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Museum To Host Maritime Art Show at Government House



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The Maritime Museum of BC is pleased to announce the opening of a new temporary art show at Government House. The new art show will feature a cross-section of maritime artwork from the Museum's extensive art collection of over 500 works.

David Leverton, Executive Director of the Maritime Museum stated that:

"We're honoured that The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia is hosting the art show at Government House. The Lieutenant Governor is the Honorary Patron of the Maritime Museum of British Columbia which makes this very special for the museum and our members."

The art show highlights paintings of life along our coast over the past several hundred years. There are paintings by artist E.M Chadwick that depict early European discovery; artwork about the days of whaling featuring artist Harry Heine; rescues off our west coast such as the freighter *Makedonia under-tow* by *HMCS Sudbury* and the rescue of the S.S. *Glafkos* in Barkley Sound by Edward Goodall; paintings depicting the important role ferries play along our coast by Ivah Bryant and A. Frank; artwork representing the protection of our coastline by the Royal Canadian Navy such as the painting



HMCS *Provider* completed by artist John M. Mulders; and Coast Guard protection of our coastline in a featured work entitled CCGS *Ready* by artist Hugh Mackenzie.

The art show also includes special paintings of the three prized ships in the Maritime Museum's artefact collection including the SV *Tillikum* depicted in a series of watercolours by artist R.W. Murphy; the SV *Trekka* under twin sails in a watercolour painting by Alan Lester; and the SV *Dorothy* in a watercolour painting by artist Harry Heine.

This art show highlights life along our coast over the past few hundred years. In the future, the Maritime Museum would be honoured to collaborate with West Coast First Nations on a maritime art show that highlights the important relationship between First Nations' and the coastal environment. The Executive Director stated that, "First Nations have inhabited our coastline for thousands of years and it would be a privilege to work in partnership on the development of a First Nations' art show that spans the last several thousand years.

The art show will open on November 8th with a private reception and will be available for public viewing during regular opening hours at Government House until the fall of 2020.

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