



# CANNERY CURRENTS

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## WE'RE NUMBER ONE!

### Lots Going On This Summer

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery was voted the best historic building in Richmond in the Richmond Review's annual Best of Richmond Readers Poll. 2,548 Review readers participated in the survey this year. The Cannery continues to hold a cherished place in the hearts and minds of Richmond residents - thank you Richmond for the recognition and support!

This season we have planned a full slate of programs, events and activities to foster a sense of welcome and belonging and to encourage members of the community to return to the site over and over again. The Hong Wo exhibit, on loan from the Richmond Museum for the summer, strikes a chord with those who remember shopping at the store. I love to go up to the Cannery and read the comments left by visitors – drop by and have a look through the comment book if you haven't had a chance already.

Music Nights return every Friday night throughout the summer, and the Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market returns every second Sunday. Along with the *Catch + Release* exhibit that has already come and gone, we will host a photography exhibit, the *Gulf of Georgia*

*Cannery Past and Present*, presented by the Canadian Artists' Society, an exhibit of Richard Reiner's paintings of Finn's Slough and the annual *Fishing the West Coast* photo contest and exhibit.

Behind the scenes, the staff have been busy developing the Society's website – [www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.com](http://www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.com) The site will complement our presence on the Parks Canada site and allow us to provide up to date information to our members and our visitors. We even have an online store that recently had its first sale! Be sure to check it out. If you have been reading the blog, we would welcome your comments on it – please be sure to contribute a comment online and let us know what you think.

We have also welcomed our new Collections Manager, Heidi Rampfl, along with two summer students, Jenna Kiesman and Dorian Simmoneaux, who will be working with Heidi to scan all of the archival photographs in our collection. It's going to be a busy summer, we look forward to seeing you at the Cannery!

**MARIE FENWICK**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### Gateway Theatre Seats

Between 1987 and 1989, BC Packers endowed 10 seats at Gateway Theatre. Last summer, the Main Stage seats were replaced. Prior to that happening, all the plaques, including the "BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED" plaques, were lifted and mounted on a display board in Gateway Theatre's main lobby.

Gateway has launched a new seat dedication program. Seats are \$500 and include a customized plaque that will remain on the armrest for the life-cycle of the seat (last time it was 25 years!). Donations are fully tax deductible and the proceeds support all Gateway programs. Seat dedicators will be acknowledged in Gateway's Main Stage program for one year.

Any former BC Packers/Cannery employees interested in going together on a new seat dedication at Gateway Theatre can contact Sheilagh Cahill at 604-247-4973 or [scahill@gatewaytheatre.com](mailto:scahill@gatewaytheatre.com)