



# Steveston

Community Society Newsletter November - December 2007

## 50 Years



## Steveston Community Centre 1957-2007

On November 2, 1957 Leslie Peterson, Provincial Minister of Education officially opened the Steveston Community Centre. Since that date, tens of thousands of Richmondites have benefited from the original efforts of the Steveston community.

Earlier efforts to procure property for parkland were unsuccessful as there were no community parks or playgrounds in Steveston as far back as 1914. The community rallied and their insistence on a park was primary. By 1923 a lot was purchased by the Municipality of Richmond and Steveston had a community park.

In 1927 Pete Rolston formed the Richmond Athletic Club which was based in Steveston. Then in 1933 the Athletic Club built a lacrosse box. The original box, which was situated on the current site for some 30 years, was well-utilized.

In 1977 the old lacrosse box was replaced by a new one. Although people were pleased to have recreational space in the Steveston area, the community park was small and the demands on it great. There was community spirit, resentment, hope and resolve that a community society and facilities for Steveston would be realized.

Steveston was known as an isolated and insular settlement with a very independent character. Even though Richmond Municipal Council was not too concerned about the future expansion of Steveston Park, the residents were adamant that their needs be addressed.

Residents became very vocal about their park and the state of recreational facilities in the area. Steveston felt that they deserved the same accord given to Brighthouse Park. Pete Rolston came forward again and formed a community committee to strengthen their cause to improve facilities. Community support was unprecedented. Steveston wanted their park upgraded and wanted to purchase nine lots on Broadway Street for park.

The Steveston Community Park Committee did not exactly get cooperation from the municipal council of the day. However, in June of 1944 they expanded their holdings when the municipality bought nine lots for the Steveston Township. The community committee continued to maintain their facilities in Steveston since municipal council did not.

Steveston spirit and community pride helped transform the Community Park Committee into the Steveston Community Society. The Steveston Community Society held their first Annual General Meeting on March 1, 1945, 62 years ago.

In order to further their goals, Steveston Community Society needed to raise funds. They held a Sports Day on Dominion Day, July 1 which later evolved into the Salmon Queen Carnival and eventually into the Salmon Festival that we know today.

In 1946, Anna Rolston, wife of the first president of the Society, suggested the hosting of the Salmon Queen Contest at the 1946 Sports

Day to raise money. This was successful and became a tradition until 1986. The months following the Salmon Queen success provided momentum for the community. They raised \$3,500 from the carnival and put \$ 300 in trust for a future Centre!

The Steveston Community Society was incorporated on September 17, 1946 with the objective to "promote the establishment of a Community Centre for Steveston" to be located in Steveston Park. They were optimistic after raising \$3,000 in 1947, and setting a goal of \$10,000, they thought they could begin construction in 1948, but rising costs of labour and materials deemed the project impossible. For the next 10 years the community's focus was to raise money for the centre and do it within the Steveston community. Included in their plans were a bowling alley, an outdoor pool and a roller skating rink which would be the envy of the entire city of Richmond.

The Society looked forward to the day when their Community Centre would be built. By 1951 the estimated cost was a staggering \$130,000. While maintaining the Park, the Society continued to make pledges and fund raise. The project received a boost of \$15,000 from the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association with the proviso that a room in the centre would be dedicated to martial arts practice.

Other revelations happened in 1955, when

Richmond Municipal Council announced that if the centre was built on municipal property and under title, funding could be raised by plebiscite with an assessment to each taxpayer. The Society had to go to the Steveston voters for approval to turn the property over to the Municipality of Richmond.

In December of 1956, \$40,000 was contributed from the citizens of Steveston, and the property was turned over to the Municipality of Richmond with 74% support from residents. The goal nurtured for over ten years finally reached fruition in 1956. Construction began as the dream was seen through the eyes of the Steveston residents.

The Society had contributed 43% of the \$130,000 of the building, the highest percentage contribution of any other Society in the Lower Mainland for a centre. From the opening date in 1957, the Centre's activities have generated countless opportunities for the community. The Society did not stop there. By 1968 it had spent \$216,000 on Steveston Park and the Community Centre.

A new controversy began with the establishment of the Pool in 1969-70 as the Municipality contemplated a pool at Hugh Boyd and one in Steveston. However, again the Steveston Spirit prevailed and the Steveston Outdoor Pool opened in the Summer of 1970. In 1972 the Centre sponsored a Santa Claus Parade which toured the streets of Steveston on December 24th, with Santa Claus as the official parade marshal.

The construction of the Martial Arts Centre in 1971 and the grand opening in 1972 occupied a good deal of the Society's efforts.

In 1976 the Society had a mortgage burning party celebrating the final payment of the Community Centre's 20 year by-law mortgage.

In 1981 the Society committed to park improvement in Steveston by providing \$50,000 towards the development of Garry Point.

In 1985 we saw the adoption of the Master Plan for Steveston Park.

In 1992 The Fitness Centre, Tennis Building and Library were added with the Centre expansion.

In July 2007 we saw the grand opening of a Children's Water Park equipped with accessible features.

The Steveston Community Society continues to make improvements to the facilities in the community. The Community Centre building is now 50 years old and will again need renovation, expansion and even replacement to meet the heavy demands and reliance on it by our thriving community.

The banding of the community and the Society's vision lives on in the true Spirit of Steveston.



Article written by Bill McNulty  
Photos courtesy of City of Richmond Archives

**Steveston's Public Fish Sales Float (at Bayview and 2nd Avenue)**

The sale of fish and seafood products direct from the fishing vessels originated unofficially from "C Float" at the Gulf of Georgia site in the 1970's. This float was not designed to accommodate access by the general public, resulting in concern over public safety as well as product quality. Small Craft Harbours formed a committee comprised of health officials and fishermen to create operational guidelines governing product quality, regulating authorities, qualifications for use of facilities, and conditions governing fish sales. During this time, negotiation was underway, supported by the Honourable Tom Siddon, to redevelop the harbour. A public fish sales float was installed by Small Craft Harbours in 1989, at the same time as Steveston Waterfront Properties was constructed. The new float was built to meet all public safety concerns and to accommodate the general public. This initiative complimented the development of Steveston Landing and helped to draw people to the waterfront. Today, Steveston's public fish sales float is carefully regulated to ensure that members of the general public receive top quality product. Vessels using the facility may only sell species which they are licensed to harvest by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. In addition, they must hold a provincial fish vendoring license obtained through the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and a license from the Steveston Harbour Authority which ensures that they are fully aware of all regulations, guidelines and standards for freshness. Only fresh or "frozen on-board" varieties of fish, crab, shrimp and prawns are available. You will not find processed, smoked or dried fish nor will you find such varieties as oysters, clams, mussels and other bivalve mollusks. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Public Fish Sales Float. Nowhere else can you get truly "fresh" seafood, meet the fishermen and their families and see the vessel and gear responsible for harvesting such fine products.



Article from the Steveston Harbour Authority website [http://www.stevestonharbour.com/fish\\_sales\\_float/](http://www.stevestonharbour.com/fish_sales_float/)

*Open daily year round (based on availability; Friday - Sunday are the best days) dawn to dusk. Depending on the season, you'll find shrimp, prawns, dungeness crab, tuna, salmon, lingcod, halibut, rock cod and more. October sales included tuna, salmon and shrimp. For more information call the Steveston Harbour Authority at (604) 272-5539 or to view the "Catch of the Day" visit [http://www.stevestonharbour.com/fish\\_sales\\_float/](http://www.stevestonharbour.com/fish_sales_float/)*

## The Elusive Salmon The Sad End of an Era

For over a hundred years, the annual return of the native Chinook, Sockeye, Coho, Chum and Pink salmon was the main economic and social event for the fishing village of Steveston. Starting early in the year, hundreds of commercial fishermen were feverish working on their vessels in preparation for the lucrative salmon harvest. Large numbers of Seiners, Gillnetters and Trollers were moored in Steveston as their homeport. With their vessels well stocked with food, fuel and gear, they left in groups or singles for the fishing grounds up and down the B.C. coast, facing the danger of the often unpredictable Pacific Ocean. They could never be sure of success, only hope. Early in summer, the fleet would arrive in Georgia Strait for the world famous Fraser River Sockeye run, the bread and butter for the season, but always allowing millions of Sockeye escape up the Fraser River for the spawning grounds. All salmon are managed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. As years went by, fishing was reduced from months to weeks, later from weeks to days and finally from days to a few hours with the result of total closure for year 2007, with the exception of native food fishing. Steveston will remain a centre of fishing activity for other species of fish which can be bought at Fisherman's Wharf. None of them will ever come close to the excitement of the Sockeye run created.

Article written by Fritz Keitsch, Steveston Fisherman

**TALL SHIPS OF THE WORLD**

In this extraordinary presentation, photographer Thad Koza captures some of the most breathtaking images of the tall ships ever taken. With photos and descriptions of many vessels, which will be taking part in the Tall Ships Challenge 2008, this presentation is for all tall ships enthusiasts.



Photo courtesy of [www.seevancouverbc.com](http://www.seevancouverbc.com)

Meet world renowned tall ship author, photographer and lecturer, Thad Koza on Tuesday, November 13, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Steveston Community Centre. Admission is \$10.00 per person. To register phone 604-276-4300 or visit [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca) and register for BN-43100. Sponsored by Britannia Shipyard National Historic Site.



**Gulf of Georgia Cannery**

*The Cannery Store - your source for Steveston and maritime-related gifts this Christmas! Proceeds from sales go towards helping the non-profit Gulf of Georgia Cannery operate the National Historic Site. Store Christmas Hours are December 1, 2, 8, 9 and December 15 - 22 from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. We're also open Friday, December 7 from 1:00 to 9:00 pm for late night shopping after the Spectacle of Lights.*

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E-Mail: [gog.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:gog.info@pc.gc.ca)

# IT WAS 50 YEARS AGO THIS YEAR! 1957

Steveston Community Centre is celebrating its 50th birthday! Well, let's take you back to 1957 and see what music was popular!

Rock 'n Roll was popular in 1957 with such artists as Elvis Presley, Bill Haley and his Comets, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Everly Brothers, Gene Vincent, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis. All were enjoying big hits on the music charts, while the Beatles were just finishing school.

In January '57 Guy Mitchell was No. 1 with 'Singing the Blues' both in the UK and the USA, while in England, Tommy Steele

became the first British rock 'n roll star to top the charts. His version of 'Singing the Blues' replaced Guy Mitchell's No.1 spot early that year. Bill Haley received an amazing welcome in the UK where 'Rock Around The Clock' became the first million selling record. His popularity faded pretty quickly like his kiss curl, as he looked more like an old man than a teenager! Fats Domino scored three hits in the USA in 1957 with 'I'm Walkin', 'Blueberry Hill' and 'Blue Monday'. He is still performing today in 2007. A classic!

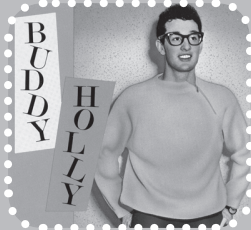
April '57 Little Richard had three singles in the UK charts and 14 year old Frankie Lymon & the Teenagers had two hits.

May '57 saw parentally approved Pat Boone with his nice smile, reach the top of the charts with 'Love Letters in the Sand'.

June '57 Richard Berry & the Pharaohs released Berry's own composition 'Louie Louie' which became one of the most recorded songs in rock history.

September '57 John Lennon & Paul McCartney meet for the first time at a church fair and Paul Anka tops the transatlantic charts with the hit 'Diana'.

November '57 sees Buddy Holly and the Crickets hit the charts with 'That'll be the Day' and the Christmas time No.1 song that year in the UK was 'Mary's Boy Child' by Harry Belafonte. But what about Elvis you ask? Well the boy from Tupelo had an amazing seven top 10 hits that included 'Jailhouse Rock', 'All Shook Up' and 'Teddy Bear' and then topped it all off with the Elvis Christmas Album. Not a bad year!



Article written by Frankie Neilson  
Owner of The British Beat Merchant in Steveston

## Steveston Museum and Post Office

In 1882, Canadian postage stamps ranged from a half cent to 15 cents. Lulu Island riverfront land was worth \$25 per acre and the population of Steveston was "a little under 200". The BC Directory for that

year states that the people in Steveston

"are eminently peaceful, law-abiding and have a reputation for hospitality, neighborliness and unanimity in public matters". These pioneer residents rowed across the Fraser River to collect mail that was delivered to Lad-

ner by steamship three times a week from New Westminster. How times have changed. Since 1978, Steveston has been well-served for postal services by the Steveston Historical Society who gave the post office a home in the

village museum. As a volunteer society, we have been able to serve the community and keep the 1905 bank building open to the public as a repository of our unique heritage but it is becoming increasingly difficult to continue with each new competing postal outlet that Canada Post opens in the vicinity. The Historical Society appreciates the continued support of all the people of Steveston who purchase their postal supplies and services at our outlet. We thank you.



# Look who's turning 50!



Steveston Community Centre Celebrates 50 Years!

The Centre will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a 50's style Hop on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 8:00 pm to midnight. The Centre's gymnasium will be transported back in time to the days of greasers, lettermen, poodle skirts, angora sweaters and pedal pushers for a special evening of reminiscence and dancing to juke box favourites. Guys and gals are encouraged to come dressed for the era for a chance to win a prize. Tickets are only \$10 and include admission to the hop and free concession; there will be a no host bar. For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Steveston Community Centre 604.718.8080

## Living & Loving Steveston

Steveston is currently experiencing one of the most exciting and challenging Real Estate markets to date and we remain a solid and desirable community for people to invest in. An invaluable asset is that Steveston is revitalizing itself with an infusion of young, talented citizens willing to volunteer and give of their time and expertise to enrich the community for the betterment of all.

These residents are what truly make our neighbourhoods so rewarding to live and work in. With its great schools, parks, recreation facilities, community amenities and diverse types of housing, Steveston has become a top lifestyle choice for both young families and the 'young at heart'. Steveston residents can enjoy the benefits of city living while maintaining that 'small town' flavour that is priceless.

Very few communities present the opportunity for families to walk their children to school, stroll or run along Richmond's fabulous waterview trails and still be able to walk for groceries, coffee or a great dinner, all within a few minutes of Vancouver. Others are definitely discovering our best-kept secret! Whether you are a buyer or seller in Steveston, to find the best value for your dollar contact your local Realtor. We have many fine Real Estate professionals that work in the community and I am proud to be one of them.

Written by Anne Piché, Real Estate Consultant

On behalf of the Steveston Community Society  
"Thank you Anne, for sponsoring the Santa Breakfast and Halloween Spooktacular for community youth".

# School Updates



# STEVESTON ROTARY CLUB



One of the active groups in Steveston serving our community is the Steveston Rotary Club. Formed just six short years ago it has contributed much to the Steveston community. Their motto is "Service above Self". Some of the Club's activities include:

- ✦ Providing scholarships of \$500 to individual schools; Robert McMath, Hugh Boyd, Charles London and Steveston Secondary. A \$1,000 scholarship was donated to a student entering a trades program at BCIT.
- ✦ Giving a generous contribution to the Community Societys' Water Park Fund.
- ✦ Partnering in ventures with the Steveston Community Center.
- ✦ Hosting a seniors barbecue for 220 seniors at the Community Centre.

The Rotary is working on many up and coming events. For seniors, the free annual Rotary Seniors Christmas Dinner will be held at the Centre on Saturday December 15th. Great food, entertainment and spirit, all provided by hard working and cheerful volunteers! Space is limited, so please register and pick up a ticket at the Centre. Call 604.718.8080 for more information.



The club is excited to work in conjunction with the Steveston Community Centre in the revamping of the annual Santa Claus Parade on Sunday December 23rd. (see more details in this newsletter under Winter Festivities)

Article written by Bill McNulty

## Lord Byng Elementary 3711 Georgia Street Tel: 604.668.6649



### Thank You for Your Support!

We would like to thank the following groups for their generosity and financial assistance for the Lord Byng accessible playground project:

Ronald McDonald Children's Charities  
S'Cool Life Fund  
Gulf and Fraser Credit Union  
Richmond Kiwanis Club  
Richmond Lions Club  
Steveston Harbour Lions Club  
Sunrise Rotary Club  
Steveston Army & Navy  
Richmond Legion #291  
Lord Byng PAC  
Families and friends of Lord Byng School

"Your support helped turn our vision of a wheelchair accessible playground into a reality and our children and us thank you." Erica Macklin, Lord Byng P.A.C.

### 3rd Annual Christmas Craft & Book Fair

Crafts, Silent Auction, Annual Scholastic Book Fair and Cake walk, plus lots of fun!

Come and shop or sell at the school fair on; Thursday, November 29 from 5:00 pm. - 9:00 pm. Cost per table is \$25.00. Call Ruth at 604 272 0394.



### Parent Education Night Tue Nov 20th, 7-9 pm

Guest Speaker is Gabor Mate, M.D., who co-authored the book "Hold on to Your Kids - Why Parents Matter" with Gordon Neufeld, Ph.D. Topic of discussion is "Helping the most important people in a child's life to make a positive and lasting difference" Hold on to your kids explains the causes of breakdown of parental influence. Refreshments and door prizes. Registration required by Nov.10th. Call Ruca Abbott at 604-272-1428. Space is Limited.

### Premium Coffee-Fundraiser

The P.A.C. (parent advisory council) is selling Steveston Coffee Co.'s premium coffee - a local coffee shop located on Moncton Street. This high quality coffee is organically grown, supports fair trade principles, and comes fresh from the coffee roasting house. A one pound bag of coffee is \$13.50 (including tax) \$5.00 of the proceeds goes towards the school. Cheques are payable to Lord Byng P.A.C. Cash and late orders not accepted. Deadline is Tuesday November 27th. Call Charmis De Boer at 604.816.1655 to place your order.



## Tomekichi Homma Elementary 5100 Brunswick Dr. Tel: 604.668.7844



### Great Start to the New School Year...

We are very excited about the new administrative team at our school. Ms. Gillian Rudge is our new principal and Mrs. Diane Steele is the new vice-principal. We are happy to welcome both and work alongside our new team.

The Grade 6 September Outdoor Ed trip to Camp Jubilee was a big success. The Grade 7 Leadership conference also proved to be a hit as the students enjoyed honing their leadership skills.

Friday, October 12th, 2007 was the official celebration of our newly expanded playground. The students are already enjoying what the new playground has to offer and the Spacenet is very popular. A tremendous amount of effort went into this project and we truly thank all those involved for their support and dedication.

Nolfa Altamirano-Ikeda, T. Homma PAC Chair

## Westwind Elementary 11371 Kingfisher Drive Tel: 604.668.6497



### Community in Motion

On September 27, 2007 Westwind Park track was officially opened. After many contributions from local individuals, small business, corporations and many volunteers the 500 metre track was completed. It is truly a "Community in motion" to witness the endless users of the track since its completion; all on their way to building a healthier lifestyle. Thank you again to all those who helped in building Westwind Park Track!

Lorna Lee and Diana Lindenthaler, Westwind Park Track

## Manoah Steves Elementary 10111 4th Avenue Tel: 604.668.6660

### Come Sell your Crafts

Crafters can sell at the school fair for \$20 per table on Friday November, 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Please call Lisa at 604-241-2452 to book your spot.

# Benefits of Volunteering

Often we help our friends and family without giving it a second thought. Sometimes we help strangers. Certainly we're not expecting any type of reward. There is a pay off though. A feeling we get. It feels right. It feels good. Every day there are people that we are often unaware of, who feel good on a regular basis. They are volunteers.

Volunteers donate their time, talent and skills in so many areas. They plan, organize, fund-raise, support, create, and so much more. What motivates a person to become a volunteer? There are almost as many reasons as there are opportunities. Some people volunteer to gain work experience or learn new skills, others to make new friends, some because they are passionate about a cause. Many like to "give back" to their community, or simply have a little fun. No matter the reason, volunteers are helping others, and this feels good.

Thanks to the hard work and talent of so many volunteers, everyone felt good at the Steveston Salmon Festival on July 1st. There was something for everyone at this colourful annual event; the parade, the rides for the kiddies, the displays, the food, and much more. Kiddies aside, there is also something for everyone in the volunteer sector; something that is bound to make you feel good.

Written by Diane Talmey, Program Assistant  
Volunteer Richmond Information Services.

## Current volunteer opportunities in the community:

### The Richmond Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop

Located at 3920 Moncton Street, this store is run entirely by volunteers with proceeds going to Richmond Health Services. If you can help please phone *Jan Halliday at 604-244-5176*

### Set-up Crews

The Steveston Salmon Festival needs assistance for July 1st. The Society is looking for two groups of strong people to do physical work. One group for grounds set up and take down. Another group of 8 -10 people to set up and take down carpeting in the indoor tennis courts. If your organization can contribute some time, please call *Janice Froese at the Society 604.718.8094*

### Decorators

Steveston Community Centre needs help in planning for the holiday season. Can you assist with decorating the Centre? Call the front desk at 604.718.8080

### Marketing Assistant Coordinator

Assist with marketing for community events including the Salmon Festival. Administrate and write media and press releases. Writing grants and sponsorship fundraising for the right person. Contact *Charmis De Boer at 604.816.1655*

### London Heritage Farm

Contribute to this charming heritage site. Volunteers are needed for the tea room, gift shop, site tour guides, gardeners, handyman types, and special events. Please forward your name and contact information to *londonhf@telus.net*

### Steveston Community Centre

We are always looking for volunteers to help in all areas of the Community Centre. Please come by the Centre to inquire about our various opportunities.



## Steveston Community Police Station



Opened in October 1996, the Steveston Community Police Station is an operational RCMP office.

The Officers at the Station handle non-emergency complaints within the Steveston area. They also identify community concerns with an eye to problem solving. They recognize the value of partnerships with residents, businesses, associations and local government in creating a safe and enjoyable community. Regular uniformed Police Officers and volunteers staff the Station.



### Steveston Community Police Station

4371 Moncton Street  
Richmond, BC V7E 3A8  
Phone: (604) 713-2323  
Fax: (604) 713-2309

For Emergencies Call 911



### Hours of Operation:

Open 7 days a week:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm\* Closed on

Statutory Holidays, except July 1st.\*Pending Officer availability. Non-emergency after hours service, please contact the Richmond Detachment at: 604.278.1212

[www.richmond.ca/safety/police/community/steveston.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/community/steveston.htm)



Many volunteer opportunities are available with local organizations, and can be found at [www.volunteerrichmond.ca](http://www.volunteerrichmond.ca)

In January 2005, three parents met over coffee with the goal of teaching their children the German language and culture in Richmond. That initiative led to establishing **German Kids Richmond (GKR)** and is now celebrating its third successful year.

The 2007-08 school year has 4 classes:

- **Grades 2 to 5 for beginners**
- **Kindergarten & Grade 1 for German speaking children**
- **Junior: Grades 2 & 3 for German speaking children**
- **Senior: Grades 4, 5 & 6 for German speaking children**

**Goethe**, a famous German writer of the 18th and early 19th centuries; once said "Children should be given two things, roots and wings." At **German Kids Richmond** the emphasis is on having fun, while learning the language and rich German traditions that give our children roots. It's up to us parents to give them wings...

**The Benefits of Bilingualism in Children**  
Research states that even though the answers are not all in, there seems to be a "great advantage" to being multilingual. Learning of more than one language enhances problem solving and analytical skills, allows better formation of concepts, increases visual-social abilities, furthers logical reasoning and supports cognitive flexibility.

Bilingualism also helps to stimulate creativity, self-esteem, flexibility, adaptability, inter-personal and social skills and develop greater social sensitivity. As language is part of culture, bilingualism develops a broader cultural understanding and multicultural sensitivity, greater tolerance and social harmony. Bilingualism allows greater flexibility to choose a place to live and work. Knowing about the benefits of bilingualism motivates us to continue when our child reaches a "learning plateau".

**GKR** offers classes on Monday afternoons at the Steveston United Church at 3720 Broadway Street. Call 604.277.1365 or Email:gkr@mail.com To enroll your child, apply for a teaching position or become a sponsor of the GKR please visit us at [www.germankidsrichmond.com](http://www.germankidsrichmond.com) or contact Chris Boecker at 604.338.9211 for further details.

Written by Christine Boecker

## Austin Harris Residence S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

*S.U.C.C.E.S.S. stands for "United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society" with an S in front to make it "S.U.C.C.E.S.S."*

The Austin Harris Residence at 5411 Moncton St. in Steveston provides 50 one-bedroom (approx. 500 sq feet or larger) assisted living units. The two story condominium style building opened to residents in June 2007. The assisted living units are funded under the Independent Living BC program. Tenants pay 70 per cent of their after-tax income for monthly rental of their units and receive hospitality and personal care services, such as meals, housekeeping and laundry, recreational programs, assistance with medications and other care needs, and a 24-hour response system.



Couples living together pay 70% of their combined after tax income. All suites are equipped with a fridge and full sized range. Tenants provide furnishing for their own suites. The building is wheelchair accessible. The building amenity space includes a dining room, family dining room, TV room, library, activity room, beauty salon, health clinic, scooter room and lounge on the main floor, with a spa room on the second floor. There are common laundry facilities on both floors. Austin Harris Residence staff are fluent in both English and Chinese. The residence is built on the former Austin Harris School grounds. Austin Harris was a prominent figure in Richmond. A District Game Warden, Chief of Police and Superintendent of the water works, until his death in 1953.

This Information was taken from the Vancouver Coastal Health website at <http://www.vch.ca/assisted/richmond/austin.htm> and the BC Government news release [http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2005-2009/2007FOR0132-001162-Attachment1.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2007FOR0132-001162-Attachment1.htm)

## Seniors

Our 7th annual **Yoga Wellness Day** is completely sold out. However, many of the same holistic sessions are available at our Wellness Clinics which are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Phone 604-718-8098 to make an appointment.

Gearing up for the holiday season, we will be going on a Christmas out trip on Wednesday, December 12th. Get on board and get into the holiday mood, no matter how you celebrate.

Another popular annual event, the **Turkey Sandwich Buffet** is on Thursday, December 20th also in the J.C.C.C. We provide the roasted turkey and all the trimmings, and you make your sandwich according to your own specifications. I look forward to seeing you at the Community Centre. Drop in anytime, the coffee is always on! Margie.

## Kids Activities



Winter Break Programs at the Steveston Community Centre  
Register by calling 604.276.4300 or call 604.718.8080 for information.  
(Refer to the course # when registering)

**Winter Break Camp / Ages 3-5 years**  
Sessions are from 9:00 am - 11:30 am  
\$10.00 per session

Thursday	Dec 27	ST-44152
Friday	Dec 28	ST-44153
Monday	Dec 31	ST-44154
Wednesday	Jan 2	ST-44155
Thursday	Jan 3	ST-44156
Friday	Jan 4	ST-44157

**Winter Break Camp / Ages 6-12 years**  
Sessions are from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$ 26.00 per session

Thursday	Dec 27	ST-44250
Friday	Dec 28	ST-44251
Monday	Dec 31	ST-44252
Wednesday	Jan 2	ST-44253
Thursday	Jan 3	ST-44254
Friday	Jan 4	ST-44255

**Tennis Camp Winter Break**  
Wed. Jan. 2, 2008 – Fri. Jan. 4, 2008  
9:30 am - 10:30 am  
Ages 5-8 / \$25.50 ST-14753

**Tennis Camp Winter Break**  
Wed. Jan. 2, 2008 – Fri. Jan. 4, 2008  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Ages 9-12 / \$51.00 ST-14754

**Tennis Camp Winter Break**  
Wed. Jan. 2, 2008 – Fri. Jan. 4, 2008  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Ages 13-18 / \$51.00 ST-14755

**Get swinging now! Space is limited.**



# Winter Festivities

## **Winter Hay Ride – Steveston Community Centre – Fri Dec. 7th & Sat Dec. 8th**

Come enjoy a fun wagon ride around the village of Steveston while singing carols. Wear warm clothing, bring a blanket and flashlight. A hot drink is included. Great for all ages! Rides are a half hour starting at 5:45 pm on Friday and 6:00 pm on Saturday. Rides run until 9:00 pm. \$5.00 per person. Hurry...this sells out fast with the Spectacle of Lights event. Call 604.276.4300

## **Breakfast with Santa – Steveston Community Centre – Saturday Dec. 2nd**

A fun family event with children's crafts, entertainment, and a visit from Santa. 9:30 am-11:30 am. \$8 per person. An adult must register with a child. This traditional breakfast is popular. Call 604.276.4300 to check availability.

## **Christmas Light Tour – Richmond Trip – Sat Dec. 15th & Fri Dec. 21st**

See the best and brightest Christmas lights Richmond residents have to offer and visit the Nature Park. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. \$8.00 per person. Tour begins at the Steveston Community Centre and goes from 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm. Call 604.276.4300.

## **Annual Spectacle of Lights – Steveston Village – Friday Dec. 7th**


Celebrating our Festive Community Spirit. The Historic Fishing Village of Steveston will once again be celebrating Christmas with a glowing display of light and music. The Village will be decorated and shining brightly starting in the evening of Friday December 7th. Join Santa in the Winter hay wagon with the McMath Secondary School's marching band leading an illuminated musical procession down Moncton Street to Fisherman's Park. The Village will light up with the annual lighting of the grand Sequoia Christmas tree. The Richmond Orchestra and Chorus will continue the holiday entertainment in the Park. Many of the village merchants will welcome late night shoppers. To be a part of this festive magic in Steveston, meet at 5:45 pm on Friday December 7th by the Millennium Fountain in Steveston Park (NE corner of No. 1 Rd and Moncton St). Complimentary glow sticks will be handed out. At 6:00 pm the Cannery whistle will initiate the start of the musical procession.

## **Fraser River Fiddlers & Santa – Saturday Dec 8th 2:00 pm**


The Fraser River Fiddlers will entertain while people anxiously await Santa's arrival by boat at the Steveston Fishermans Wharf (Bayview & Second Ave.). He will be escorted by the RCMP down to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS to greet children. Bring your camera for a photo with Santa! Enjoy the rest of the day throughout Steveston for shopping and dining.

## **Annual Santa Claus Parade – Sun Dec 23rd 6:00 - 7:00 pm**


The community will once again enjoy the Annual Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Steveston Rotary Club and the Steveston Community Society. The Parade will assemble at 6th Avenue and Hunt Street, then down Hunt to First Avenue, through Steveston to Third Avenue, and down Moncton Street ending at the Community Center. Parade entries currently include Richmond Orchestra and Chorus, Lord Byng students, the Cadet Marching Band, Cadets from R.C.S.C.C. Bicknell, and classic vintage cars. There will be featured prizes for those who dress up as Father Christmas or a Christmas tree and parade with the Rotarians.

 Please bring donations of food to the parade for the Seniors' Christmas hampers. All other contributions will go to the Steveston Community Centre's Seniors Programs. Contact Bill McNulty, Parade Coordinator, for more information at 276-4187. All donations gratefully accepted and can be picked up in advance.


Shopping!



**Steveston Community Centre Craft Fair**  
4111 Moncton Street  
Sat Nov 24 10 am - 4 pm  
Join us for the biggest craft fair in Richmond! Over 150 tables of unique handmade gifts. Admission is by donation.



**Artisan Sale**  
3291 Broadway Street (corner of 4th Avenue and Broadway Street)  
Fri & Sat December 7 and 8  
12-8 pm and 10 am-4 pm  
photo cards, framed photos, tiled photos, pottery, gift baskets, jewelry, hats, sheep skin slippers, baked goods, wreaths...and more!  
For more info call 604.275.4640




**The Richmond Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop Annual Curio Sale**  
3920 Moncton Street  
Fri & Sat Nov 2 and 3  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Each day new and interesting items come into the store, from generous donations from the people of Richmond. You never know what treasures await you. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday. There are hundreds of treasures to be had, including china, glass, silver, brass, jewelry, vintage linen and pictures.



Jet Lag Travel  
Fashion Boutique

#110-12031 2nd Avenue Steveston Village 604-277-3331



## Events Calendar

**Girls Pajama Party!**  
Sat. December 8 from 6 to 9 pm.  
Sing along to Christmas music by Jazz Pianist, Glenys Ward while you browse and enjoy wine, mulled apple cider and appies. Prizes for most outrageous and least alluring outfits. Draw for discounts of 10 to 25% off. \$10 by donation to the Nite of Hope benefit for the Canadian Breast Cancer Association.



**Girls Going Global Travel Club**  
No fee to join.  
Call to inquire about registration.

**Girls Potluck - Featuring travel fashions by Kate Brown, Designer for Lifestylewest, and European and River Cruising with Action Travel. Sunday November 18th from 11:30 am to 2 pm**



# London Heritage Farm

## Calendar of Events

November - December 2007



**Cranberry Tea** 12 - 5 pm  
November 1 & 2

**Christmas Gift Shop opens** 12 - 5 pm  
**Live Seasonal Music** 3 - 4 pm  
November 17

**St. Andrew's Day Tea & Christmas Gift Shop** 12 - 5 pm  
**Live Seasonal Music** 3 - 4 pm  
November 22 & 23

**Christmas Tea and Gift Shop** 12 - 5 pm  
**Live Seasonal Music** 3 - 4 pm  
December 1 & 2

**Christmas Tea and Gift Shop** 12 - 5 pm  
**Live Seasonal Music** 3 - 4 pm  
December 8 & 9

**Christmas Tea and Gift Shop** 12 - 5 pm  
**Live Seasonal Music** 3 - 4 pm  
December 15 & 16

December 29 & 30 **Closed**

To reserve a table for tea or become a member of London Heritage Farm contact us Wednesday through Sunday. Reservations are recommended for the special Christmas Tea. The house and tea room are open Saturday and Sunday. Our gift shop has expanded. Visit our Christmas Gift Shop with many new and exclusive items. Special gift packs and handcrafted items, ideal for your teacher or hostess. A wide selection of jams, tea mixes and honey for that special person. Handcrafted pet gifts too!

Call 604.271.5220 or email [londonhf@telus.net](mailto:londonhf@telus.net) for more information. Located at 6511 Dyke Road, Richmond

## Fitness and Health

### BIG NEWS

from the Steveston fitness staff... We are pleased to announce we will be offering spinning classes! If you have participated in cycling classes before, you know what an awesome work out it is. If you have never, you must try it. Eleven of the latest model **Keiser Spin** bikes are arriving soon! Our instructors are getting geared up to teach the morning, evening, and weekend classes. Watch for announcements and flyers on free demo classes and special offers to yearly fitness pass holders. Get ready to push those pedals! Call 604.718.8080 for class information.



# Steveston Artist Society

The Steveston Art Society is a non-profit society that is formed to create, support and promote community art activity, particularly in the Steveston and Richmond area. Its purpose is to contribute to the social, economic and artistic well-being of the community.

*Our mandate is to;*

support and advocate the establishment of an art center in Steveston that will bring international artists, film makers, writers and musicians to the community.

explore the possibility of using both existing public facilities and heritage buildings to establish multi-purpose use such as, art studios and film or music production spaces.

create opportunities for local, established artists to further their artistic endeavours.

provide bursaries, financial aid and logistical support for outstanding young and emerging artists in Richmond and surrounding areas.

With public and private support, grants and donations, the purpose of the Society is to achieve our goals and aspirations. The Society is aiming for a new arts centre in Steveston under the umbrella of the Steveston Artist Society.

President: *Raymond Chow*  
Directors: *Raymond Kwong*  
*Carmen Keitsch, Ryan Chow*  
*and Leslie Glasgow.*

For information about the Society and membership please call 604 274 3587. For members, please contact Carmen by email at [ckeitsch@yahoo.com](mailto:ckeitsch@yahoo.com)

## Steveston Folk Guild

### RHYTHM ROUNDUP

*Thursday, November 15th*

The three members of Rhythm Roundup first met at a Vancouver bluegrass jam in the mid

90's, and have been playing their unique blend of Bluegrass and Country music ever since.

Vocal leads are shared by Sue Malcolm and Vic Smyth with Stu MacDonald.

All shows at *Murukami Boathouse, Britannia Heritage Shipyard, 5180 Westwater Drive on the third Thursday of each month. Show begins at 7:30pm*  
Tickets \$ 7.00 at the door, children under 12 free!  
Visit: [www.stevestonfolk.org](http://www.stevestonfolk.org) or call 604 272 9294



# the point

## Restaurant & Tapas Bar

*Ah, Winter in Steveston!  
Time for the locals to re-claim their village. So what's new in Steveston?  
The Point Restaurant & Tapas Bar!  
Local Stevestonite and owner  
Matt Derkson along with first cousins  
and Chefs James Dawson & Stacey Baker  
bring family goodness to the heart of the Village. Our motto is not only great food,  
but great food that is good for you!  
At The Point we use as many local and  
fresh products as possible.  
This may include Bison meat from  
Heringers Meats, fish from local  
fishermen or BC grown produce.*



*Christmas Party or Catering?  
Call Matt at 604 277-7118  
view menus online at  
[www.stevestonpoint.com](http://www.stevestonpoint.com)*

Written by Matt Derkson, Owner of the Point Restaurant & Tapas Bar



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*We want to hear from you. Please tell us what you would like to see in your community newsletter. Have submissions? Contact us now! Space is free, but limited. We reserve the right to edit content for proper grammar usage and accuracy. Issues are published six times a year. For more information or submissions e-mail: [newsletter@stevestonsalmonfest.ca](mailto:newsletter@stevestonsalmonfest.ca)*

*The purpose of this newsletter is to inform and promote everything we have to be proud of in Steveston. Read about the people, the history, and the future of our unique community. We want to hear what our local organizations are doing, what our children are learning and how we can succeed together. We hope this will be an enjoyable resource for sharing ideas, meeting new people and finding common interests. We try our best to publish information that we know is accurate. We welcome your feedback.*

Steveston Community Centre Holiday Season Hours:  
4111 Moncton Street, Richmond / 604.718.8080

Mon.	Dec 24	7:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tue.	Dec 25	Closed
Wed.	Dec 26	Closed
Thu.	Dec 27	7:00 am - 8:30 pm
Fri.	Dec 28	7:00 am - 8:30 pm
Sat.	Dec 29	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sun.	Dec 30	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mon.	Dec 31	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tue.	Jan 1	Closed
Wed.	Jan. 2	7:00 am - 8:30 pm
Thu.	Jan. 3	7:00 am - 8:30 pm
Fri.	Jan 4	7:00 am - 8:30 pm