executive Director, Rebecca Clarke, took the lead on this project to coordinate the research, work on the script, and select the images. Sean Embury and his partners at Denman Digital Inc. were selected to write, direct, and produce the film. We thank them, and all the other partners and participants who made this project possible.

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Visitors to the Cannery will be able to view the new film, which will be shown at the bottom of each hour, after May 24th, 2018 (subject to theatre availability).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Music at the Cannery starts July 13th

We are very happy to announce the lineup for our popular Friday evening summertime concert series Music at the Cannery. The series starts this year on July 13th, and continues every Friday until August 31st, with Harpdog Brown as our closing performer.

Scheduled performers:

July 13  Wayward Hearts
July 20  Halifax Wharf Rats
July 27  Rock Line
August 3  Beauty Shop Dolls
August 10  Irish Wakers
August 17  Steve Kozak Band
August 24  Willy Blizzard
August 31  Harpdog Brown

Each concert will begin at 7pm, with doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are $7, available at the door. Be sure to arrive early to secure your seat!

Performances will be held rain or shine, outdoors on typical sunny Steveston evenings, and indoors if rain.
Pacific Herring: The Fish that Feeds the Coast

A brand new semi-permanent exhibit is now installed in the Herring Reduction plant. The location which had been used to store empty exhibit cases now shares the ecological, cultural, and economic importance of Pacific herring.

The exhibit content is based on research conducted by the Hakai Herring School at SFU, a multidisciplinary group of researchers, who are working closely with Heiltsuk communities along BC’s central coast to study and record the importance of Pacific herring.

The exhibit includes a stunningly beautiful short film *Beauty and the Feast* that summarizes the impact of Pacific herring on the coast. The film was gifted to us to show in our gallery by the Hakai Institute. The Hakai Institute is another scientific research organization that is conducting long-term research on herring and other species along the BC coast.

Take a few moments to investigate the work of these organizations at PacificHerring.org and Hakai.org.

We are grateful for the willingness of these researchers to share their work so that our visitors can be inspired by this little fish that has a huge impact on our coast.

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Installation of the new exhibit took place in April, opening in time for a special members’ tour at the AGM.

Large, bright new panels are now displayed in the entryway to the Herring Reduction Plant, featuring a description of BC’s herring fishery timeline, and some of the products of the fishery.

A fun, new addition to the exhibit is this panel bringing attention to the herring scales still attached to the plant’s walls and ceiling.
Thank you for your support all new & renewing members

(AS OF MAY 15 2018)
Please note your name appears here only when you renew or join. It does not appear in every issue.

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MEMBERS’ POTLUCK

Join us on Saturday September 15th at 5pm for our annual Society Members’ Potluck. Enjoy a social evening with Cannery supporters and staff.

Please bring a dish to share - Last name starts with:
A - G: Dessert
H - M: Appetizer
N - Z: Hot or Cold Entree
Bring your own beverages. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 & 3: Doors Open Richmond
Form & Function: Built for Canning guided tours. *Members-only tour June 2 @ 10:30am
Call in advance to book: 604.664.9009

June 23: National Indigenous Peoples Day
1-4pm Outdoor performances, workshops, story telling and activities

July 1: Canada Day/Steveston Salmon Festival
Free admission to the Cannery

July 13 to August 31 (Friday evenings): Music at the Cannery
7-8pm Doors open at 6:30pm Join us for our summertime concert series (indoors if rain)

July 28 & 29: Maritime Festival
Annual salmon BBQ Society fundraiser

September 15: Members’ Potluck
All members are invited for this casual social event.

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

☐ Renewal
☐ Change of Address
☐ DONATION (amount) $ __________

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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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