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CANADA DAY AT THE CANNERY

Cannery Carnival

Canada Day was an extra festive (and busy!) event this year at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. As with all the Parks Canada sites throughout the country, our museum doors were open with free admission, bringing in a record breaking 6,000 visitors!

And, for the first time, we held an outdoor Cannery Carnival, offering fun games, family activities, refreshments and even a cake walk, to bring more Canada Day fun to our corner of Steveston.



With the help of many generous sponsors and an outstanding crew of 160 volunteers inside and outside the Cannery, the day was a great success!

A big thank you to our Special Events Coordinator, Patricia Toti and her crew of talented volunteers who dedicated countless hours to plan, prepare and organize all of the carnival games, decorations, refreshments and prizes.

MIMI HORITA

YOU'RE INVITED: MEMBERS' POTLUCK

Join us for our annual Members' Potluck at the Cannery on AUGUST 30 (SUNDAY) at 5:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share -- Last name starts with:

A - J: Hot or Cold Entree

K - P: Dessert

Q - Z: Appetizer

Bring your own beverages!

Meet our Collections summer staff



Yvette (left) and Meghan (right) in their collections 'rationalizing' gear.

This year the Collections Department was lucky enough to receive funding for two Collections Assistant students to help finish up the inventory and cataloguing phase of our ongoing Collections Rationalization Project. Meghan and Yvette have proven to be fantastic additions to the Collections Department, and have managed to inventory, photograph, catalogue, and research more than 1300 artifacts in the East Mezzanine storage area since they started in May.

Meghan Lenz

Born and raised in the wild north of Ontario, Meghan is a student at SFU studying Anthropology. She likes Piña Colodas and getting caught in the rain – but really prefers Mojitos and a nice day at the beach. She’s also an avid tabletop roleplaying enthusiast and

a big fan of *Game of Thrones*. She begins a typical week day with a crossword puzzle and a cup of earl grey, maybe a Sudoku if she’s feeling adventurous, and likes to read Agatha Christie on her long bus ride into Steveston. She’s really enjoying working with the Cannery collections and looks forward to solving more history mysteries!

Yvette Rancourt

Yvette has been studying English and World Literature at Simon Fraser University for far too long. Despite her experience writing on a variety of topics – everything from children’s puppet show scripts to essays analyzing Middle English poetry – she has always found writing these sorts of bios to be incredibly difficult. Before coming to the Cannery, Yvette worked for Parks Canada as a member of their Urban Outreach Team during her summer semesters, and as a library technician during the rest of the school year. She enjoys singing, reading comics, and making costumes. Her highlights of the summer so far include uncovering the history behind the Cannery

collection, exploring Steveston, enjoying the camaraderie of co-workers, and of course, using her sweet neck pillow on the bus ride to work.

Collections Catch of the Week

Here’s one of the many interesting artifact finds that Meghan and Yvette have discovered during the course of their work:

Steel Belt Lacings

This set of steel belt lacings, found in their original box, would have been used for joining together the ends of conveyor or pulley belts that drove the machinery along a canning line. This particular style of “Alligator” belt lacing was made by the Flexible Steel Lacing Company, and patented in 1916. It was touted as being simple enough for anyone to use, and for creating a joint that “never lets go”.



(left) Steel belt lacing, GOGC Parks Canada Collection, KX.93.5.535.

For more examples of interesting artifacts that Meghan and Yvette have found, check out their “Collections Catch of the Week” on our blog page!

HEIDI RAMPFL

A FOND FAREWELL

Goodbye to Karen & Annika

Last month we said goodbye to our Public Programs Manager Karen Lee and our Public Program Assistant Annika Penner. Both gave a lot to the Cannery in their time here and they

will be missed.

Karen began at the Cannery in 2008 as the Public Programming and Events Assistant but quickly proved her intelligence and capabilities and was promoted to Public Programs Manager the following year. During her time as Manager, Karen led an outstanding team of interpreters and helped give visitors to the Cannery a memorable experience. She also worked on more than six feature exhibits delving into the corners of BC fishing history to educate us all. We thank Karen for helping give the Cannery the positive reputation it has and wish her well as she starts a new chapter of her career at Science World.

Annika started at the Cannery in 2011 as an Interpreter. Her poise and professionalism earned her a promotion to Visitor Services and then Public Programs Assistant. Her



gift for giving tours and working with the public was an asset to our site. We thank her for her flexibility in working with us over these past few years of transition and wish her well in her future journeys.

REBECCA CLARKE



WHAT'S NEW IN THE CANNERY STORE

Go Fly a Kite!

Just arrived in the Cannery Store is this fantastic sailing ship kite from Paper E Clips. Decked out with fantastic detail, this kite looks more like a work of art than something that could fly. That's why we sent our interpreter Andrea Park out with her kids to Garry Point to take it for a test flight, and it passed with "flying" colours!



The kite is available in either nautical navy blue or white, at a cost of \$32, with a little assembly required.

Hit the Patio!

A new line for the Cannery Store, Two's Company has a great selection of summer themed housewares. Set your table with the Poseidon placemats with their blue and white fish prints with matching napkins.



The Santorini line has a great insulated lunch tote, perfect for the beach, as well as toiletry bags and home decor items. Come in and browse the collection; remember members receive a 20% discount on most Cannery Store merchandise.

ROB HART



Thank you for your support all new & renewing members

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Cannery Staff News

Please drop by the Cannery to meet our new summer Heritage Interpreters (from left to right), Julia Olsen, Cathy Lin and Kara Mitchell, who have all taken on costumed character roles to share their stories during our Canning Line guided tours.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Music at the Cannery
July 3 to August 28
Friday nights at 6:30pm

Salmon Fundraising BBQ at Richmond
Maritime Festival
August 8 & 9, Britannia Shipyards

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean up
August 29 1pm, Garry Point Park

Members' Potluck
August 30 at 5pm

Best Catch Sustainable Seafood Festival
September 13, 11am to 4pm

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