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Salmon Science at the Cannery

Join us on October 6th



On Saturday, October 6th, spend the day exploring, experimenting, and investigating—it's on us!

2018 is a dominant year for the Fraser River Sockeye. More salmon will return to the Fraser River this year than in the past 3 years. They will all pass right by Steveston on

their way to spawn in the streams where they were born. We don't know yet how many will be swimming by, but Mike Lapointe, the Pacific Salmon Commission's chief biologist is quoted in the *Richmond News* (Aug 2, 2018): "This year could see as many as 22.9 million sockeye come up the Fraser (a 25 per cent chance) or as few as 5.2 million (a 10 per cent chance)". The large range got me thinking... How does the Pacific Salmon Commission make these estimates?

Media outlets are also reporting that the warm water temperature of the Fraser River could hamper the spawning success of the fish that do return. That also got me thinking... How warm is too warm for salmon?

What do salmon need to survive? What other factors might limit the success of this year's run?

We've got a lot of questions so on the afternoon of October 6th from 1-3 p.m. the Fraser River Discovery Centre will be coming to the Cannery to help us get some answers. Together we will learn more about the needs of Fraser River salmon with water testing and other scientific investigations.

Note: October 6th is our Parks Canada Free Admission Day at the Cannery! Bring your friends and family and enjoy a beautiful day in Steveston!

SHANNON KING

MEMBERS' POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 15TH at 5pm

All society members are invited to our annual potluck event, which will take place on the south dock of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site (weather permitting). If the weather does not cooperate, we have plenty of space indoors, under cover to move the party! Please bring a dish to share (see list below for suggested course) and drinks of your choice. The Cannery will provide plates, cups, cutlery and napkins. **Last name starts with: A - G Dessert H-M Appetizer N - Z: Hot or Cold Entree**

Members are also invited to an Open House viewing of our new Library & Archives in the Administration Building. Drop by from 4pm to 5pm.

COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

Library and Archives Upgrade Project and Open House

Our Library and Archives spaces have been given a facelift!

For those of you who did not know, our Society maintains a Library and an Archives that can normally be found in two small rooms in the Administration building. However, after plans to renovate the Admin building were confirmed last year, it was decided that these collections should be packed up and temporarily moved until work on the building is completed. Not only has this plan allowed us to ensure that the collections remain protected and undamaged during the work, it has also provided us with the perfect opportunity to fix up the Library and Archives storage spaces.



Thanks to funding from the G&F Financial Group Foundation, we were able to purchase brand new custom shelving for the Archives. This shelving increases storage capacity by approximately 25%, providing more space for the collection to grow in future. In order

Our Archives room, before (above left), and after (above right) with new shelving units.

to create a fresh surface for the new shelving, the walls in this room were cleaned and painted.

In the Library the shelving remains the same, though other improvements have been made to create a space that is much more pleasant and user friendly. The walls in this room have also been freshly



Painted, and new vinyl plank flooring has replaced the old dusty carpet. To provide more lighting and allow staff to see when someone is using the space, a new window was installed on the interior wall between the Library and the main Admin office area.

To show off our new and improved spaces, we would like to invite all of you, our members, to an Open House of the Library and Archives spaces before the start of the Members' Potluck event on Saturday, September 15. Drop by any time between 4-5pm to check it out. Hope to see you there!

HEIDI RAMPFL

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society Library and Archives is open to the public on a regular basis by appointment with the Collections Manager. To view the space or use the collections, please contact Heidi Rampfl at 604-664-9007 or heidi.rampfl@gogcannery.org

Collections Assistant

Fergus Maxwell, our 2018 summer Collections Assistant, is a graduate student in History at the University of Guelph. His main project this summer has been to describe and catalogue our newly digitized Oral History on cassette collection. He has also helped to finish up our artifact inventory, conduct research, and provide input for upcoming new exhibits. Fergus has been an invaluable addition to the Collections team here at the Cannery this summer, and we wish him all

the best when he returns to school at the beginning of September!

Fergus Maxwell, with his equipment and cassettes used to catalogue our new digitized collection.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Society Burger n' Beer Fundraiser

Join us at the Steveston Built Local Taphouse for the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society's Burger n' Beer Fundraiser on **Thursday, September 27th from 6-9:30pm**. Enjoy a fresh grilled burger and a tasty cold beer (or wine or cider!) for \$25.00 a ticket.

Funds raised will go toward upgrades to the Cannery Kids' Corner. Event tickets are available at the Cannery's front desk or call to purchase by credit card at 604-664-9009.

Rivers' End Fisher Poets

The 3rd annual *Rivers' End Fisher Poets* returns to the Cannery on **Saturday September 22 from 2-3:30pm** for an afternoon of fishing-inspired poetry, storytelling, and song. This event, organized by local commercial fisherman, Wilfred Wilson, will be presented in the Boiler House Theatre.

Inspired by the *Fisher Poets Gathering* in Astoria, Washington, this event continues to grow and draw new talent each year. For information on presenting at the event, please contact Shannon King at 604-664-9282.

Cannery Farmers' Market

The Cannery Farmers' Market returns for its fifth season this year! The winter market will once again host local food producers, artisans, special features from the community and musicians starting October 21st and running every second Sunday, through April 28th.

December will feature three consecutive holiday markets with crafts, performances, and a visit from Santa on December 2nd! Museum admission is free on market days and canning line tours are available by donation. Visit www.canneryfarmersmarket.org for more details on dates and vendors.

Halloween at the Cannery

Something fishy this way comes! The Cannery is plunging Halloween into mysterious fathoms below to explore what lurks in the deep dark of the *Haunted Sea*. Ghost ships, sea monsters and twisted tentacles will coil and collide alongside legends and lore of the sea through games, crafts, activities, and a terrifying journey into the deep that will leave you gasping for air!

All ages are invited to explore the horrors lurking beneath the waves on **Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th**. Admissions: \$10.20 Adults | \$8.95 Seniors | \$6.30 Youth. 20% off for Society Members.



*Cannery Farmers' Market returns for its fifth year on October 21st.
Photo: Jessie Hebert*

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

New Program: Save Our Salmon

We are excited to introduce a new school program based on an actual historical event that has affected the fishing community of Steveston. The disaster at Hell's Gate BC in 1913-1914, where blasting has blocked the Fraser River, has resulted in millions of sockeye being unable to spawn, affecting the salmon population at the mouth of the lower Fraser. Students will examine

the consequences of this event, taking on the roles of special interest groups in a mock commission, and use their reasoning and problem-solving skills to come up with a plan to *Save Our Salmon*.

To learn more about this and other school programs, contact 604.664.9234 or wilf.lim@gogcannery.org

WILF LIM

Thank you for your support all new & renewing members

(AS OF AUGUST 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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Jean Heath	
James B. Kempster	
Anne Landry	
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Fishing the West Coast Photography Contest

Open for submissions:

September 1 - November 30

Visit photocontest.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org
for more information about how to enter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15: 5pm Members' Potluck & new Library and Archives Open House (4-5pm)

All members are invited to our annual
gathering - a casual, social event

September 15 & 16: Talk Like A Pirate

Weekend Pirate fun for the whole family
hosted by Shady Isle Pirates

September 22: Grand Prix of Art

**September 22, 2 to 3:30pm: River's End
Fisher Poets** The 3rd annual presentation in
the Boiler House Theatre

September 27, 6pm: Burger & Beer Fundraiser
at Steveston Built Tavern \$25/ticket

**September 28 & 29, 10:30 & 1:30: Richmond
Culture Days "White Glove" Collections
Storage Tour** Free Admission

**October 21, 10am to 3pm: Cannery Farmers'
Market Opening Day** Free Admission

**October 27 & 28, 11am to 4pm: Halloween at
the Cannery "Haunted Sea"** Adults \$10.20,
Seniors \$8.95, Youth (17 & under) \$6.30.
Members receive a 20% discount.

**November 4, 18, 10am to 3pm: Cannery
Farmers' Market** Free Admission

BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW TODAY !



Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

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

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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.

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