



Steveston

Fall 2011

Steveston Community Society Newsletter

Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society Celebrates 25 Years!



This fall, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society will celebrate its 25th anniversary of working to preserve and promote the history of Canada's West Coast fishing industry. The Society will commemorate this important occasion with the publication of *The Monster Cannery: The History of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery*.

The Society's roots stretch back to 1975 when members of the Steveston Historical Society started on the long road that led to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery becoming a National Historic Site and the active museum that it is today. In the 1970s, the once thriving fishing centre of Steveston was being dwarfed by the growing city of Richmond. Many buildings in the village were in disrepair, businesses struggled, and concerns were voiced that Steveston's important role in British Columbia's fishing heritage might be forgotten. Once home to as many as 15 canneries, Steveston now had only one active cannery: the BC Packers Imperial Plant. Many of the long unused cannery buildings had been demolished, burned down, or were falling apart. Before the Gulf of Georgia Cannery suffered the same fate, a movement began to preserve the building as a National Historic Site and to create a museum to interpret the fishing history of Canada's West Coast for future generations.



This photo was taken at the first official opening of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site on June 25, 1994. Society Chair Audrey Matheson and Richmond MP Raymond Chan unveil the Historic Sites and Monuments Board plaque as Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt applauds; the plaque is now displayed at the front entrance to the cannery.

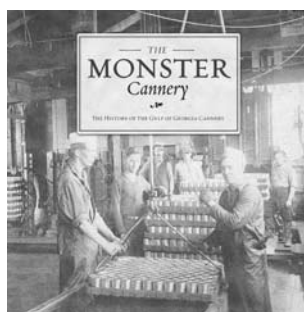
In June 1976, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board was looking into commemorating primary industries and recommended Steveston as a suitable site to interpret the West Coast salmon industry. A Gulf of Georgia Committee of the Steveston Historical Society was formed, with Steveston Postmistress Nora Felker as chairperson. A meeting was held in her home on October 2, 1976 where it was decided a letter writing campaign was needed. Not entirely sure which government department they should write to, the Committee wrote to any that might be able to help ensure that Steveston would indeed have a museum and that it would be housed in the Gulf of Georgia Cannery. The Gulf of Georgia Cannery was in the perfect location – close to the large population of Metro Vancouver and by the harbour overlooking the Steveston village. It was also an imposing structure of significant age whose many incarnations included a cannery, reduction plant, net storage facility, and fresh fish depot.

The "Steveston Historical Society Committee Concerned with the Preservation of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery" started meeting regularly to get things moving on preserving the site. Bud Sakamoto was the chairman of this group, with Curtis Eyestone, John Horton, Joe Bauer, Pat Keller, and Edith Turner attending the first meeting on September 15, 1985. Dave Scott of the Steveston Business Association joined the group and provided a regular meeting place at Dave's Fish & Chips on Moncton Street.

By this time, it had become clear that establishing a separate society devoted to the future Gulf of Georgia Cannery Museum was the next logical step. The Saturday morning meetings at Dave's Fish & Chips continued as the group developed a working relationship with Parks Canada, and drafted a constitution for a new society. This was to be a hands-on organization working

in partnership with the federal government to ensure the museum would become a reality. On December 11, 1986, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society was incorporated and the organization continues to operate the site to this day.

The unique working partnership between the Society and Parks Canada means that the Cannery will continue to evolve and grow. Future chapters in the Cannery's storied history will continue to nurture the memories of the historic building that almost fell into the Fraser



River before it was saved by a well-organized group of dedicated volunteers. Today, the Cannery delights thousands of visitors who come to learn about the remarkable story of one of the West Coast's most cherished and vital landmarks. Considering the commitment and creative energy of Parks

Canada and the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, the story of the Monster Cannery is far from over!

The Monster Cannery: The History of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery will be available in the Cannery Store September 24th. The Cannery is open 10AM–5PM daily year-round.

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The Steveston Community Society

Newsletter is published quarterly. Our goal is to provide information about the people and activities at the community centre, and to share stories about common interests, history, local personalities and events in the broader Steveston community. This newsletter is created by and for the members of the community. Please contact us if you would like to join the volunteer newsletter team.

If you would like to submit an item for inclusion in the newsletter, or recommend a story idea for one of our writers, please forward your ideas, information or material to our editorial committee for consideration. Space is free but limited, and we reserve the right to edit content.

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Mission Statement

The Steveston Community Society is an association of volunteers dedicated to maintaining a positive, pioneer "Spirit of Steveston", by providing cultural, social, and recreational opportunities for all members of the community.

President's Message

Dear Neighbours,

It has been another terrific summer of events and activities in Steveston. The 66th Annual Steveston Salmon Festival was another great celebration of our national - and local - pride. We estimate over 70,000 people came to Steveston on July 1st to enjoy the parade and the many wonderful exhibits and activities we present each year. I would like to thank and congratulate the Salmon Festival organizing committee and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication, and to our sponsors, donors, and in-kind supporters for helping ensure "Canada's biggest little birthday party" was another success!

Next year, there will be some changes to the Salmon Festival grounds, as we look forward to the additions of the new tram barn and educational garden over the coming winter and spring months. These new additions to the park will require the festival to relocate some key attractions to the north side of the park.

The Steveston Sockeye Spin, which was scheduled for July 31st, had to be cancelled due to a shortfall in sponsorship, plus we were presented with some last minute costs we had not anticipated. Although we were very disappointed to make the decision to cancel the race, we still are hopeful to bring the race back to Steveston next summer.

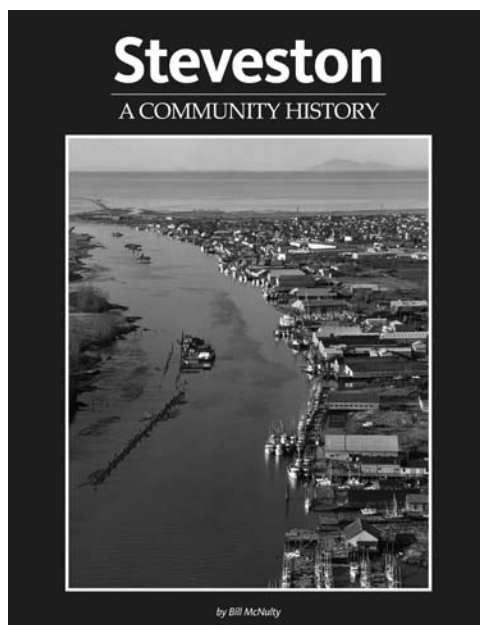
The Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market is enjoying another successful season. Due to the late arrival of spring and subsequent late growing season, the SFAM has decided to extend its summer season to accommodate the produce vendors; the additional dates will be October 2, 16, and 30. The winter market will open November 13 inside the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, and operate until mid-April, 2012. Visit the website www.sfam.ca for full dates and details.

Our Special Events committee organized "Steveston Starry Nights", a series of outdoor movie nights in August, beginning on the 1st with *School of Rock*, *Soul Surfer* on the 14th, and closing August 28 with *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. The events took place at Fisherman's Park outside the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, and were well attended by hundreds of people each night. Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who made a donation to help us continue to bring these kinds of events to the community.

The Special Events committee is busy making plans for the fall and winter season, including a Masquerade Ball on October 29th. Visit our website www.stevestoncommunitysociety.com for further details as they become available later in September.

Thank you, neighbours and friends, for your continued support of the many activities and events that we organize throughout the year for the benefit of the community as a whole. When we work together in the true, pioneer "Spirit of Steveston", we can accomplish great things!

Jim Kojima, President
Steveston Community Society and
Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society



Steveston: A Community History by Bill McNulty

**Pick up your copy today at the
Steveston Community Centre!**

\$20 suggested donation.

**Part proceeds in support of the
Japan Relief Fund for Onagawa.**

**Learn many fascinating details
about Steveston from the early
settlers and pioneers right through
to today!**



McNulty's Meanderings...by Bill McNulty

Schools in Steveston Part 3 - Lord Byng Elementary School

Lord Byng Elementary School's name was commissioned in 1922 in honour of Lord Byng, a British General who commanded the Canadian Corps in its capture of Vimy Ridge in 1917. He served as Governor-General of Canada from 1921 to 1926.

In 1923, the Richmond School Board took responsibility for all children in Richmond regardless of race or country of origin. The Board agreed to provide teachers for the Japanese children. The Japanese community raised the money to finish the school in 1925 providing four more classrooms and a full size basement.

In 1926, the Lord Byng annex in Steveston, a school attended by both Japanese and Caucasian students, became the first and only school in British Columbia to hire a Japanese-Canadian teacher. However, the teacher, Hideko Hyodo, was only permitted to teach Japanese-Canadian students.

By 1928 the new school was too small for the expanding population.

In 1930, a new, 14 room, two storey, Lord Byng school was built facing Number One Road beside the old Steveston School. This was largely funded by the Japanese community, then quite a good size in Steveston. In fact, they donated \$20,000 towards the \$48,000 total cost. The government matched the Japanese citizen's contribution, while the School Board contributed \$8,000. The old building was used for Japanese classes. (Boggis)

In April of 1942, the Japanese Canadian Citizens of Steveston were removed from the Municipality of Richmond. The enrolment at Lord Byng dropped from 550 to 137. (Boggis) Sixteen teachers were laid off as there were not enough students left to teach. In 1943 the students of Burkeville were bussed to Lord Byng until Sea Island School was completed in 1946.

On November 23, 1946, flames destroyed Lord Byng Elementary School and threatened a dozen adjacent homes. Thirty-five auxiliary volunteers were called to the scene. The School Board had replacement insurance on the building, so the school was rebuilt on the same site using the same plans; it was completed in 1947 and officially opened in 1948. Students worked on shifts in the annex building during the time of construction. In 1959 a gymnasium was added to the school.

In 1995, a new, modern school was built on adjoining property on Georgia Street, and is now the current Lord Byng Elementary School.



City of Richmond Archives Photograph 1978 26 34
Aerial view with old and new school, ca. 1977

Bill McNulty is a local historian and has published three books on sports and one on local history. He is a member of the International Society of Olympic Historians and has served on Richmond City Council since 1993. He is Past President of the Steveston Rotary Club and has been a member of Rotary since 1988. He recently completed the book "Steveston: A Community History", commissioned by the Steveston Community Society, which was released on May 12, 2011.

Volunteer Corner

Fall Volunteer Opportunities:

Community Centre General Programs

September to December

Special Events

September 10th - 8:45am to 10:00am Swap Meet

October 1st - 9:00am to 4:00pm Fire Hall Opening

October 16th - 8:45am to 10:00am Swap Meet

October 29th - evening (times TBA) Masquerade Ball

November 6 - 8:45am to 10:00am Swap Meet

November 26 - 7am to 9am Christmas Craft Fair

Come out and support your community by volunteering at one of our many events. For details, email Marisa machtymichuk@richmond.ca. To join the Steveston Volunteer Team, register at: <https://icanhelp.richmond.ca> and choose Steveston as your preferred location.

SWAP MEET BLITZ THIS FALL



STEVESTON SWAP MEETS



Sell your gently used items
this fall at the
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\$13/Table



10:00am - 1:00pm

SPORTS ONLY SWAP MEET

Saturday, Sept. 10th

KIDS ONLY SWAP MEET

Sunday, Oct. 16th

GENERAL SWAP MEET

Sunday, Nov. 6th

Book your table at the
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604-238-8080



Around the Community Centre

Fitness Programs at the Centre!

Health and Fitness Information by Donna Bishop

Fall is approaching and we are ready to help you keep fit with all our fabulous returning fitness programs as well as some awesome new programs:

**denotes new program*

- Yoga for Athletes*: Perfect fit for the many athletes in Steveston
- Pre-natal Yoga: Expecting? You can expect a gentle, modified yoga class
- Yoga/Pilates Fusion*: The best of both, using all sorts of equipment to make the class fun and challenging
- Boxer Boot Camp*: Punch and kick your way into shape; learn proper techniques and form
- Lulu Family Fitness™: Mom and Baby indoor and outdoor classes to keep mom fit while exercising with baby
- Sit and Be Fit*: Simple exercises for older physically challenged adults dealing with chronic conditions
- Active for Life *: Community level healthy heart program in the fitness centre

- Group Weight training 55+: Learn proper technique and form, and a work out program
- Plus-Size Yoga: Yoga flow with modifications for plus-size individuals
- Spin for beginners: Learn to spin in a progressive, safe manner
- Pilates: Beginner and intermediate classes
- Pilates 55+: Class suited for the active senior crowd with no pilates experience
- Yoga for Youth: Help with the stresses of school with this after school yoga class for 13-17-year-olds
- Yoga Parent and Pre-teen: Practice yoga with your 10-12-year-old
- Cardio Kickbox: Sweat it up in this energetic workout
- Taiko Fit Drumming: A unique way to get a workout
- Half Marathon Clinic*: Learn to run a half marathon in this progressive fun course

All these classes and more are listed in the Fall 2011 Leisure Guide. Our drop in fitness class schedule is available at the Steveston Community Centre. Drop by and check it out!

The Fall Recreation & Culture Guide is now available at www.richmond.ca/guide or at the Steveston Community Centre.

Registration for Fall programs is on-going! There are three ways to register: online at www.richmond.ca/register, by phone at 604-276-4300 or in person at any City facility.



Summer Camps!

The Steveston Summer Day Camps raised over \$615 for Kidsport at their annual barbecue and car wash on August 19th! This summer in our Day Camp programs we focused on encouraging the children to be physically active, therefore we felt it was fitting to raise funds for Kidsport, a local organization that helps children to participate in organized sports programs by removing financial barriers for low-income families. All 90 day camp participants and our staff and volunteers participated in the barbecue and car wash with great support from the parents.

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Flu Vaccine Clinics

Pharmasave Steveston Village is partnering with the Steveston Community Centre to provide free flu vaccines to all seniors and any other eligible individuals this fall. The program will be run in conjunction with the Pharmasave Food Donation Program: for every flu vaccination performed, Pharmasave Steveston Village will donate 3lbs of food in their campaign to feed those who need it most. Their goal is to reach 5000lbs this year - over 1600 injections!

The first vaccination clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2 during the monthly seniors wellness clinic. To book an appointment, please call Margie Hardy, Older Adults Coordinator, at 604-238-8098. Additional dates will be scheduled if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine, including eligibility criteria, please contact Pharmasave Steveston Village at 604-232-0159.



Summer Day Camp staff served up a delicious barbecue lunch and hosted a car wash as part of their fundraiser for Kidsport.

Golden Rods & Reels

Richmond Golden Rods & Reels Society (RGRRS), a non-profit recreational fishing club for people aged 50 years and over, was founded in 1981 and has approximately 50 members. Membership is \$30 per year.

Society membership includes: fishing, picnics, dinners, community activities, travel & education, plus a community centre membership.

RGRR members fish B.C. lakes in May, June and September for one week in each of these months from Monday to Friday. The group has pot luck lunches and dinners for members throughout the year, plus day trips and impromptu fishing trips.

RGRRS also organizes the Steveston Salmon Festival's Bullhead Derby, held the Sunday prior to July 1st annually.

The club meets once a month at the Steveston Community Center. Meetings include guest speakers or presentations by members about fishing trips they have been on. If you are interested in meeting like minded people come and join us at a monthly meeting.

For more information:

www.richmondgoldenrodsandreels.com

Membership & Club Activities

Lorne 604-274-2218

Norm 604-274-3971

Fishing Activities

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River & Stream: Bert 604-857-0117

Bar Fishing: Lorne 604-274-2218

Bullhead Fishing Derby:

Norm 604-274-3971

Harry 604-274-6259

Les 604-274-8567



Dorothy's 2lb 8oz trout from Salmon Lake

Steveston Starry Nights

Thank you for the tremendous turn out at the three "Steveston Starry Nights" in August! Due to your positive feedback, we will bring back the outdoor movie experience again next summer!

We appreciate the kind support of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, and Steveston Harbour Authority, for allowing the use of their sites for these events.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors:

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And thank you to the City of Richmond, and all the volunteers who gave us their valuable time and energy to make these events a success!



Masquerade Ball

The Steveston Community Society Special Events committee is cooking up a spectacular evening including dancing to a live band and lots of surprises on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Gather your friends and neighbours, book a sitter, and join us for a great evening together at the community centre.

Details are still in the works but do check our website later in September for ticket information and further details.

www.stevestoncommunitysociety.com

STEVESTON & Farmers Artisans MARKET

A project of the Steveston Community Society and Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society

SFAM now a year-round market!

Spring was almost a no-show this year as we experienced one of the coldest in recent memory. As a result, the growing season was delayed by as much as a month in some instances. To accommodate our produce vendors, the SFAM will extend its summer season to the end of October!

The winter edition of SFAM will move inside the Gulf of Georgia Cannery on November 13th and continue bi-weekly until April 15th, 2012, with a break between December 11th and January 22nd. We will continue to offer all your favourites including artisan breads, cheeses, fresh seasonal produce, home canning and baking, and of course the delightful artistry of our talented community! We hope to see you there!

Applications are being accepted for the 2012 winter market and are available at the Steveston Community Centre or on our website. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the SFAM, please contact:

Paula Morimoto or Marisa Achtymichuk

Tel: 604-729-7326 or

marketmanager@shaw.ca

Visit our website www.sfam.ca

Summer Market Remaining Dates:

September 4, 18; October 2, 16, 20

10am - 4pm RAIN OR SHINE!

Winter Market Dates:

November 13, 27; December 11;

January 22; February 5, 19;

March 4, 18; April 1, 15

10am - 3pm ~ Dress for cold!

Mark Glavina is Phoenix Art Workshop

Mark Glavina opened Phoenix Art Workshop on Chatham Street 14 years ago, compelled to increase representation for artists in Steveston, an arts community in the making.

A talented artist first and foremost, Mark is also an enthusiastic, gentle teacher and facilitator for practicing artists. Mark's teaching is traditional in the European based Atelier style - his expectations are high. **"Most Ateliers train students in the skills and techniques associated with creating some form of representational art, the making of two-dimensional images that appear real to the viewer. They traditionally include sessions for drawing or to paint a painting of a nude model."*

Mark is a visionary working toward a strong commitment to the arts in Steveston and Richmond. Last year for the first time, and again this September, Phoenix Art Workshop will help sponsor and orchestrate the Steveston Grand Prix of Art.

Artists take part in a day of Plein Air painting in a high energy race. The participants have three hours to complete a painting before being judged, possibly winning an award or selling their work on the spot. Last year 80% of the competing artists were from Richmond, proof that we have a strong community of working artists among us.

As an art instructor Mark offers painting excursions to places such as Guatemala and Florence, Italy. These excursions are designed for the adventurous artist to learn about richly textured cultures, explore and paint.

A multi faceted man - a born artist - devoted to his family, Mark moved to "family friendly" Steveston 21 years ago when his oldest daughter, Arianne, was born. Mark heartily effuses that his wife, Roxanne, is the backbone of the family. Keeping the home fires glowing, allowing Mark to pursue his life's calling, knowing there is a soft warm place for him to look forward to. Both of his daughters, Arianne and Niki, have been portrait models in his painting and drawing workshops.

Last winter I signed up for a portrait and figure painting workshop with Mark at his new spacious studio on First Avenue. I learned first-hand how he is able to motivate (even me) an artist in pursuit of excellence. We worked hard, had fun, and finished each session with a sense of accomplishment. We met some of Mark's family, including Charlie, a rambunctious chocolate lab. Impossible as it might seem, the atmosphere was relaxed, inclusive and intense. We all felt like part of the Phoenix family, striving toward high expectations through gentle guidance. That's Mark Glavina, an "Essential Person of Steveston", patiently guiding us all toward a greater appreciation of the arts.

Visit Phoenix Art Workshop online at www.phoenixartworkshop.com

* Quote from Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia.

observations by Christine Durgo



Steveston Dragon Boat Festival

It was the hottest day yet of a damp cold summer and 37 dragon boat teams came to the Britannia Heritage Shipyard on August 20th, to enjoy the balmy 25 degree temperature and participate in the second annual Steveston Dragon Boat Festival.

Top race honours went to *Team Lifescan*, who repeated their first place finish from 2010. Second place went to the *False Creek Grandragons*, a senior's team. Third place was a very tight race that saw *Swordfish* edge out *Dragon Hearts Beat* by 0.28 of a second.

"My seniors, the Grandragons kicked butt! 2nd overall in Steveston! So fun and so proud!" said their coach, former Olympic kayak paddler Kamini Jain.

Meanwhile, David Wong, the coach of the Strathcona Youth Team, was telling his high school paddlers about why the Grandragons should never be underestimated and how amazing it is that paddlers aged 60+ are beating almost every dragon boat team.

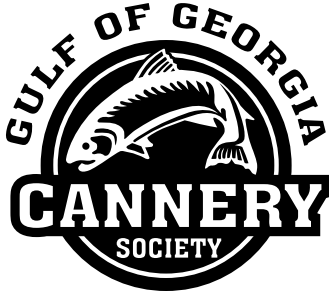
This was the last race event of the season for the Metro Vancouver area. Many of the teams had started practicing in March and looked forward to the final race of the summer. There were also many new paddlers who only started in July and August. For them, their first race was very exciting.

Teams came from as far-away as Fort Langley and Saltspring Island in addition to many different local teams. Dragon boat paddling is an inclusive activity with many specialty teams. *O2P* is a team of paddlers on kidney dialysis, who came first in the D Division. *Strathcona Dragons* is a youth team from Vancouver's inner city neighbourhood that came forth in the B Consolation. *Off Balance* includes paddlers with Multiple Sclerosis.

My own team, *Gung Haggis Fat Choy*, found itself right at home in Steveston. Our team celebrates the multicultural history of BC and we shared some stories of the Scottish, Chinese, Japanese and First Nations pioneer origins of Steveston and BC with our paddlers - many of whom are immigrants from Asia, Europe and South America. Our team made it to the C semi-final, but got bumped into the consolation round.

It was a lively and festive site, set among the heritage buildings that remain from Steveston's historic Cannery Row. The atmosphere at the Steveston Dragon Boat Race was very friendly, filled with the camaraderie of a full season of paddling. Great music and food added to the overall enjoyment for spectators and participants. ~ by Todd Wong

Around the Village



Fall Events at the Cannery:

August 27: Fishing the West Coast. Our annual photo exhibit focusing on the fishing industry opens, and runs to October 28.

October 29 & 30: Phantoms of the Fraser. Spine-tingling tales of Steveston's fishing past come to life as you tour through the Haunted Cannery.

December 3: Christmas in Steveston. Come meet Santa as he makes a stop at the Cannery for photos.

Phone 604-664-9009 or visit
www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.com
for more details.

Coming Events

All events at the Steveston Community Centre unless otherwise indicated.

September 10 Sports Only Swap Meet
9:00am to 1:00pm

October 1 Richmond Fire Hall Opening
No. 2 Road/Steveston Hwy.
11:00am to 4:00pm

October 16 Kids Only Swap Meet
9:00am to 1:00pm

October 29 Masquerade Ball
Details TBA

November 6 Swap Meet
9:00am to 1:00pm

November 26 Christmas Craft Fair
10:00am to 4:00pm

Call 604-238-8080 for further information.

Artists in Steveston

The 2nd Annual *Steveston Grand Prix of Art*, scheduled for Saturday, September 17th, is shaping up to be bigger and better with even more participating artists, partners, volunteers and community involvement.

Proudly sponsored and orchestrated by Phoenix Art Workshop, the concept of the Grand Prix of Art is to promote local arts in a fun and interactive manner. Artists from around the province are invited to participate in a day of Plein Air painting. Participating artists will be allocated locations in Steveston where they will have three hours to complete a work of art, before returning the finished pieces to the Britannia Heritage Shipyards for display and adjudication. Young people are also invited to participate. There is a dedicated award for youth, as well as numerous participation awards, grand prize, and runner up awards. Visitors will also be given an opportunity to vote for a "People's Choice" award.

The public is welcome to come around and observe art in action. The Gulf of Georgia Cannery's 10 o'clock whistle marks the start of this very unique race, with artists working on location from Garry Point Park to London Farm. The results of all this creative energy will be on display in the Chinese Bunk House at Britannia Heritage Shipyards, September 17th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and September 18th from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

For more information, or to register as a participant or volunteer, please visit the event web site at www.grandprixofart.com or contact Phoenix Art Workshop at 604-448-1860.

**If you are an artist, or know of one who lives and/or works in the Steveston area who would like to be featured here, please send information to: editor@stevestoncommunitysociety.com or call 604-377-6926*

Retro & Curio Sale

The Richmond Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop is having their Annual Retro & Curio Sale on November 4th & 5th from 9:30am to 3:30pm at 3731 Chatham Street (at the corner of 2nd Avenue) in Steveston.

There will be hundreds of treasures to discover, including: china, crystal, silver, jewellery, vintage linens, collectibles, furniture and pictures.

All proceeds go to the Richmond Hospital.

For more information please contact Valerie Bergen at 604-315-1859 or vbergen58@gmail.com

New Fire Hall Opening!

Richmond Fire-Rescue will celebrate the grand opening of the Steveston Fire Hall at No. 2 Road and Steveston Highway on Saturday, October 1st, from 11:00am to 4:00pm and the entire community is invited!

Events include:

- official opening ceremony and ribbon cutting at 11:00am.
- fire hall and truck tours throughout the day
- auto extrication and fire extinguisher demos
- barbecue, face painting, clowns, antique fire truck
- neighbourhood safety and emergency information
- draws for winners of the colouring contest and mascot naming contest

Rain or shine. Street parking is limited. Bring your camera!

The Richmond Fire-Rescue dalmatian mascot needs a name! Email your name suggestion to fire@richmond.ca by 5:00pm September 30th. Winner will be announced at the Steveston Fire Hall opening celebration on October 1st.



Gung Haggis Fat Choy dragon boat team competes in the Steveston Dragon Boat Festival.

photo: Sarka Faltinova



2011 Steveston Salmon Festival would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers for their tremendous support in making "Canada's biggest little birthday party" a great success!

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Richmond Golden Rods & Reels
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And a great big THANK YOU and thunderous applause to all the city staff and the hundreds of volunteers who came together to produce the 2011 Steveston Salmon Festival. We couldn't have done it without you!