New Exhibits Opening in April 2019

The Label Unwrapped: the History of Canned Salmon Labels

Have you looked closely at historic canned salmon labels lately? If you do, you may find yourself captivated. The diversity and artistry of historic canned salmon labels is incredible.

This year’s feature exhibit, *The Label Unwrapped*, includes many creative, beautiful, and thought-provoking labels from salmon canneries throughout B.C. The exhibit will ask visitors to consider big ideas like Canadian identity and patriotism. It will highlight advertising tactics such as idealizing family life and marketing directly to children. It will also ask visitors to question the ways that companies use packaging to attract our attention. Expect the exhibit to be colourful, fun, and interactive. Also expect it to leave you thinking about these big ideas long after your visit.

Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society members are invited to an exclusive tour of the exhibit after the AGM on April 27th.

The Cannery Cat’s Collection

A second new exhibit will open just in time for the AGM. *The Cannery Cat’s Collection* will feature a cannery cat who has collected items from each of the building’s main functions over the past 125 years. The exhibit will share the significance of the building’s 125th “Canniversary” with visitors by showing how the Gulf of Georgia Cannery has brought people together through time as a workplace, a community anchor, and as an enduring symbol of B.C.’s fishing history.

The exhibit is being created with the assistance of three of our Youth Leadership volunteers from local high schools in Richmond.

SHANNON KING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society’s Annual General Meeting will be held in the Boiler House Theatre on **Saturday April 27th at 1pm**. A special members’ only tour of the new exhibit will be offered after the AGM.

To request a copy of the Society's financial report in advance of the meeting, please contact Executive Director Stephanie Halapija: stephanie.halapija@gogcannery.org or 604-664-9192
A Look Back: 125 Years at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery

To celebrate the Cannery’s 125th Anniversary in 2019, look for a series of blog posts that will explore the important points in the history of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery that changed and influenced the development of this site over the past 125 years.

Every month starting in February, we will share stories and feature artifacts, documents, and photographs from our collection that relate to important events from each decade of the Cannery’s history.

Be sure to check out the Cannery’s blog page (gulfofgeorgiacannery.org/blog) and follow us on Facebook to keep up with this series and all the other great things we have planned to celebrate this momentous anniversary!

Fishing the West Coast Photography Contest

The votes have been cast, the judges have spoken, and the winners of the annual Fishing the West Coast Photography Contest have been declared! This year we had three categories – a feature theme category (this year’s theme was “salmon” in honour of the big sockeye run in 2018), a general West Coast Fishing category, and a “People’s Choice” category. Winners in the first two categories were decided by a panel of judges, while the “People’s Choice” winners were selected by popular vote online. Featured here are the first-place winners from each category. To see the rest, come check out the special Contest Exhibit on display in the Cannery now until the end of April, or visit the Contest website at photocontest.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org.

“Flying Salmon on the West Coast” by Ben Whiting – Feature category (image left)
“Mystic Fish Fleet” by Blair Govan – General category (image top right)
“Misty Harbour” by Pete Jansen – “People’s Choice” category (image bottom right)

IN MEMORIAM

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society remembers charter member Dave Scott, who passed away on November 20, 2018. Dave generously hosted the initial meetings to save the Cannery at his Steveston restaurant Dave’s Fish & Chips, and was a longtime supporter of the Society. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.
A Great Start to 2019

The beginning of 2019 has flown by at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. This fabulous new year is bringing with it increased traffic, successful Cannery Farmers’ Markets and even a whole bunch of snow!

To all our volunteers and members, I hope you kept warm during the ‘snowmageddon’ of this past February. The snow in Steveston was beautiful and the Cannery seemed supernaturally calm under its white blanket; if you follow us on social media, I am sure you enjoyed the beautiful pictures. The weather was a treat for my Ontario grown soul, watching the big fluffy flakes come down all over town . . . my dog had a great time running through it, but to be fair she didn’t have to drive. But as soon as the snow got here, it melted away and left us with the beautiful beginnings of spring! I know we will see the cherry blossoms blooming in a few short weeks signifying spring has officially arrived.

This time of year, the staff at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society are hard at work gearing up for our busiest season. There are so many exciting things on the horizon for the Society in 2019, from our stellar events, volunteer opportunities, Cannery tours and group programs, we are eager to have our best year yet! Spring also means a time for us to look back with our 2018 Annual Report and report on the activities and status of the Society at our Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will be held on Saturday April 27th at 1:00 pm in the Boiler House Theatre. This is an important opportunity for our members to hear from our Staff and Board, learn about what the Society did in 2018, and what’s up ahead for 2019. Our AGM is also the election of our Board of Directors and there are several open spots – if you are interested in serving as a Director please reach out to myself or Past President Ralph Turner any time leading up to the AGM.

Our members and AGM attendees are also in for a treat! A sneak peak of the new exhibition The Label Unwrapped will be offered through a members’ only guided tour by the exhibit curator and Audience Engagement Manager Shannon King.

I hope to see you all at the AGM and in the meantime, if you’re down in Steveston please pop in for a visit. I always love a chance to sit down with a tea and hear a great story. Happy Spring to our Cannery community and I’ll see you on the other side of the cherry blossoms in April!

STEPHANIE HALAPIJA

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CANNERY GIFT SHOP

New Book Arrivals

Three new titles just arrived in the Cannery Store. Two tackle our favourite subject (food!) while the other delves into the colourful history of rum-running. Captain’s Dinner is a cookbook with homestyle recipes by Europe’s fishermen, lavishly illustrated with photos. Chop Suey Nation author Ann Hui sets out across Canada to explore the history of the small-town Chinese restaurant from BC all the way to Fogo Island, Newfoundland. Finally, in Don’t Never Tell Nobody Nothin’ No How maritime author Rick James explores the story of the rum-runners who made a fortune running alcohol up and down the coast from Canada into the USA during Prohibition.

ROB HART
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Leadership Volunteer Program

From L-R: Jason, Andy, Michelle, Hayley, Hania (missing: Nadya)
Meet this year’s Youth Leadership Volunteers from local Richmond high schools, shown here during a recent field trip to Steveston’s heritage sites. For more info on this program, read volunteer Hania’s blog on the Society’s website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18-29:  Spring Break Mystery in the Museum. Drop-in self-guided tour available daily 10am to 5pm.

April 19-21:  Easter at the Cannery 11am to 4pm.  Free admission for Members.

April 27:  Annual General Meeting 1pm in the Boiler House Theatre and Members’ Exhibit Tour

April 28:  Fishermen’s Memorial, on the National Day of Mourning. Refreshments following Garry Point Park ceremony at 1pm.

May 4: Pull of the Net Multicultural Celebration 11am to 4pm. Free admission

Cannery Farmers’ Market:  March 3, 17 & 31 and April 14 & 28

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