



Steveston

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Steveston Community Society Newsletter

Society President receives provincial recognition for volunteerism

The Steveston Community Society is proud to announce that Jim Kojima received a 2009 BC Community Achievement Award from Lieutenant Governor Stephen Point and Premier Gordon Campbell.

This is how Jim was honoured at the March ceremony:

“For over 50 years, Jim Kojima has volunteered countless hours in roles that benefit the quality of life in his Steveston neighbourhood. From the Steveston Community Society, the Richmond Minoru Senior Centre, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, the Richmond Sister City Committee and most recently Richmond’s 2009 Senior’s Games Association, Jim’s contributions are diverse and far-reaching. Jim has made an indelible impact on Richmond youth and adults with his over 55 years of participation in the Steveston Judo Club. Jim epitomizes the strength and dedication of community spirit in Richmond.”

We are thankful to Jim, for his unwavering dedication to our community and congratulate him on his BC Community Achievement Award. ☪



L-R: Lieutenant Governor Stephen Point, SCS President Jim Kojima, and Premier Gordon Campbell.

National Volunteer Week April 19 to 25, 2009

The Steveston Community Society thanks the hundreds of volunteers who help make Steveston such a great place to live! There are many volunteer opportunities for people of all ages and interests at the community centre.

Why be a Volunteer?

For the social interaction and to experience personal growth: Experience getting to know people from other walks of life. At the Steveston Farmer’s & Artisan’s Market for example, you’ll find connecting with the vendors and entertainers will be a rewarding experience. Exchanging views and knowledge with artisans and food growers will offer the opportunity of a renewed perspective on life and living. Expand your social network and have fun in the process.

To Connect with a Cause and be Part of a Positive Change in Your Community: Providing a service to your community is a gift that everyone involved benefits from. Volunteering your free time to a cause or event allows for our society to continue pursuing the dreams the foundation of our community was built on.

To Complete Education or Work Experience Requirements: With the wide range of opportunities to volunteer you will be able to choose areas that best fit your needs, talents, and expertise. You will be given the option to pursue professional growth and development while enhancing and creating employment skills.

The **Universal Declaration on Volunteering**, adopted by the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) in January 2001 states that:

Volunteering is a fundamental building block of civil society. It brings to life the noblest aspirations of humankind - the pursuit of peace, freedom, opportunity, safety, and justice for all people.

In this era of globalization and continuous change, the world is becoming smaller, more interdependent, and more complex.

Volunteering - either through individual or group action - is a way in which:

- human values of community, caring, and serving can be sustained and strengthened;
- individuals can exercise their rights and responsibilities as members of communities, while learning and growing throughout their lives, realizing their full human potential; and,
- connections can be made across differences that push us apart so that we can live together in healthy, sustainable communities, working together to provide innovative solutions to our shared challenges and to shape our collective destinies.

At the dawn of the new millennium, volunteering is an essential element of all societies. It turns into practical, effective action the declaration of the United Nations that “We, the Peoples” have the power to change the world.

The Steveston Community Society is very attentive to our volunteer’s needs and motivations. We strive to ensure these are fulfilled and that the chosen positions are successfully met. We believe a positive volunteer experience leads to success for the volunteer, the community, the society, and the services it provides. *Won’t you join us? ☪*

To volunteer for the Steveston Community Society contact Marisa Achymichuk at 604-718-8087

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Sundays bi-weekly from

May 24 - October 11, 2009

10:00am - 3:00pm

rain or shine

**Corner of 3rd Avenue and Moncton Street,
in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery.**

See page 3 for more details!



The Steveston Community Society

Newsletter is published six times a year. 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.

McNulty's Meanderings...

Japanese Fishermen's Preservation Project by Bill McNulty

Steveston's rich historical past is always worth investigating; however, it can sometimes be a little challenging. We have to rely on the contributions of our predecessors, such as the Steveston Japanese Benevolent Fishermen's Association, to help us piece together the historical moments of our diverse, multi-cultural community.

The Japanese Benevolent Fishermen's Association was a Steveston organization that made a difference. The Association organized in 1897 and worked until 1942. Some time prior to 1895, a piece of land was obtained from the Phoenix Cannery, lumber was purchased from the Royal City Sawmill in New Westminster and volunteer labour from the fishermen was garnered. These efforts resulted in a two-storey building intended to serve as a mission which would be funded by contributions from Japanese fishermen. The ground floor of the building was for mission activities and the upper floor was designed as the Minister's living quarters. Sadly, as soon as the new building was completed, Steveston suffered an outbreak of typhoid: 38 cases in all (26 among the Japanese community and 12 in the non-Japanese). The mission soon became a much-needed hospital.

Voluntary contributions from the Japanese fishermen could not cover operating expenses and the mission went into debt. In 1898, the Japanese community took full responsibility for the operation of the hospital. In 1900, the Benevolent Association had managed to collect an impressive \$1800 to build a larger hospital on the northeast corner of Chatham and No. One Road.

The Japanese community built a one-room school on the same site, just behind the hospital on the south side. But by 1904, they had outgrown the school and proceeded to build a two-room school which was in line with the hospital.

In 1909, the community installed a four-room school, north of the hospital on No. One Road.

Between the hospital and the old school was the doctors' and hospital offices of Richmond's first hospital. This building was originally located facing No. One Road at Chatham Street. City water works maps dated 1936 verify the doctors/administrative office as a T-shaped building between the hospital and school.

Eventually, the doctors/administration office was moved to the current site at the rear of the property and converted into a private home.

Many of Steveston's familiar landmarks have been destroyed or permanently altered. The doctors/administration office has miraculously survived the destruction of its contemporaries and is now an important landmark in our Village.

It is thought that the Japanese Hospital was purchased by the Army Navy Air Force Veterans Club in 1947 and converted into a licenced club. The building remained until the night of December 29, 1956, when it burnt to the ground.

The following quote sums up the importance of doctors/administration office project:

"Thus it is much more than bricks and mortars to Japanese Canadians: it provides a rare glimpse of our history, one tiny enclave that we can cling on to, and one rare site that we can proudly relate to, and show to our children and their children".

~ Tom Yeno, President, Calgary Japanese Community Association, December 12, 2008.



Photograph of students in traditional May Day dress standing outside the Steveston Japanese School, May Day, 1930. The Steveston Fishermen's Hospital is the building to the far left, and the doctor's and hospital offices (in the original location, now 4091 Chatham Street) is the building to the right.

City of Richmond Archives Photograph No. 1977 24 38

Irene Fox: A True Friend of Steveston

Last October, the Steveston Community Society lost one of its longest-serving volunteers, Irene Fox. Irene had been a resident of Steveston since 1977, and had relocated to the Okanagan just last spring to be closer to her family.

Over the years, Irene spent countless hours helping with many activities at the Steveston Community Centre. She served on the Board of Directors for many years, and later became a Trustee for the Society, a position she held until last spring.

Irene enjoyed helping to create the parade float, the *Spirit of Steveston*, for the Steveston Salmon Festival, and in the early years she could be found at the Salmon Hatchery building helping the rest of the gang prepare the float for its debut. Irene spent many hours behind the scenes on July 1st, often working in the Hospitality Suite where she and others prepared refreshments for the parade's marching bands, and throughout the remainder of that special day, for the exhausted volunteers who would come in from the park in need of a rest and snack.

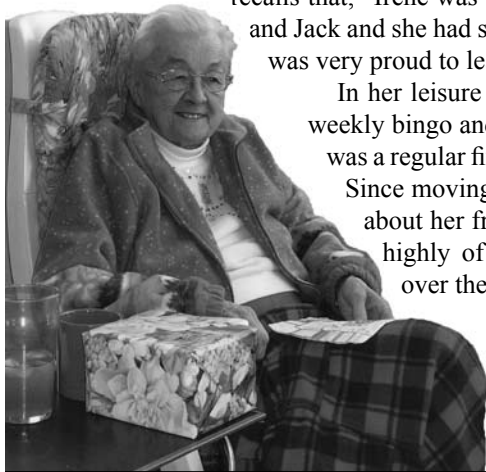
For many years, Irene maintained the "Friends of Steveston", an extensive list of all the volunteers for the Salmon Festival. Irene took care to ensure everyone who volunteered their time received a framed certificate with their name on it, acknowledging and certifying that they were now a "Friend of Steveston".

At the 2005 Salmon Festival, Irene and the two other Society Trustees, Ted Lorenz Sr., and Jack Gilmore, were chosen as Honorary Parade Marshals in recognition for their years of service and contribution to the community. Beth Ovenden, current Vice President of the Society recalls that, "Irene was thrilled to be asked to share that honour with Ted and Jack and she had said she would go anywhere with those two." Irene was very proud to lead the parade that year.

In her leisure time, Irene enjoyed meeting her friends for their weekly bingo and card games at the Japanese Cultural Centre, and was a regular fixture at seniors activities at the Community Centre.

Since moving to the Okanagan in 2008, Irene often reminisced about her friends and their families in Steveston. Irene spoke highly of all the Community Centre staff members who, over the years, had been so helpful to her.

In honour of Irene and her husband Cliff, who was also a tireless volunteer for the Society, a memorial brick has been installed in the Steveston Park this spring. We will all miss Irene, a true "Friend of Steveston". ☪



The 64th Annual Steveston Salmon Festival

"Canada's biggest little birthday party", is already starting to take shape and we are anticipating that this year's rendition will be the most exciting Festival in the 64-year history of the event!

The 2009 Festival theme is "Eight Months to the 2010 Games", and will feature a boarder, an oval, a cuddly sasquatch and his friends, hopefully a few skaters, and perhaps a bright new flame!

Updates will be posted on our website as plans progress, so visit us often. You can also find us on Facebook! The Steveston Salmon Festival kicks off July 1st at 6:30am with a pancake breakfast, the parade begins at 10:00am, and the main events begin at 12:15pm with the opening ceremony. Check



our website for the full schedule of events.

The annual Bullhead Derby will be June 21st, Father's Day, at Garry Point Park. The next newsletter will have all the exciting details about the derby, and also much more about the Salmon Festival.

Applications for Trade Show vendors, Community Groups, and the Parade are now available on-line and at the Steveston Community Centre.

Whatever your interests, and whatever your tastes, we've got something for everyone at the Steveston Salmon Festival! We hope you will plan to spend Canada Day with us!

www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca



The Steveston Farmer's & Artisan's Market (SFAM) is back with an exciting new look, and a new location! After a smashing success in 2008, the Market will re-open on Sunday, May 24 from 10:00am to 3:00pm and will continue on alternating Sundays until October 11, 2009. The Market is also moving just south of last year's location at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery parking lot, to the streets and boardwalk around Fishermen's Park at the corner of Third Avenue and Moncton Street.

Over 60 vendors are expected at this year's Market, offering a tempting selection of creative handiwork, delicious gourmet breads and baked treats, plus fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Everything is local, displayed outside in the invigorating Steveston air (unless it's July-then it's the balmy Steveston breeze). And, as you will remember from our 2008 Market, the wares are displayed, served and sold with lots of local charm.

We make it, bake it or grow it: come on down to taste it, admire it and buy it!

Remember, when you buy local you make a positive difference in your community. Reduce food miles, reduce pollution, reduce packaging and shop the Steveston Farmer's & Artisan's Market. ☪

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the SFAM, please contact:

Paula Morimoto, Market Manager
Tel: 604-718-8013 or
marketmanager@stevestoncommunitysociety.com

Details are also available on our website
www.stevestoncommunitysociety.com





Around the Community Centre

Fitness Instructor Profile: Sandy

When you join one of step or group cycling classes at the Centre, you'll quickly recognize Sandy. She's the instructor sporting a huge smile and exuding tons of positive energy. Sandy has many long-time followers who enjoy her dynamic workouts. Her high energy and warm personality have helped many people reach (maybe even surpass) their fitness goals.

How long have you been teaching fitness?
18 years

What type of classes do you teach and which are your favourites? I've tried most types of classes but I like to teach step, spinning and aerobic fitness classes the most.

How long have you taught at Steveston Community Centre? Since 1992.

What is your other job?

I am the Administration Manager of Quality, Safety & Risk Management at BC Women's

and Children's Hospital.

Why do you like teaching fitness at Steveston Community Centre? I enjoy planning the class and changing the routines quite frequently. The people in the community who attend my classes are great. I like to think that whatever happens in life, at the end of the day you can come to a fitness class at Steveston, see your fellow classmates, workout and sweat a bit and then you feel so much better when you leave.

What is the funniest/strangest thing that has happened to you while teaching a fitness class? One of the regular participants, Colin, comes to class in costume at Halloween. You never know what to expect. One year he came as a buxom blonde fitness instructor. It never fails: there will always be someone new in the class that day and I always wonder if the newbie thinks all our classes are so much fun! ☺



Sandy is a popular fitness instructor who is well known for her positive energy and welcoming smile.

Racquet Sports News

Steveston Tennis Tournament June 20-26

Please join us for the upcoming tennis tournament at Steveston Community Centre.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, June 10, at 9:30pm.

Who can participate? Players of all skill levels and ages: two youth categories will be available as well as an adult registration

Tournament type? Two matches guaranteed. Singles, doubles and mixed doubles: if playing

doubles, please arrange for your own partner.

Cost? \$25 for singles and \$15 per person for doubles.

When? June 20-26, 2009. The tournament schedule will be posted on the city website and posted at the community centre one week prior to the tournament.

How do I register? There are four ways to register for this event: In person at the Steveston Community Centre; by phone at 604-718-8080 (Community Centre) or 604-276-4300 (City of Richmond Call Centre); or on-line at www.richmond.ca

All participants will need to complete a waiver form which can be accessed in person at the community centre or on the website <http://www.richmond.ca/parksrec/centres/stevestoncentre/fitness.htm>

We look forward to seeing you!
Caton Pang, Racquets Coordinator
604-718-8089 or cpang@richmond.ca



Justin Pau, a participant at our March Break camp, focusing on himself to return a serve.

Fitness Centre News

Steveston Fitness Centre has grown!

We have a larger stretch/core work area for your comfort. Two new stationary bikes and a new cross trainer will arrive soon. Come and visit us for a free fitness orientation.

Group Fitness Drop-In: New classes: Ball for Boomers on Tuesdays at 10:30am and Spin-and-Core on Tuesdays at 9:15am. Please join us at the centre and try out our new classes.



Attention Team Managers and Coaches!

Sign-up your team for 8-10 sessions of group cycling and core conditioning. These classes will keep your team in shape and provide thorough cross-training to increase fitness and help reduce injury. For further information contact Donna Bishop, Fitness Coordinator, 604-718-8097 or dbishop@richmond.ca

Preschool News

Rainbow Preschool is almost here!

In September 2009, Rainbow Preschool begins to shine. Rainbow is a unique program designed to reflect Steveston's increasing cultural diversity. Children aged 3 and 4 years will experiment, play and enjoy themselves as they listen to languages such as French, English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish and Japanese. As each language is introduced, children will explore cultural activities including cooking, games, songs, stories, music, art, drama, and field trips. The program is colourful, fun and educational: providing opportunities to practice social, emotional, cognitive and physical development at the preschool level.

Tara Pang and the Steveston pre-school team are also building a culturally diverse resource library for their classroom to support the classroom activities: multicultural books/stories, puzzles, dramatic play materials, art supplies, displays and decorations. Special visitors will drop by to visit the children: perhaps an elegant Chinese calligraphy artist or a flamboyant Flamenco dancer. Field trips are also being organized.

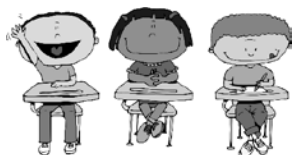
Rainbow is still finalizing the schedule and an example of a program theme is Spanish and Spain. Children would use a map to locate Spanish-speaking nations. Las Posadas would be celebrated (or rather a slightly shortened version since it is a nine-day holiday!) with basic greetings, songs and stories. The piñata-making project could be quite popular as would be the salsa and quesadilla snacks and, perhaps, a field trip to see where tortillas are made...

Rainbow will shine on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:15-2:45pm & Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30am.

General registration is Saturday, April 25th at 9:00am. Registration must be in-person, at the Steveston Community Centre.

Interested volunteers, especially those who love sharing multi-cultural traditions, are invited to contact Rainbow.

For more information about Rainbow, please contact Tara Pang @ 604-718-8088.



COPS Grow Herbs in Steveston

The Committee of Pre-Teens of the Steveston Community Centre—known as COPS—is a passionate and creative group of youth from grades 5 to 7 who meet weekly and generate a variety of cool learning and fun-based activities. One example of their interests is their most recently brainstormed project: raising a variety of beneficial herbs in an indoor garden.

Inspired by the activities at Terra Nova Community Gardens, in which many students participate through a progressive school programme, COPS members decided they would like to do something involving gardening on a smaller scale. The seed of their project was born.

Under the inspiring leadership and guidance of Nicole Gilles, a Steveston Community Centre youth worker, the COPS will learn which herbs are suitable for growing indoors. Choosing from a variety of annual and perennial herbs, planting them up from either seed or seedling stages, the members will nurture these aromatic crops. Enabling the COPS to begin the project, several donations of materials were offered by COPS' parents and neighbours. Indeed, a hefty bag of soil was donated by Art Knapp Plantland, a corporate neighbour in Richmond.

Designed to be of benefit to all visitors of the Steveston Community Centre, the herbs will be displayed in the centre's Games Room where other kids and adults, including the members' parents, can appreciate the herbs as they morph into aromatic splendours under the youths' care. Stemming from their green-thumb efforts, the COPS intend to share their bounty of lessons and observations by writing educational blurbs for the benefit of the community. Those articles, identifying the best ways to grow herbs at home, including the right type of soil and ideal growing conditions, will be distributed to COPS' classmates and other youth around their neighbourhoods.

The COPS initiative took root some five to six years ago. Alvin Li, a veteran youth worker, and Nicole Gilles, who aspires to become an educational assistant, oversee the COPS programme. Both Alvin and Nicole are immediately impressive in their obvious compassion for and dedication to the youth members and their various activities. One anecdotal bit of evidence: during the interview for this article, Alvin apologized for taking an incoming call. Immediately upon returning to the interview, he freely explains, "that was a call from one of the youth." 'Nuf said; nothing takes precedence over the youths' needs.



Clearly, beneficial herbs are not the only healthy entities being nurtured at the Steveston Community Centre. An eclectic and inspired bouquet of kids are growing strong, too, under ideal conditions created, in large part, by Alvin, Nicole and other Steveston Community Centre staff.

For more information on the array of activities and events for all ages offered through the Steveston Community Centre, feel free to drop into the centre or visit them on-line at www.richmond.ca/parksrec/centres/stevestoncentre/steveston.htm

This article was contributed by Tracey Bureyko, a compassionate student of flora and fauna. Ms. Bureyko is the steward of With Impact Enterprises Ltd. based in Richmond and providing a full complement of professional landscape services.

The Heart of Little Mexico Cantina

Entering *Little Mexico Cantina* we are received as guests in Marcia's home where she "es la Madre de casa con un corazón de oro" or in English "is the mother of the home with a heart of gold".

Marcia's infectious smile, like a warm hug, is usually followed by a deeply relaxing embrace exuding genuine affection. Her golden brown eyes have a twinkle that reminds me of Christmas when I knew a surprise was hidden somewhere and I could barely contain my excitement. Marcia emanates loving warmth from within that will radiate across any room, lifting spirits and causing random feelings of joy.

Marcia describes special meals inspiring any food enthusiast to mentally savor the ingredients. Often when Marcia has presented a special in her tantalizing way nothing else will do. There are always specials not listed on the menu so if a person has dietary allergies, is a vegetarian, or does not even like Mexican food let Marcia know and she will ask Peter her chef to prepare a personal meal.

Marcia the conductor, Peter the musician present a harmonious blend of extraordinary food and engaging hospitality; offered as if on a stage set before a wall mural depicting jungle scenes surrounding Mayan ruins, big floppy sombreros and playful piñatas perfectly illuminated for a performance you will want to partake of once more. All of the mouth watering Mexican dishes served in *Little Mexico Cantina* are developed and prepared by Peter, Marcia's beloved husband and business partner.

Marcia is of French-Canadian/Hungarian descent and has deep roots in Steveston: she worked at the Legion on No. One Road, her mom worked at the Buck & Ear Bar & Grill, and her grandpa built a home here on Lulu Island.

As luck would have it Marcia also had relatives in Bellflower, California. Peter, a young, handsome, Mexican-American living nearby met her and was smitten. They fell in love on their first date (a man who cooks is so romantic), married a year later, settled in southern California and had two children.

California's loss is our gain. Marcia and kids made the journey north on the train from California while Peter drove the VW van with all their things. Once they had moved into grandpa's house, Marcia and Peter would invite friends for dinner. During each meal they were showered with enthusiastic praise for the Mexican dishes Peter prepared. Peter had honed his culinary skills and learned the family recipes as a boy while helping in the kitchens of his mother, grandmother and aunt.

Marcia ran a daycare for several years and many of her clients, their children's families and grandchildren regularly visit *Little Mexico Cantina* anticipating hugs and detailed descriptions of Peter's special dishes. Marcia's daycare folks and many long term Steveston residents see *Little Mexico Cantina* as an established landmark situated at the foot of Chatham near the entrance of Garry Point Park.

The idea to open *Little Mexico Cantina* was born on a beach in the summer of 1993 and in 1994 they opened the doors. Innocence is bliss, there was no thought of anything but success, everything they had was thrown into the sombrero and the rear view mirror tossed out the window. Against all the odds that they had no knowledge of Marcia and Peter prevailed. Together with love and dedication they are the foundation that *Little Mexico Cantina* is built on. Marcia and Peter are truly "Essential People of Steveston" and we are privileged to have them in our community.

Observations and photo by Christine Durgo



Spencer Skate for Scleroderma

Richmond resident Denise Spencer is one of the many people who help plan the annual "Spencer Skate for Scleroderma" that took place this year on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at the Richmond Ice Centre. This family event, in memory of Denise's mother Irene Spencer, is organized to raise funds and awareness about scleroderma, an autoimmune disease of the connective tissue that affects 20 out of every 100,000 people.

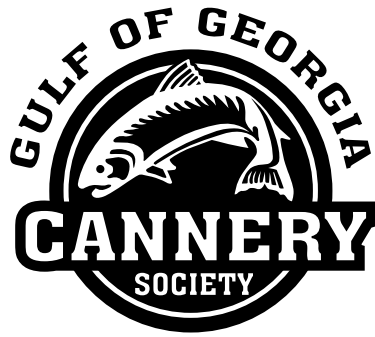
When Irene Spencer was diagnosed with the disease, she quickly realized she had to adjust to living with a chronic illness that few people understood. Little information was available to her and her family to help them learn about and cope with the condition. Denise knew that she had to do something to shed light on scleroderma and help others.

Denise collaborated with the Scleroderma Association of BC to create the "Spencer Skate for Scleroderma". The Association promotes patient outreach, support and education; endeavours to create public awareness and understanding of scleroderma; and encourages and supports research about the disease. The skate event, held annually in Richmond, is a way to educate the community about the disease and inform those who might be suffering from the disorder but who have no idea about the disease.

Scleroderma, or systemic sclerosis, is characterised by the hardening of the skin and/or internal organs. The exact cause or causes of scleroderma are unknown, but what is known is that the disease is linked to the over-production of collagen in the body. The symptoms may either be visible, as when the skin is affected, or invisible, as when only internal organs are involved. Symptoms can be mild or life-threatening. They may include: abnormal sensitivity to cold, swelling of the hands and feet, pain and stiffness in the joints, thickening of the skin, joint contractures, digestive system and gastro-intestinal tract problems, oral, facial and dental problems, kidney, heart and lung dysfunction.

For more information about the "Spencer Skate for Scleroderma" or about the disease itself, visit: www.sclerodermabc.ca. Denise and the Scleroderma Association would like to thank all the local merchants in the communities of Steveston/Richmond, Ladner/Delta and our generous, talented BC crafters for donating door prizes for the event.

Around the Village



What's Afloat at the Cannery?

Boats on the Fraser River

Boats on the Fraser River is a fascinating new exhibit opening at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site on May 2, 2009.

If you've ever wondered about the myriad of different boats on the river and what they all do, this exhibit will answer your questions! Visitors will be able to purchase a handy "boat spotter's guide" for reference.

Building a Skiff

The Cannery will be a flurry of woodworking activity this summer as Joe Kovacs, along with interpreters and volunteers, builds an all-wood lapstrake skiff. This exciting project is scheduled over the entire summer and will introduce our visitors to the traditional techniques used in Steveston's wooden fish boat building industry. The project is the perfect opportunity for volunteers to learn/demonstrate their woodworking skills. Contact the Cannery for more information.

Salmon Return

Salmon Return is a multimedia installation and performance exhibit running May 2 – 31, 2009. Through video projection, sculpture, ritual and performance, Salmon Return introduces powerful emotional and artistic expression into the Cannery. The artworks move beyond historical facts and speak to our lost relationship with salmon as sacred creatures whose bodies have fed both land and people. This exhibition is provided by Earth Arts and funded by 2010 Legacies Now: Innovations Grant in cooperation with Parks Canada.

For more information about our exhibits and events, contact

Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society
12138 Fourth Avenue
Richmond, BC V7E 3J1
604-664-9009

The Community Arts Council of Richmond is pleased to present the 3rd annual *Out of the Woodwork* exhibition, which will be held at the Artisans' Galleria in Steveston from April 19 – May 19, 2009.

This year's exhibition will include items that are created from eco-friendly wood such as blow downs, recycled wood etc: anything except commercially seasoned wood. This is always a popular event as we have some very talented wood workers, carvers and turners who participate.

Everyone is invited to attend the opening reception on Saturday, April 25th from 12:00 until 4:00pm. This is held in conjunction with Arts and Culture Week, and is a great

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opportunity to view the exhibit, meet some of the artists and partake of our hospitality.

The show runs until May 19th so if you can't make it on April 25th, please make a point of stopping by prior to May 19th. This event is free to the public and your support will be appreciated.

The Artisans' Galleria is located at 3651 Moncton Street in the heart of Steveston Village and is open from 10:00am–5:00pm. For further information please call 604-241-2790

The Community Arts Council of Richmond, a non profit charity, appreciates the partial support this year from Arts and Culture week, the British Columbia Arts Council and the Assembly of BC Arts Councils.

THE 8TH ANNUAL
**Steveston
Seafood
& Wine
festival**
PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF STEVESTON

Friday, May 1st, 2009
7:00pm - 9:30pm
Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site
12138 - 4th Avenue, Richmond, B.C.

Ticket Price: \$50.00
Includes complimentary plate & glass
Silent & Live Auction

For more information call (604) 277.8882
www.stevestonrotary.org

PARTICIPATING WINERIES & RESTAURANTS

Arrowleaf Cellars, Blackwood Lane, Blossom, Blue Canoe, Burrowing Owl, Cake Art, Church & State, Cob's Bread, Damien's Belgian Waffles, Desert Hills, Diplomat Bakery, Dirty Laundry, Domaine De Chaberton, 8th Generation, Elephant Island, Forbidden Fruit, Ganton & Larsen, George's Taverna, Geringher Bros, Gone Crackers, Hester Creek, Ichiro Japanese Restaurant, Kettle Valley, Lake Breeze, Little Straw, Morning Bay, Mount Boucherie, Neptune Food Service, Nichol Vineyards, Pajo's Fish & Chips, Papi's Ristorante Italiano, Peller Estates, Pentage, Pure Water Shoppe, Red Rooster, Road 13, Robin Ridge, St. Hubertus, Sanduz, Saturna Island, Starbucks Coffee, Starling Lane, Steveston Seafood House, Summerhill, Tapenade Bistro, The Fort, The Point Restaurant, Thornhaven, Tinchorn Creek, Westham Island, Wild Goose.

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Coming Events

Car Boot Sale Sunday, May 3

Steveston Community Centre parking lot. Rain or shine from 9:00am until 12:00pm. \$10 per stall - register in person only at the community centre.

Heart & Stroke Big Bike Team

May 6, 8, and 9; Steveston Community Centre parking lot. This event is to raise awareness of heart disease and to raise funds to improve the lives of persons living with heart and stroke issues. For more information, visit www.bigbike.ca or call Jacky at 604-279-7130.

Lord Byng Elementary Seafood Sale

May 13, 14, 15 in the school parking lot from 2:30-4:00pm. Contact Julie Bell for more information 604-329-2484.

Steveston Farmer's & Artisan's Market Opening Day Sunday, May 24 at 10:00am

Sundays bi-weekly from 10am-3pm until October 11. For more information, visit www.stevestoncommunitysociety.com or call 604-718-8013.

GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY

Opening Day Saturday, May 2

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Pedal for a Purpose

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12 hour indoor cycle relay
Steveston Community Centre

Saturday, June 6th, 2009

8:00am to 8:00pm

Get your teams of 12 together for a fantastically fun event! Entertainment, refreshments and prizes! Your team can be competitive or non-competitive! Singles welcome - if you don't have a team we will match you up with one. Register early to avoid disappointment!

Proceeds to Vasculitis

Call 604-718-8080 to register today!



Organize a team and join us for Pedal for a Purpose on Saturday, June 6 at the Steveston Community Centre.

Inaugural Richmond Arts Awards



Eighteen finalists are vying in six categories for recognition in the inaugural Richmond Arts Awards.

This is the first year of the annual awards, established to recognize the achievements and contributions to the arts by Richmond residents, artists, educators, organizers and business leaders. They were developed by the City of Richmond in partnership with the Richmond Arts

Coalition and are sponsored by the Richmond News and Opacity Design Group Inc.

The program attracted 41 nominations among the six categories, recognizing both well-established institutions as well as rising stars in Richmond's music, theatre, dance and literary arts scenes. Richmond Orchestra and Chorus and the Gateway Theatre are among the top represented with four and three nods respectively.

Richmond's love of music is also reflected in the list with the inclusion of six musicians and musical organizations.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie will announce the winners at a special ceremony on Friday, April 17, at City Hall. For full details including the list of finalists, please visit www.richmond.ca

Spring at London Heritage Farm

Every season has its own charm but Spring, in Steveston, at the London Heritage Farm, is especially enchanting. *Here's why...*

The Dahlia Tuber Sale is scheduled April 18, 19, 25 and 26 at the Farm. Drop by between 11:00am and 2:00pm to choose the tuber with the most potential! Dahlias are spectacular long-lived flowers in the garden or cut and arranged in a vase. They are also very easy to grow.

Mother's Day Tea is being served May 9 and 10. Pamper your mom and pamper yourself with this delicious event.

The London Farm Plant Sale, May 16, 9:00am to 5:00pm, is a wonderful way to spend the day. Enjoy the outdoors and take home healthy plants in need of a good home.

Please contact the London Heritage Farm to confirm times for the events and further details:

Phone: 604-271-5220

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