

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Steveston's Legacy Unveiled

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On August 30th, MP John Cummins, MLA John Yap, Mayor Malcom Brodie, members of city council and other dignitaries visited the Cannery for the unveiling of *Steveston's Legacy*. The sculpture depicts three workers from Steveston's fishing heyday in the 1930s and is a tribute to all workers whose efforts led to the development of Steveston as a fishing industry hub. The location is significant for the Greczmiel Family, who has made a donation to the Steveston Legacy project in honour of Thomas Howard. The blacksmith shop where Howard made guards for gill-netters almost a century ago was located 50 meters from the site where the statue now stands.

The inspiration for the statue arose in 1960 when two students, Norm Williams and Keith Lowes, transferred to Steveston High School from other parts of the Lower Mainland. They were struck by how unique their new community was, and talked about how to express it through art. "I remember Keith saying, 'there's a novel here', because it was such a colourful community,"

recalls Williams. Thirty years later, at a high school reunion in 1992, Lowes and Williams remembered these discussions, and with Williams as a professional sculptor, the two envisioned a statue that would reflect the vitality and diversity of Steveston's community. They received support from all three levels of government, numerous community organizations and individual donors.

The statue has already proven to be a real draw for the Cannery. On a sunny day scores of passers-by stop to



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