



The
MARITIME MUSEUM
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

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2016/17



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From the Chair



As I reflect on the year that has gone by I am struck by how much we have achieved with our small team and limited resources. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff and volunteers for delivering such a great range of public and educational programs. This past year the Museum launched the new All Things Marine Thrift Store which has become increasingly popular among boaters. The Museum hosted the Victoria Day Block Party in collaboration with the Union Club of B.C. that attracted several thousand visitors. The staff created several new educational programs and provided new public harbour front walking tours thanks to the Museum's energetic group of summer students. This past fall the Museum assumed responsibility for the Classic Boat Festival, which was a major undertaking by the Board, staff and volunteers and we look forward to offering this event for many years to come.

This year sadly was a time to say goodbye to our friend, John West, who was a major supporter of the Maritime Museum and Classic Boat Festival. John was very passionate about the preservation of our west coast heritage and classic boats and he will be greatly missed.

We want to say thank you to Dan Downes who will be retiring from the Board and to acknowledge the staff who have helped us during the past year and have now moved on to new adventures.

I would like to conclude by acknowledging the ongoing support of the Government of Canada and the Museum Assistance Program as well as the BC Provincial Government and local municipal governments who have provided critical financial support. We continue to appreciate the valuable storage support for our collection through the B.C. government and Western Stevedoring. We would like to thank our members, donors, sponsors, and visitors who are committed to sharing our marine heritage with future generations.

2017 marks our 60th Anniversary as a Society and we look forward to our future with great anticipation. It is our goal, with your continued support, to move into a new permanent home in time to celebrate British Columbia's 150th anniversary of joining Confederation. We hope you will continue to be part of this journey!

Don Prittie

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

From the Executive Director



I would like to begin by thanking our dedicated Board, staff, and volunteers for all of their hard work during the past year as well as our Members and visitors who continue to support our ongoing activities. I would also like to thank our government and corporate sponsors as well as our private donors who have contributed in various ways to help us maintain operations. Without the ongoing support from everyone involved in the Museum it would be impossible for us to have offered such a wide range of public programs and events.

This year marks the end of an era, with the recent passing of John West who was a Past President and long time supporter of the Museum. The Museum is part of John's legacy and we look forward to carrying on his vision for the future.

Our space at 634 Humboldt St. is continuing to be very flexible. Our close proximity to the Inner Harbour provided a great opportunity to launch a new maritime walking tour that has proven to be very popular. Inside our exhibit space, we have been able to continue hosting several exhibits, art shows, and special events. We have collaborated with the Union Club of British Columbia and Vic Theatre and have maintained a small satellite exhibit at Ogden Point for cruise ship passengers.

We have been working hard to provide the local community with as many opportunities to see the Museum as possible. We have once again participated in Victoria's Pass It Around program, providing pass holders with an opportunity to explore the Museum at a discounted rate. We have joined the Greater Victoria Public Library in their Library Pass Program, which allows us to offer barrier-free access for up to 5,000 visitors each year to visit the Museum.

This past year we launched our All Things Marine Thrift Store at Canoe Cove Marina, which is operated entirely through the support of our volunteers. All goods for sale are donated and it is proving to be a great way for boaters to reuse and recycle many items of marine equipment. All proceeds raised help to support our ongoing operations.

This past May, we hosted our new Victoria Day Block Party event in collaboration with the Union Club of British Columbia and in September we assumed responsibility for the operation of the Victoria Classic Boat Festival. Both signature events were very successful and we look forward to continuing them again next year.

It has been an exciting year and next year we look forward to starting work on the future planning and development of a new Maritime Museum here in Victoria to continue showcasing our rich provincial and national maritime heritage and culture.

David Leverton

Executive Director

Goodbye and Thank You, John West



This year we had to say goodbye to someone who has been a strong advocate for our maritime history and culture. John West, Past President of the Maritime Museum of BC, passed away on 17 May 2017 at 68 years old after battling cancer.

John became involved with the Museum in 2011 and served on the Board as a Trustee during the 2012/13 year. He became Chairman during 2013/14, but unfortunately had to step away from some of those duties due to health concerns. He then served as Past President in 2014/15 and continued to support the Museum and our maritime heritage and culture right to the end.

John was always a voice of wisdom and maritime memory. He had innumerable contacts in the maritime world, be they folks in the business community, pleasure boaters, especially if they had a 'Bill Garden' designed boat, independent brokers and characters who lived and breathed the same salt air as John. He had an eye for good design and craftsmanship. John put considerable energy helping with the Museum 'fleet', especially *Trekka* and *Dorothy*, and established good working

relationships with many in the maritime field. He also assisted our library team with public research requests. Judy Thompson, Volunteer Librarian, remembers contacting him about specific questions and regularly receiving plenty of information to pass along!

He lived and breathed our mandate and mission, was reliable, loyal and optimistic. John West was a real gift to the MMBC and Victoria, and we miss him dearly. We thank him for his unending support, and will continue to work towards promoting and preserving our maritime heritage and culture.

Highlights—Events

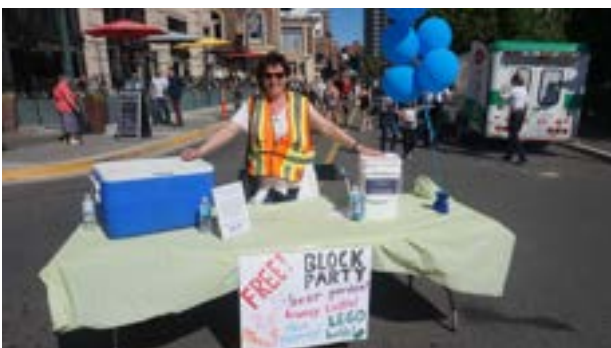
Massive Marine Garage Sale— 22 April 2017

This year we hosted our 14th annual Massive Marine Garage Sale with major support from our volunteer Ann Jones. It was another major success and raised just over \$11,000 for the Museum!



Victoria Day Block Party— 22 May 2017

As a kick off to our summer season, we hosted our first annual Victoria Day Block Party in collaboration with the Union Club, who were celebrating their new status as a National Historic Site. We had 5,000 visitors join in our celebrations. With so much engagement, we look forward to offering this again in 2018!



Highlights—Events

Classic Boat Festival— 1-3 September 2017

This year marked several milestones for the annual Classic Boat Festival. It was the 40th anniversary of the Festival itself, and was officially transferred over from the Victoria Classic Boat Festival Society (now disbanded) to the Maritime Museum of BC for ongoing operations. Also, after saying goodbye to John West in May, this was the first year in the Festival's 40 year history where John was not present. While we missed his support and joyful sense of humour on the docks, we look forward to honouring his memory by continuing to offer the Classic Boat Festival to local Victorians and community visitors alike.



Photos by Tom Sztanek

Highlights—Events

Nautical Nights Speaker Series

With the help of local community partners, we have launched a new speaker series, titled *Nautical Nights*. This Series will run during our “off-season”, September-April each year, with the exception of December. Mark Leiren-Young kicked off the Series as our first Speaker in September, 2017, talking about our history with orcas on this coast, and the impact of Moby Doll.



Refugium: Poems for the Pacific: Book and Art Show Launch—5 October 2017

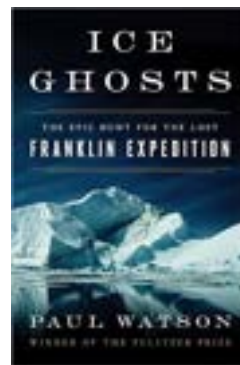
We were honoured to be the host venue of the launch of the new poetry anthology *Refugium: Poems for the Pacific*, edited by Yvonne Blomer, the Poet Laureate of the City of Victoria. It was also the launch of an accompanying art show, curated by Regan Rasmussen.



Highlights—Book Launches

Paul Watson, *Ice Ghosts*— 3 May 2017

We were proud to host the book launch for Paul Watson’s new book, *Ice Ghosts: The Epic Hunt for the Lost Franklin Expedition*. Paul Watson is a Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist who was the only journalist on board the CCGS *Sir Wilfrid Laurier* when they found the HMS *Erebus*. His book *Ice Ghosts* recounts the story of the search for Franklin’s famed vessels.



Dr. Elaine Gallagher, *Sisterships*— 4 May 2017

We were also pleased to host the book launch for Dr. Elaine Gallagher’s new book, *Sisterships*. Dr. Elaine Gallagher is currently Director of the Centre on Aging and a Professor with the School of Nursing at the University of Victoria. Following an award-winning academic career, she finally had time to devote to her first novel – *Sisterships* – a tale about the Titanic and her forgotten sister the Olympic. Her close childhood relationship with her grandmother, Betsy Oaks, was the inspiration for the book, an historical novel that is replete with stories told to her by Betsy and intriguing facts gained from over 40 years of background research.



Highlights—Art Shows

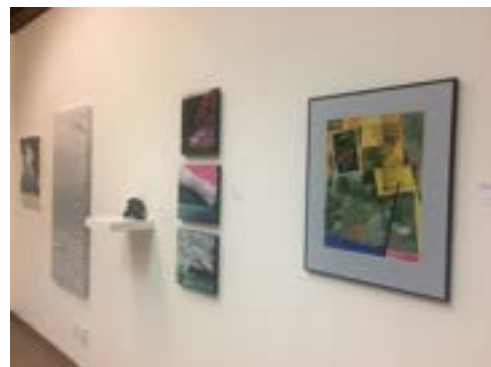
Tony Grove, *A Boatbuilder's Perspective*— May-September, 2017

This year's summer feature artist was Tony Grove. Tony's fascination with wooden boats' historic value draws him into a careful study of their build and design. Many of the boat images he creates come from the inspiration of working on the vessels themselves, or of the historic role they played in the past.



Regan Rasmussen, *Refugium*— October-December, 2017

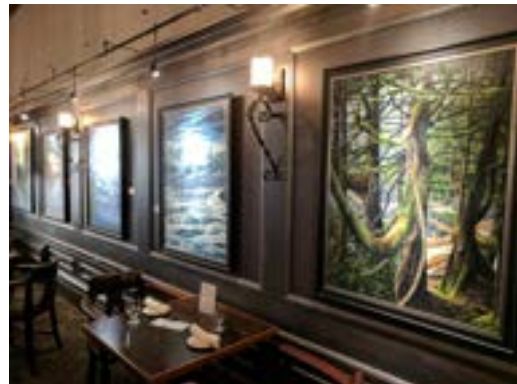
Regan Rasmussen curated our fall art show called *Refugium*. The show is a compilation of art pieces done by 22 different artists, each who responded to a poem in the newly launched anthology *Refugium: Poems for the Pacific*. The poets and the artists drew their inspiration from their love of and concern over the Pacific Ocean.



Highlights—Art Shows

A West Coast Perspective— October-December 2017

For the first time, the Maritime Museum of BC hosted an art show at the Union Club in their Renaissance Room. This show includes the following five artists: Anne Doyle, Tony Grove, Mark Hobson, John Horton, and Esther Sample.



Highlights—Firsty Fridays

Before our location move in 2014-15, the Museum hosted Firsty Friday's— a gathering of staff, volunteers, and Board members, on the first Friday of every month at Irish Times. During the move, these pub nights stopped due to the focus on the move. This year, we brought Fristy Fridays back!



Highlights—Community Activities

The Museum has taken part in a number of outside community activities this year. These community activities not only allows us to connect with other organizations and to achieve our outreach goals, but they also provide us with opportunities to further engage with the local community and to reach new audiences.

- BC Day
- BC Museums Association Conference
- Be a Tourist in Your Hometown
- Canada Day
- Grandparents Day
- Greater Victoria Public Library Culture and Recreation Pass Program
- Integrate Arts Festival
- Kaleidoscope Theatre for Young People
- Marine Debris Polluting the Salish Sea Webinar with the US Consulate
- Pass it Around
- Presentations by David Leverton, Executive Director, to the Rotary Club, Thermopylae Club, and the Yukon Science Institute
- Pumpkin Pursuit
- Thermopylae Club: host venue for regular meetings
- Tours with Our Place Society Residents
- V2V On-Board Video Interpretation
- Vancouver Island Parent Conference
- Victoria Foundation Day
- Wicked Victoria
- Women on the Home Front, Fort Rodd Hill
- World Oceans Day



Highlights—Programs

School Programs

This year we have had seven outreach school programs available. The topics include: Pirates and Privateers, Early West Coast Exploration, Immigration to the West Coast of BC, Navigation: Finding Coastal BC, Tales of Women at Sea, Shipbuilding in Victoria and Coastal BC, The Hudson’s Bay Company and the Fur Trade. Each program includes artefacts from our collection and is curriculum-based.



Maritime Memories

We have continued to offer Maritime Memories programs to seniors groups this year. Topics for these programs vary, and are sometimes developed on request. This past year we have delivered Maritime Memories on topics such as HBC and the fur trade, early exploration, and immigration to BC. We also bring artefacts from our collections for these programs, and encourage seniors to share their own stories and memories.



Highlights—Programs

Craft Workshops

This summer we re-started our previously popular craft workshops, sea glass jewelry and beachcombers wind chimes. We've added more to our roster of workshops, including knotty coffee table décor, kids drift-wood boat building, and sea lanterns. These workshops are proving popular once again!



Museum Tots

This fall we launched our brand new Museum Tots program. This program is geared towards children ages 2-5 and runs every Saturday with a different topic each week. We love seeing the little ones engaging with the Museum!





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Highlights—All Things Marine Thrift Store

This year saw the official opening of our new All Things Marine Thrift Store. It opened to the public in January, 2017, and has been operating each Friday and Saturday. Volunteers, led by Ann Jones, have given their time to operate the store (it is entirely run by our amazing volunteers!), and have also dedicated their time to fixing up the front deck area and cleaning up the grounds. Have a look at the before, during, and after photos below!



Collections Activities

Volunteers and staff have been very active in the collection since the move completed in 2015. The following section is a very brief summary of these activities.

Seymour:

The majority of our collection is housed at 4000 Seymour Place in a secure, climate-controlled environment. The recent focus for staff has been to organise the numbering on shelving and on getting all of the items off the floors. It's now easy to locate where everything is stored. This summer, volunteers Bob George, David Winkler, and Jan Drent assembled the final sections of archive shelving. The remainder of the collection (mostly larger artefacts) is stored at Ogden Point in a fenced off area in Pier A. Verifying the completeness of individual catalogue entries is an ongoing project.

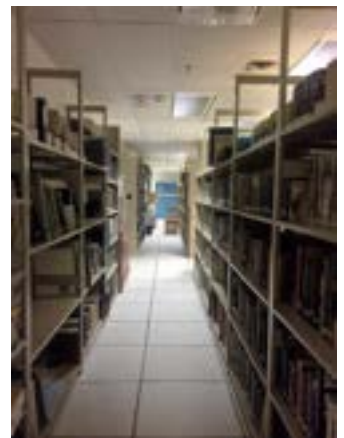


Nootka:

Our volunteer librarian, Judy Thompson, oversees ongoing work at our public location in Nootka Court and is in two afternoons a week to meet researchers looking for specific information and general access to the research library. Inventorying the extensive photo collection, now stored at Nootka Court, started back when we were housed in Bastion Square. Three seasoned mariners: Bob Bell, Pat Crabbe, and Adrian Bull are just about finished with carefully annotating what each picture shows (there are roughly 16,343), and assigning accession numbers if they were lacking. They have been supported by Olivia Craster who has entered the data into the photo catalogue. We do receive requests from researchers for photos and this massive project will improve our ability to provide them with full details. The goal is to digitise the catalogue-and eventually the photo collection. The next phase at Nootka will focus on improving our vertical file collection of information about people and ships.

Research Library:

The bulk of this 8,517 item collection is at Seymour, with a small selection at Nootka, but books are retrieved for researchers when required. The individual books were catalogued by volunteer librarians as they were donated or purchased over the decades. It became obvious that successive generations of librarians had not uniformly applied the Dewey Decimal System for cataloguing, so Judy Thompson has been working through the collection to apply a standard system and attaching uniform-looking labels.





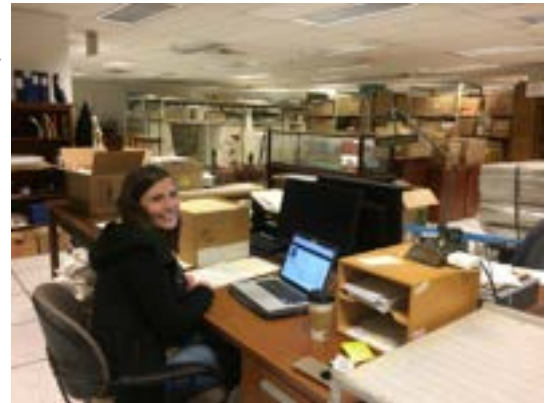
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Archives:

Since the 1950s, the Museum has received donations of logbooks, company and naval records, research documents on a variety of subjects. Shipyard documents from Yarrows and the Victoria Machinery Depot are included, along with large holdings of ships' plans and nautical charts. The cataloguing of these paper records is uneven and needs work to make



them truly useful for researchers. This involves painstaking effort. One of Britany Vis' first projects back in 2015 was to improve our collections database and to create an archives database in line with best practices. We have been able to secure a grant to help pay an experienced full-time cataloguer, Suzanne Hervieux, who is working at Seymour (the balance will be covered by a targeted donation). Meanwhile, volunteers Renee Gaudet, Merriday Peters, Steve Sawford, and Camilla Turner meticulously completed inventories over the past year of naval records dating back to the First World War. John Anderson has been inventorying a large collection of research material on west coast whaling, and Jan Drent has been busy on items from Yarrows and further unique WWI naval material. We're hoping to continue this volunteer effort to improve our records going forward.



Special Collection:

This section of the library consists of unique items concerning BC's maritime history that date back to the eighteenth century. Many were donated over the decades in poor condition with occasional torn pages, binding that had become detached from covers, loose sewn bindings, leather covers heavily worn, and pages showing water damage. Restoration to ensure that they will be useful for research in the future requires specialist skills. Fortunately there are such specialists on the lower island. Starting in 2013, twenty items have been meticulously restored by Lorraine Butler of Meadland Bindery with funding by targeted donations.



Research Requests:

MMBC regularly receives requests for information, along with requests for copies of ships' plans and photographs on a cost recovery basis. These help fulfill our mandate of making the information in our collection available to the public.

SS Beaver Medal Award

The Maritime Museum of BC *SS Beaver* Medal for Maritime Excellence recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the marine sector in our Province. These attainments may include, but are not limited, to- science, technology, business, applications of maritime skills and academic contributions. Candidates nominated by the public are selected each year through a rigorous screening process. An organization or ship is also occasionally granted an award. The awards are selected by a blue-ribbon panel of representatives involved in various aspects of BC's maritime interests.

About the *SS Beaver*

SS Beaver –the first steam-powered vessel on the west coast of North America- operated up and down the BC Coast for 52 years. Built for the Hudson's Bay Company on the Thames, she functioned as a floating trading post and coastal freighter. The Royal Navy had a constant presence in the coast starting in the 1840s and it was its hydrographic work which opened up BC for shipping. *Beaver* was chartered by the RN as a survey ship for 8 years. At the end of her career this pioneering vessel was sold by the Hudson's Bay Company and used as a towboat.

The gold-plated medals are cast from materials salvaged from the wreck of the ship after she grounded on Siwash Rock outside Vancouver in 1888.



The 2017 *Beaver* Medal Recipients are:

- Campbell Black, Entrepreneur, who developed and provides apprentice training programs for marine repair industry;
- Barrie Farrell, Innovative fishing and pleasure boat builder;
- Captain Keith McLaren, Master Mariner & author of marine books, retired BC Ferries Master;
- Roland Webb, Marine Engineer & Senior Manager in West Coast Shipbuilding Industry, Currently Vice President Robert Allan Ltd Vancouver; and
- Sail and Life Training Society (SALTS) of Victoria for providing sail training and life lessons for youth since 1974.



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Sponsors and Corporate Donors

Every year we receive support from our community through either in-kind or financial donations. We are extremely grateful for this strong support. Here are the organizations who have helped us to promote our maritime history and culture this year:

10 Acre Kitchen and Commons Restaurant	Five Star Whale Watching	Ocean River Sports
Ballet Victoria	Good Family Foundation	Race to Alaska
Barb's Fish and Chips	Greater Victoria Concert Band	Riverside Marine
BC Coast Pilots Ltd.	Greater Victoria Harbour Authority	Rogers' Chocolates
BC Ferries	Harbour Cruises and Events	Sam's Deli
BC Transit	Hotel Grand Pacific	Scott Plastics Ltd.
Black Ball Ferry	Hugh Stratham	Team Sales Vancouver Island
Bolen Books	Il Terrezzo	Thermopylae Club
Braefoot Community Association	IMAX	Thrifty Foods
Brown's Social House	Inn at Laurel Point	Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort
Butchart Gardens	Ivy's Book Shop	Tobi Elliott
Butterfly Gardens	Jackson's Ice Cream Float	Trotac Marine
Camosun Applied Research and Innovation	John and Mary Horton	Union Club of BC
Canadian Tire (Hillside)	Les Wood	United Way of Greater Victoria
Canoe Cove Marina	L Vanderden Machining and Repair	V2V Vacations
Catalano Restaurant	Magnolia Hotel	VicLUG
Chateau Victoria	Maple Leaf Adventures	Victoria Bug Zoo
Chief and Petty Officers Association	Maycock Len Corporate Awards & Custom Framing	Victoria Fire Department
City of Victoria	Milestones	Victoria Marriott Hotel
Clipper Vacations	Miniature World	Victoria Real Estate Board
Coal Harbour History Museum	Mr. and Mrs. Hunter	Victoria Symphony
Coast Guard	Mr. Tube Steak	Victoria Tall Ships Society
Constance Gibson	Munro's Books	Western Stevedoring
Daphne Goode	Pacific Yachting Magazine	Westport Marina
Davis High School Band	Pedersen's Event Rentals	West Wind Hardwood
Days Inn	Phillips Brewing & Malting Co.	
Fairmont Empress		

Corporate Members

This summer marked the re-launch of our Corporate Membership program. We now offer Corporate Memberships at three different levels: Mariner, Captain, and Admiral. The different levels aim to meet the different needs of various sizes of organizations.

Below is the list of our current Corporate Members, at the time of printing this Report. We would like to extend our warmest thank you to these organizations for jumping on board with us in our goals to promote our maritime history and culture!

Mariner

Van Isle Marina
Port Townsend Sails
Point Hope Maritime
The Flag Shop

Captain

Victoria Power and Sail Squadron
Oak Bay Marine Group

Admiral

BC Ferry Services
Black Ball Ferry Line
Seaspan



Volunteers

The Maritime Museum of BC could not accomplish what we do without the help of our extraordinary volunteers who give their time out of love and dedication. It is because of their help that the Museum is able to achieve everything that we do for our Members and the local and provincial communities. Without these special individuals, the Museum would not be able to offer so many services. We would like to extend a most heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers who have put in time and effort to help us thrive through 2016/17. We at the Maritime Museum of BC can only hope that we will continue to have their amazing support as we move into 2018.

Our volunteers dedicate their time in all areas of the Museum including:

- All Things Maritime Thrift Store
- Classic Boat Festival
- Collections
- Exhibits
- Front Desk and Gift Shop
- Library and Archives
- Massive Marine Garage Sale
- Programs—In-House and Outreach
- Special Events
- SS Beaver Medal Awards
- Victoria Day Block Party
- Workshops



Volunteers

Here are the names of all the individuals who have volunteered their time and effort over the course of the past year to promote BC's maritime heritage and culture:

Rory Adams	Olivia Craster	Garth Harkess
John Anderson	Susanna Crofton	Mike Harrison
Ron Armstrong	Bob Cutting	Suzanne Hervieux
Chuck Authier	Geoff Denman	Gabriel Hill
Laura Authier	Fraser Dodds	Alexandra Hursey
Penny Authier	Nathalie Douglas	Paul Hunt
Terese Ayre	Dan Downes	Ann Jones
Nick Banks	Anne Doyle	David K. Jones
Judy Barefoot	Jan Drent	April Juhlke
Bob Bell	Penney Edwards	Kestrel Kirkpatrick
Lorraine Bethell	Tobi Elliot	Angela Kirkwood
Kirsten Brand	Clay Evans	Lorne Knutson
Ross Brand	Larry Frisch	Rick Kool
Michael Brossard	Leo Gauthier	Ian Lawrie
Adrian Bull	Robert George	Stu Lawrie
Maureen Bull	Daphne Goode	Patrick Lawson
Christy Campbell	Tony Grove	Camille Lema
Dick Chudley	Yuxuan Gu	Lawrence Lewis
Patrick Crabbe	Michael Hadley	Mark Lindholm

Volunteers

Tom Longman

Stasi Manser

Tristan Martel

Harry Martin

Angus Matthews

Jacquelyn McClure

Rhian McKee

Ravi Mehra

Jim Merton

Joyce Metson

Danica Neral

Bill Noon

David Oliver

Jennifer Oliver

Akhilesh Pantulu

Merridy Peters

Jurgen Pokrandt

Ian Poyntz

Don Prittie

Lori Prophet

Cam Quinn

Darren Reid

Rachel Ready

Amy Reiswig

Laura Robin

Marbella Rodriguez-Ramirez

John Rogers

Barry Rolston

Bob Ruggels

Nancy Santana

John Sarsfield

Stephen Sawford

Marianne Scott

David Snider

Mike Spence

Bonnie Stacey

Tom Sztanek

Vedika Taunk

Bill Taylor

Joshua Terry- Brand

Tracy Terry

Liz Testemale

Peter Testemale

Judy Thompson

James Tirrul-Jones

Camilla Turner

Xin Yang Wang

Xin Yin Wang

Jaime Webb

Ateeq Weera

David Winkler

Walter Young

That's 109 people! A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who have dedicated countless hours this year to promoting and preserving our maritime heritage and culture! The Museum is truly a better place with all of your support.

Volunteer Stories

One of the amazing things about our volunteers is the reasons they got involved with the Museum in the first place. For Volunteer Appreciation Week this year (April 23-29, 2017), we gathered some of these stories. Here are a few of them:



Joyce and Maureen

Visitors will often find our amazing volunteers Joyce and Maureen's smiling faces at our Visitor Centre, welcoming them into the museum.

Joyce is one of our longest serving volunteers - over 24 years! Maureen joined shortly after, upon popping in one afternoon to pick up her husband - also a volunteer, at the time! Both ladies have worked in different areas of the museum, sharing their knowledge and passing along stories to visitors and staff alike.

"It's fun!" says Maureen, "you meet a lot of interesting people."



Darren

Darren is an undergraduate student, studying world history. With his special interest in museum collections, he plans to use his degree and experience at the museum to design educational video games in interactive museum exhibits!

He applies his knowledge and creativity at our Visitor Centre, helping us design interactive activities and programs for our visitors - thank you, Darren!

Volunteer Stories



Dick

Before volunteering at the Maritime Museum of BC, Dick had spent his whole life at sea, in both the Merchant Navy and Marine Regiment. He has a natural interest in maritime history and enjoys reading from the books in the Museum's collection.



Pat and Sophie

We'd like to introduce you to our incredible volunteer Pat and his sidekick, Sophie. Pat has been a volunteer with the Museum for four years, helping predominantly in our library and archives. Working out at sea his whole life, Pat now applies his knowledge and experience everyday as a volunteer of the Maritime Museum of BC.

Board of Trustees

Don Prittie	Chair	David K. Jones	Trustee
Ian Poyntz	Vice Chairman	Mark Lindholm	Trustee
Leo Gauthier	Treasurer	Rhian McKee	Trustee
Ross Brand	Secretary	Clay Evans	Past President
Dan Downes	Trustee		
Daphne Goode	Trustee		

Staff, 2017

David Leverton	Executive Director	Ryan Meech	Digital Installation Producer
Brittany Vis	Associate Director	Gabrielle Caveney	Programs Coordinator (past)
Rachel Meyer	Front of House Manager	Emily Golumbia	Programming Assistant (past)
Maleah Schmitke	Membership and Donation Coordinator	Nikita Calvert	Programming Assistant (past)
Suzanne Hervieux	Assistant Archivist	Rory Adams	Kiosk Assistant (past)
Kaylyn Olynyk	Programming Assistant	Jillan Valpy	Collections Manager (past)
Charlotte Gray	Public Engagement Intern		

Looking Ahead to 2018

Reflecting on this past year, we are proud with all that we have accomplished together. We know there's always more work to be done, and we are excited about what lies ahead in 2018. In addition to continuing to offer our ongoing programs, workshops, Nautical Nights Speaker Series, and special events, we look forward to bringing new exhibits to the community. Here's what we are currently working on for 2018 exhibit initiatives.

The *S.S. Princess Sophia* Travelling Exhibit

The *S.S. Princess Sophia* exhibit launches in Victoria in our Museum in January 2018. It will then travel to Vancouver BC, Juneau AK, and Whitehorse YK. This exhibit commemorates the sinking of the *Princess Sophia*, which sank in 2018 off the coast of Juneau on her way back to Victoria, her home port. Everyone on board perished in what has now become known as the greatest maritime disaster on the West Coast. We look forward to bringing this story to communities throughout the Pacific Northwest in 2018.



Alaska State Library, William R. Norton. Photographs Collection, ASL-P226-747



Alaska State Library, Winter and Pond Collection, ASL-P87-1702

Updating our Exhibits at Nootka Court

After the *Princess Sophia* exhibit leaves our space in March 2018, we will have the opportunity to rework our displays at Nootka Court. We are now working on the planning process for this, and we look forward to sharing more of our collection with the public once this is complete.

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