



# CANNERY CURRENTS



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## From the Executive Director

### A New Strategic Plan

An exciting 2020 is upon us as we eagerly await the warmth of spring and the arrival of our high season. As we look forward to the year ahead and all the exciting events, programs and new opportunities at the Cannery, we reflect on the successes of 2019 and begin preparations for our upcoming Annual General Meeting.

All community partners and society members are invited to our AGM on April 25th in the Boiler House Theatre starting at 1:00 pm. Not only will we be conducting our usual Society business, we will also present information about exciting new programming and the year ahead.

Perhaps most significantly, the Board of Directors and the Society staff will be unveiling the new 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. This plan was created at

a special meeting of board and staff in October 2019, and will be entering the public consultation phase in spring of 2020.

The new plan covers the strategic priorities for the next five years and includes a new forward-thinking vision statement, which along with our mission, honours our past and drives us towards an ambitious future.

Snacks and beverages will be provided as part of the regular meeting. We will also present the achievements of staff and volunteers, celebrating all the hard work done in 2019.

Following the AGM, there will be an Archival Photograph Identification activity for members to participate in with our Collections Manager (see page 2 for details).



*The Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS on a recent snowy day in January 2020.*

Our AGM is a great opportunity for our membership to engage with our staff and our board, to provide feedback, and to contribute to the year ahead. I truly hope to see all our members, volunteers and community partners on April 25th!

**STEPHANIE HALAPIJA**

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Boiler House Theatre inside the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site at 12138 Fourth Avenue Richmond, on **Saturday April 25th at 1pm**. Light refreshments will be served. A special 'Archival Photo ID' session will follow the AGM (see more details inside). 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](mailto:stephanie.halapija@gogcannery.org) or 604-664-9192

### Archival Photograph Identification Activity

Archival photographs are one of my favourite collections to work with here at the Cannery. They are not only interesting to look at but can also act as great primary sources of information about people, places, activities, etc. about the canning and fishing industry here on the West Coast. For example, knowing when a photograph of people working in a cannery was taken might tell you who was working there when and what kind of jobs they were doing. It also might reveal information about the type of technology that was being used at that time to do a particular job, or what the inside of the building looked like at that time, etc.

Not all photographs that are donated to our collection always come with this amount of associated information, however. Sometimes, the only thing we might be able to tell about a photograph is that the people in it are doing something related to fishing – we don't know who the people are, or when or where the photo was taken.

That's where we're hoping that you – our members – will be able to help! We will be holding an Archival Photograph Identification Activity on Saturday, April 25th (following the Annual General Meeting) and would like you to come out and let us take advantage of your memories and knowledge to improve our collection.

Printed copies of our photos will be available in binders for you to flip through after the AGM. If you happen to know something about any of the photos you see, you can write the information down on a post-it and stick it to that photo so that it can be added to our records later. That's it – simple and easy! Hope to see you there!

### HEIDI RAMPFL

*If you have any further questions about this activity or how to get involved, contact Heidi at [heidi.rampfl@gogcannery.org](mailto:heidi.rampfl@gogcannery.org) or 604-664-9007. This could be the perfect opportunity to find out more about your own fishing related photos and contribute to our collection at the same time!*



G2017.028.002 – This is a great aerial view of Steveston, ca. 1950s. Do you recognize any of the features in this photo?



G2004.034.018 – These women are hard at work on the canning line at BC Packers' Imperial Plant, ca. 1960. Maybe you recognize some of them?



G2011.009.001 – We know that this photo is of some of the company-owned houses at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, but we're not too sure of the date. Maybe you can help us fill in this piece of info, or maybe this photo sparks some other memory about the cannery housing here (or in other places!) that you want to share with us?

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### What's Coming This Spring

Spring is our busiest season for programs and events at the Cannery. There is something for everyone!

Locals will enjoy the **Cannery Farmers' Markets** twice a month in February, March, and April. Please come out to support our vendors and treat yourself to some locally made products. Market days are great opportunities to introduce the Cannery to your neighbours or friends who may not have been before. Volunteers will be inside the Cannery to give mini tours of the Canning Line and spark curiosity about the Cannery's history.

Junior sleuths are needed for our **Mystery in the Museum Spring Break**



*River's End Fisher Poets presenters from 2019. Founder Wilfred Wilson, pictured at far right.*

**program** during the last two weeks of March. This year, families will work together to solve the disappearance of Lulu Sweet in a historical mystery set in the 1860s. Participants will have to find clues and decode messages to see if they can figure out what happened to the adventurous teen actress after whom Richmond's Lulu Island was named.

The **River's End Fisher Poets** return to the Cannery on Saturday March 28th for an afternoon of poetry, storytelling, and song. Passionate about fishing, these performers share the excitement of a great catch, the disappointment of an empty net, the allure of the sea, and the longing for home experienced during the life and work of a commercial fishing career. Commercial fisherman Wilfred Wilson is the creative force behind this incredibly special event.

April brings a very popular special event, **Easter at the Cannery**, on April 10, 11, and 12. What brings so many people to the Cannery for Easter? Easter Salmon does! Expect a salmon lifecycle hunt, salmon spawning obstacle course, crafts, games, and of course, sweet treats. Aimed at 3 to 8-year old children, families love this truly unique Easter program. Admission is \$4.90 for Kids 2+ and \$3.90 for Adults 17+, and free for Society members!



*Steveston's Tetsu Taiko Japanese drumming group performs at last year's Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration.*

April also brings the **Fishermen's Memorial** on April 28th. After the ceremony in Garry Point Park, please stop by the Cannery for coffee and refreshments.

Finally, mark your calendars for our fourth annual **Pull of the Net Multicultural Celebration** on Saturday May 2nd. Featuring a Lions' Dance, Indigenous performances, Japanese Taiko drumming, and lots of other performances and displays, this event celebrates the many cultures that built and sustain the commercial fishing industry.

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### MEMBERS' OUTING TO DELTA PORT - SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society invites our members on an outing to the Port of Vancouver's Delta Port Container Trail Tour. Join us on Saturday March 21st, from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Return transfer by bus from the Cannery will be provided for a small fee. Seats are limited, so please book in advance with the Society.

To book your seat on the tour, please contact Mimi Horita: [mimi.horita@gogcannery.org](mailto:mimi.horita@gogcannery.org) or 604-664-9006

## Thank you for your support all new & renewing members

(AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2020)

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

### Individual & Family Members

Linda Barnes & family	Mary Nowakowsky
Connie Baxter & Chris Baile	Robert & Lea Oye
Shamim Brown	David Paiger
Gloria Campbell	Sandra Parcher
Sarah Crossin & family	Jung H. Park & family
Doug Denson	Dagmar Pribil
Jack Dlugan	John & Teresa Reykdal
Lorna Dreher & family	Lynn Selinger & family
Margaret Dunwoody	Tinnie Shackle & family
Barbara Dymond	Sally & Gord Sheppard
Rob Eichhorn	Joanne Teraguchi
Jane French	John, Medina & Theresa Thibodeau
Elizabeth Harrower	Audrey Thomas
Anne & Ed Ikeda	Ashleigh & Hayden Thompson
Sujin Jaworsky & family	Brian Treharne
Tomoko Kakehi	Jacqui Turner
Jim Kojima	Vicky & Gregg Upham
Angela Li & family	Susan Watson
Iris & Richard Lowe	Glenda Wey
M.J. Medenwaldt	Chase Wighton
Rachel Meloche	Elaine Wilson
Frank Millerd	Sandy Wohl
Ben Minuk	
Maureen Nakanishi	

## Seeking Summer Staff!

We are nearing our peak summer season, and have positions available for Heritage Interpreters. Join our Cannery Crew, and enjoy sharing our stories with visitors from all over the world. While previous interpretation and public speaking experience is an asset, we will provide thorough training on the job. To apply, please send CV and cover letter to [mimi.horita@gogcannery.org](mailto:mimi.horita@gogcannery.org) by March 15, 2020.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March 16-29: Spring Break Mystery

Be a detective and look for clues around the historic cannery. 10am to 5pm.

#### March 21: Members' Outing to Delta Port

RSVP to join this tour (see Page 3)

#### March 28: River's End Fisher Poets

Afternoon of poetry and story-telling. Free admission. 1pm to 3pm.

#### April 10-12: Easter at the Cannery

Free admission for Members.

#### April 25: Annual General Meeting

*In the Boiler House Theatre at 1pm.*

#### April 28: Fishermen's Memorial

Reception at Cannery following memorial.

#### May 2: Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration

Free admission. 10am to 5pm

#### Cannery Farmers' Market:

March 8 & 22, April 5 & 19 10am to 3pm.

### BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW TODAY!



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

Renewal     Change of Address     DONATION (amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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.

I do NOT wish to receive email updates from the Society

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