



Steveston

Summer 2013

Steveston Community Society Newsletter

68th Annual Steveston Salmon Festival Monday, July 1st, 2013



A bit of history

The Steveston Salmon Festival originally began as a “Sports Day” themed event to celebrate Dominion Day, and also to raise funds to build a playground in the Steveston Park in 1944. Today, it is one of the largest non-profit Canada Day celebrations in the country and still the fundamental purpose is to raise funds for a significant community project, including most recently the Steveston Educational Garden, Steveston Water Park and an accessible upgrade to the children’s playground at Steveston park. This year, the Salmon Festival will provide sustaining funding to the garden.

From 1946 to today, there has been a myriad of changes, most notably the name change from Richmond Salmon Queen Carnival to Steveston Salmon Festival. There has not been a Salmon Queen since 1986, but there have been other components which have remained constant: the Festival is always a homage to Steveston’s salmon empire, and the “Spirit of Steveston” still drives “Canada’s biggest little birthday party” each year!



JULY 1ST ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Please see page 7 for important information about road closures during the Salmon Festival.

Residents in the affected area are advised to make prior arrangements for vehicle access during the morning closure times for the parade, from 9:00am to noon. Also, if you have invited guests to your home for the celebrations, please ensure they arrive *well before* 9:00am.

Ships to Shore

The City of Richmond is organizing another “Ships to Shore” event, and will be bringing a number of exciting vessels to the dock at Imperial Landing June 29-July 1st. Visit their website www.richmond.ca/shipstoshore for a complete listing of vessels and event schedule.

Cultivating Our Past, Tilling Our Future

The 2013 festival theme was inspired by the development of the new Educational Garden at the Steveston Community Centre. During the planning phase of the garden site, volunteers were reminded that Steveston was founded as a farming and fishing community, and that over a century ago, much of the village we know today was occupied by oat fields and canneries.

It is important to remember our past and keep those memories alive and shared with the next generation, but it is equally important to be looking forward and continue to make this community the best place in the world to live, work and play!

Salmon Festival Parade

The Children’s Bike Parade takes off at 9:30am from Third Avenue and Chatham Street, and the second is the big parade which starts at 10am from Garry Point Park, at 7th Avenue and Chatham Street. *Continued page 4.*



Sammy the Salmon, the Steveston Salmon Festival’s beloved mascot, underwent a rejuvenating makeover during the winter months. Here he is posing with Josh Willson of JBW Studios, the creator of Sammy’s new look. Sammy is very excited about the upcoming Salmon Festival, and looks forward to seeing everyone at the parade on July 1st!

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The Steveston Community Society Newsletter is published quarterly. Our goal is to provide information about the people and activities at the community centre, and to share stories about common interests, history, local personalities and events in the broader Steveston community. This newsletter is created by and for the members of the community. Please contact us if you would like to join the volunteer newsletter team.

If you would like to submit an item for inclusion in the newsletter, or recommend a story idea for one of our writers, please forward your ideas, information or material to our editorial committee for consideration. Space is free but limited, and we reserve the right to edit content.

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Mission Statement

The Steveston Community Society is an association of volunteers dedicated to maintaining a positive, pioneer "Spirit of Steveston", by providing cultural, social, and recreational opportunities for all members of the community.

President's Message

Dear Neighbours,

The summer of 2013 is finally upon us and Steveston is again bursting with vibrant energy. We have another season packed with activities to look forward to.

The Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market opened on May 19th for its fifth season and will operate bi-weekly until September 29th except June 30th due to Salmon Festival. The market organizers have worked hard to bring you a great variety of vendors. Soon the fresh farm produce will be ready to add to over 100 regular vendors each market Sunday.

Plans for the 68th Annual Steveston Salmon Festival coming together and we are excited to be presenting this signature annual event that attracts over 70,000 people into our village each year. The festival theme is "Cultivating Our Past, Tilling Our Future", in recognition of our foundation as an agricultural and fishing village.

We are also very pleased to have Bonnie Isaak serve as our Honorary Parade Marshal this year. She was the Steveston Salmon Queen in 1962.

Ships to Shore will be open June 29-July 1st at Imperial Landing, and there will be many interesting vessels for you to get up close to.

The Bullhead Derby will be June 23 at Garry Point Park. This is always a fun event for children and seniors. Registration starts at 9:00am.

The park has undergone some major changes since last summer. The tram barn on the west side is a showcase for the largest artifact in the city's collection, and a tribute to an important part of our history. I encourage you to visit the site, and see the "Steveston 1220" and imagine for a moment that at one time this was a modern method of transportation for people and goods to and from this area.

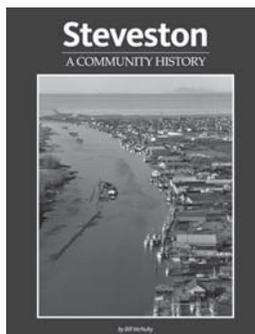
We are also very pleased to finally complete the installation of our Educational Garden. We are now in the process of planting, and implementing programs that will be available in the leisure guide this summer and fall. The preschool, youth and older adults will also have opportunities for programs in the garden. We are coordinating a garden committee; if you are interested in working with us on this important project, please email edugarden@stevestoncommunitysociety.com or call 604-238-8094.

Thank you to our volunteer team for their continued commitment and dedication to Steveston, in particular the Board of Directors of the Steveston Community Society, and thank you, our neighbours and friends, for supporting us and all that we do for our community. Have a terrific and safe summer!

Beth Ovenden, President
Steveston Community Society and
Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society



Happy Birthday Canada!



Steveston: A Community History
by Bill McNulty

Pick up your copy today at the Steveston Community Centre!

\$20 suggested donation.

Part proceeds in support of the Japan Relief Fund for Onagawa.



McNulty's Meanderings...by Bill McNulty

Rintaro Hayashi

Rintaro Hayashi was an outstanding Japanese Canadian leader who contributed much to the welfare of the Japanese Canadian fishermen, in particular the community of Steveston. He was born in 1901 at Mio-Mura, Wakayama, Japan. This fishing village is in the prefecture of our sister city of Wakayama. He came to Canada in 1913 at the age of 12 at his father's request. His father was a fisherman who had immigrated to Canada in 1895, and returned to Japan to marry there. Upon arrival, Rintaro started fishing with his father, although he stated that he went to the one room school in Steveston up to grade five.

In 1914, a Kendo dojo named "Yokikan" was founded in Steveston, the first of its kind in Canada. Rintaro trained under head instructor Tsuzuki Kenta. In 1920, at the age of 19, he became the head instructor of the club. He held this position until Yuichi Akune took his place in 1927.

In 1925 he served the Rescue Committee Chairman for the Japanese Training Warship mishap at Vancouver Harbour.

In 1927 Rintaro joined the Fishermen's Co-op. From 1927 to 1941, he was a board member of the Steveston Fisherman's Association, and Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

In 1929 and 1930 he was Vice Chairman of the Japanese Fishermen's Association. He served as Secretary of the Japanese Fishermen's Association until the outbreak of the Pacific War in 1941.

According to an interview with him in 1972 he stated that in 1941 he helped evacuate 3,000 Japanese Canadians in Steveston under the War Measures Act. From 1941 until 1948 his family moved to Kaslo, Lemon Creek, Raymond, Alberta, Kelowna and finally back to Steveston in 1951, where he started commercial fishing again. That year he organized the Japanese Language School and served as the first President of the Association.

Rintaro Hayashi and Moriharu Tanigami almost immediately set about reorganizing what would become the Steveston Kendo Club. They joined with the Steveston Judo Club to organize permanent training areas in Steveston. In 1962 he was a member of the Martial Arts Centre Building committee, and in 1966 he was a Director of the Canadian Kendo Federation.

It was in 1974 when his greatest contribution to history was made as an author. After retiring from fishing he wrote two books. One of them in Japanese, entitled Kuroshio-no-hate (Beyond the Japanese Current). Here he vividly depicts the history of the Steveston fishing industry and included portraits of many important pioneers and leaders of Japanese communities not only in Steveston but also in Vancouver and other areas of B.C.

A partial English translation of his work was completed in 1975 and in 1977 appeared in the book "The Forgotten History of the Japanese Canadians: Volume I", co-authored by Yuko Shibata, Shoji Matsumoto, Rintaro Hayashi and Dr. Shotaro Iida. Shoji Matsumoto translated the first four chapters of Rintaro's work "The Role of Japanese Canadians in the Early Fishing Industry in B.C".

In order to preserve the history of the Japanese Canadians on the west coast, he kindly donated valuable historical material to the University of British Columbia under the Rintaro Hayashi Collection.

"This collection is rich in official documents regarding the Japanese evacuation issued by the BC Security Commission, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Department of Labour of the Government of Canada. It included lists of named of repatriated Japanese after the war and correspondence regarding the relocation of other Japanese Canadians in Eastern Canada. The collection also contains various materials produced in the early 1950s relating to the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association (JCCA) and Steveston JCCA including constitutions, minutes and bulletins. Also included are minutes of the Steveston Japanese Benevolent Association". All are housed in Special Collections at UBC.

In 1976 Hayashi visited Wakayama, Japan to promote Richmond and Wakayama Sister City relationships.

In 1987 Rintaro Hayashi was honoured with the Order of the Rising Sun (6th class) by the Japanese government.

This great Japanese Canadian fisherman, author and historian passed away in 1995.

Photo credits: Thanks to the Steveston Kendo Club and Kelvin Higo of the Steveston Kendo Club.



Early Steveston Kendo Club. Date unknown.



Steveston Kendo Club, date unknown. Back row left to right: Rintaro Hayashi, Yuichi Akune, unknown. Front row: unknown.

Bill McNulty is a local historian and has published three books on sports and one on local history. He is a member of the International Society of Olympic Historians and has served on Richmond City Council since 1993. He is Past President of the Steveston Rotary Club and has been a member of Rotary since 1988. He is the author of the book "Steveston: A Community History", commissioned by the Steveston Community Society, which was released on May 12, 2011.

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Kids Bike Parade: children of all ages are encouraged to decorate their bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters, or other wheeled vehicles in Canada Day themes. The bike parade travels the main parade route along Third Avenue to Moncton Street, and ends in front of the Steveston Community Police station. Each participant must have at least one adult to accompany them either riding or walking alongside, and helmets are mandatory for all cyclists and skaters. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Third Avenue and Chatham Street at 8:30am. Staff from the Gulf & Fraser Credit Union will be there with participation ribbons and other treats for the children.

The Salmon Festival parade is always led first by a colour party carrying the national and provincial flags, followed by a pipe band. Our parade is one of the largest in BC on July 1st, boasting an average of 100 entries including marching groups, colourful floats, community groups, sports teams, and other charming and exciting entertainment during the two-hour parade. Come early to ensure the best seats!

Opening Ceremony

Immediately after Richmond Fire Rescue ends the parade with their polished red trucks and wailing sirens, the dignitaries at the Grand Stand cross the street to the main stage for the opening ceremony. O Canada is sung, various greetings are delivered, then Mayor Brodie heartily declares the festival officially open! Various events including the craft fair, trade show, art show, Japanese cultural show and exhibit, children's and youth festivals, the carnival and much more all open for the afternoon.

Salmon Bake!

We can't call it the "Salmon Festival" without celebrating the staple that Steveston's fishing industry is so famous for! Each year, a dedicated team of volunteers from Sutton Group-Seafair Realty serve up over 1200 pounds of wild sockeye salmon. Tickets go on sale beginning at 11:00am until the last piece of fish is cooked and served. Price per plate is \$15.

A Green Festival!

The Salmon Festival will continue to build on its successful environmental programs including an aggressive composting and recycling program, and a larger, secure bike and stroller parkade staffed by volunteers and provided free of charge adjacent to the



Mayor Malcolm Brodie and members of Council enjoying the annual Salmon Festival parade in 2012.

RCMP station.

There will be a dozen garbage sorting stations around the festival grounds for people to sort and discard their garbage for proper composting or recycling. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own re-usable containers to further reduce waste generated at the festival.

Steveston Village

Moncton Street will be closed from 9:00am until 5:00pm, from Third Avenue to Bayview just east of the RCMP Station. Many of the village stores, cafés and restaurants remain open all day and offer up great deals and tasty treats. If you're stuck in a food lineup at the Festival and you're too hungry to wait, check out what's being offered in the Village!

Salmon Festival is a "dry" event!

The Steveston Salmon Festival is a family-oriented community celebration and we encourage our guests to celebrate Canada Day responsibly. Please come, celebrate with us, but do enjoy your favourite alcoholic beverages at home or elsewhere afterwards. There are many places in the village open for business on July 1st who will happily welcome your patronage.

See you July 1st!

The day begins at 6:30am with a pancake breakfast hosted by the 12th Richmond Scouts. For a complete list of the day's events, see page 5. Our website will be updated regularly with the latest news and information leading up to the big day, or you can follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook to keep updated in real time!

www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca

Bullhead Derby

A Salmon Festival tradition for 24 years! Bring your rods, reels, barbless hooks and buckets and come out on Sunday, June 23 to Garry Point Park for the Bullhead Derby, hosted by the Richmond Golden Rods and Reels Society.

There are two categories: kids aged 12 and under, and seniors 65+. Who will catch the "big one"? We will soon find out!

Registration starts at 9:00am; the Derby opens at 10:00am until noon. There are lots of prizes available to be won for numerous categories, and everyone gets a ribbon for participating!

Many thanks to our sponsors including Nikka Fishing and Marine, Pajo's Fish & Chips, White Spot Ackroyd, Richmond Recognition, and the wonderful volunteers of the Richmond Golden Rods & Reels Society. If you have a passion for fishing and would like to be part of an active group of older adults, visit their website richmondgoldenrodsandreels.com for more information.



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STEVESTON THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Last month we celebrated National Volunteer Week! Thanks again for the many volunteers who put in countless hours volunteering this past year, in our children programs, seasonal special events, swap meets and at the Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market. Please continue making a difference! Your efforts and dedication are SUPER valued and the Steveston Community Society sincerely appreciates all that you do for Steveston.

A special note to students required to complete volunteer hours: Take advantage of the summer months to be a volunteer and count the hours towards 2013/14 school year.

IT'S SALMON FESTIVAL SEASON!

Once again, the Steveston Community Society will host thousands of people coming to celebrate Canada Day in Steveston.

We will need the help of hundreds of volunteers to make this event a success, like the previous years.

Adults particularly needed for parade marshaling!

To view complete details on available positions and shifts, please register at: <https://icanhelp.richmond.ca>.

For more information please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Patricia Toti at 604-238-8087 or ptoti@richmond.ca

Let's join forces and make this "Canada's biggest little birthday party" ever!

Japanese Cultural Show

Celebrating the rich culture of our community, the Japanese Cultural Show features displays and demonstrations on a variety of traditional Japanese arts such as origami, bonsai and doll making.

Show Schedule (subject to change)

Kendo Hall (East Wing – Martial Arts Center)

10:00am–4:00pm

Ikebana, bonsai, & calligraphy displays

12:45 - 1:15 Tea Ceremony

1:15 - 2:00 Bonsai demonstration

2:00 - 2:30 Tea Ceremony

2:30 - 3:00 Ikebana demonstration

3:00 - 3:45 Bonsai demonstration

Judo Hall (West Wing – Martial Arts Center)

1:00 - 1:30 Judo demonstration

1:45 - 2:15 Iaido demonstration

2:30 - 3:00 Kendo demonstration

3:15 - 3:45 Karate demonstration

Japanese Canadian Cultural Center, open from 10:00am–4:00pm featuring displays from the Nikkei Museum, Japanese Language School, Steveston Buddhist Temple, and artistry including paper dolls, fishboat model display, origami table and Japanese crafts.

Salmon Festival Event Schedule

Join us for a great day and a terrific community celebration at "Canada's biggest little birthday party!"



6:30am - 11:00am

Pancake Breakfast

9:30am - 10:00am

Kids Bicycle Parade

10:00am - 12:00pm

Canada Day Parade!

10:00am - 4:00pm

Japanese Cultural Show

10:00am - 5:00pm

Trade Show, Food Fair, Craft Fair, Community Info Tables, Art Show

11:00am until sold out

Salmon Barbecue, \$15

11:00am - 5:00pm

Children's Festival

Noon - 5:00pm

Funtastic Inflatables

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Horticulture Show

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Youth RockFest

Noon

Opening Ceremonies



For details, visit www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca

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Around the Community Centre

Fitness Programs at the Centre!

by Donna Bishop, Fitness Coordinator

What's new for Summer in fitness at Steveston?

- Yoga Core-Thursdays 7:15-8:15pm
- Strength Training for Women and yoga stretch- Tuesdays 10:45am
- Yoga Rise and Shine Tuesdays 6:30am-7:15am

Returning programs:

Zumba, Yin Yoga, Tai Chi and Spinning

Run Club is still going strong. Meet in the lobby on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8am and Sundays in the parking lot at 7am.

Visit our community centre and pick up a fitness schedule to check out our regular awesome drop in classes.

Summer Music, Movies and More!

Come and enjoy two local artists perform in Steveston park!

LoLo Bianco

Enjoy an eclectic mix of popular songs, 50's 60's from jazz standards to Carole King, Norah Jones and Bonnie Raitt.

Monday July 22nd, 2013
6:30-7:30pm

Edmond Wong

Enjoy a variety of 60's pop and rock and roll music! Thursday August 21st, 2013

6:30pm-7:30pm

Neighbourhood Free Park at Steveston Community Center. Come and enjoy playing with the neighbourhood kids, crafts, games and more!

Wednesdays July 3rd- August 28th
1:00-3:00pm

Thursday July 11th - 5:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday Aug 22nd - 5:00pm-7:00pm

July 15th-19th (M-F) 1:00pm-3:00pm

August 26-30 (M-F) 1:00-3:00pm

Summer Swimming at Steveston Pool

Steveston Outdoor Pool is open for weekend public swimming from May 18 – June 23.

Daily public swimming begins on Friday, June 28, and continues through until Labour Day, Monday, September 2, 2013.

Schedule information at www.richmond.ca/aquatics or 604-276-4300.



Swap Meets and Craft Fair!

Car Boot Sale - August 18th

Clean out your garage and closets and book a parking stall and sell gently used items at the Steveston Community Centre parking lot from 9:00am - 12:00pm rain or shine.

Developmental Disabilities Association truck comes at noon to collect unsold items you don't want to take back home.

Kids Only Swap Meet - October 20th

Buy and sell gently used kids "stuff",

toys, equipment and clothing.

For registration details call the Steveston Community Centre 604-238-8080.

Christmas Craft Fair - November 30th

Great handmade crafts ideal for Christmas shopping at over 150 tables inside the tennis shed at Steveston Community Centre 10:00-4:00. Tables still available. Registration now open. Call 604 238 8080 for information.

Summer Day Camps

Summer is just around the corner and that can only mean one thing – Steveston's Summer Day Camps are fast approaching!

The Steveston Summer Day Camp Program is a nine-week program for children ages 5-12, and is offered at three age-specific capacities: Junior (5-7 years), Middle (7-9 years), and Senior (9-12 years). Within day camps, children are exposed to a variety of games and crafts, group sports, and weekly out trips to locations such as Jericho beach, Science World, Splash Down, Playland and Stanley Park. It's guaranteed to be an exciting way for your child to spend the summer, all while meeting new friends, being active and outdoors, and exploring the local community.

Also, Steveston Summer Day Camps is doing something new and exciting this year. The Steveston Specialty Summer Camp program is a new nine week program that is catered to two age categories, 6-8 years old and 9-12 years old. Camps are offered in varying weeks to both age groups. Steveston will be offering Amazing race, Explorer and Extreme weeks. Children are exposed to a variety of games and crafts, group sports and out trips to locations such as Grouse Mountain, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Mac Sailing, Jericho Paddle Boarding, Reifel Bird Sanctuary and more. This is a unique opportunity for your child to spend summer experiencing new things, meeting new friends, while being active and outdoors.

For more information about SCC Day Camps, please visit the community centre front desk or contact Summer Coordinator, Alex Townsend, at atownsend@richmond.ca, or by phone at (604) 238-6133. Don't miss out on this amazing summer opportunity for your kids!

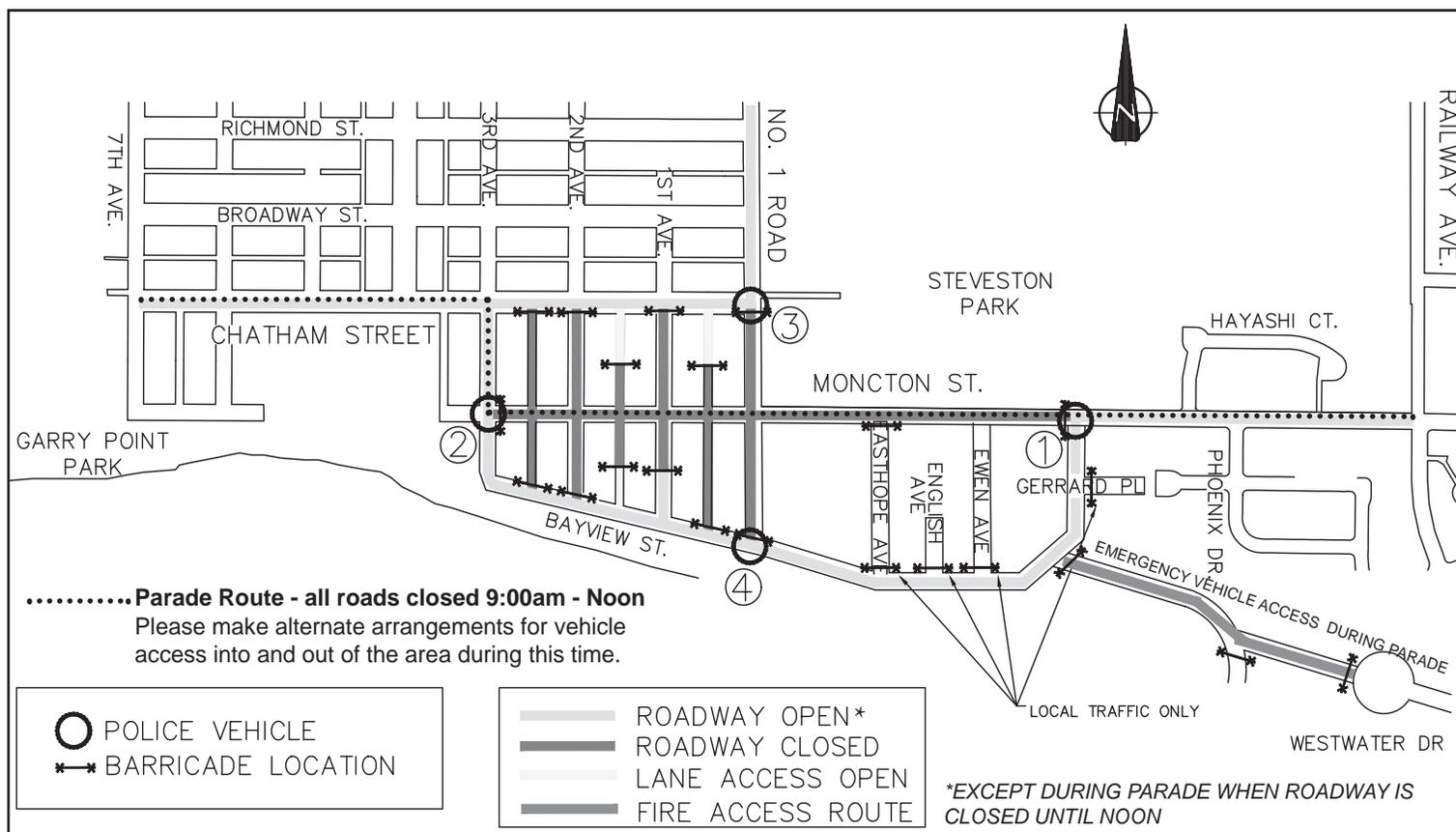
Zany Zoology

This camp is designed for animal lovers! Why do millipedes squirt ink and spiders shoot hairs? We will explore the world of insects, arachnids, reptiles, mammals and much more. We'll travel through the Rainforest, Oceans, Deserts, and the Arctic to explore some of the most exciting living creates on earth and see what makes them unique.

July 29 - August 2; 6-9yrs.

\$134.30/5 sessions; M, Tu, W, Th, F

Salmon Festival Road Closures



Residents are advised that by 9:00am on July 1st, road closures will be in effect for the Salmon Festival Parade and Festival.

The parade route closures include: Chatham Street, from Garry Point Park to Third Avenue; Third between Chatham and Moncton Street; and Moncton Street from Third Avenue to Railway. During the parade, access to all streets south of Moncton along Bayview Street, and Hayashi Court on the north side will be blocked to all traffic, between approximately 9:00am and noon.

Please make prior arrangements for early exit if you plan to leave the area during this time, or early arrival if you have invited guests to your home for the celebrations. Access for emergency vehicles only will be available on the east side of Bayview Street while the road closures remain in effect during the morning. Should an emergency arise,

please dial 9-1-1 as you would at any other time.

Most roads will re-open once the parade ends at approximately noon except Moncton Street which will remain closed between Third Avenue and Bayview Street (across from the community police station) until 5:00pm, to ensure the safety of everyone attending the festival.

Visit the merchants of Steveston as they celebrate Canada Day in style with sidewalk sales, entertainers, food, fun, and lots of other exciting activities as an extension of the Steveston Salmon Festival!



Residents in the affected closure area are advised to make alternate arrangements for vehicle access during the morning closure times. Also, if you have invited guests to your home for the celebrations, please advise them to arrive well before 9:00am. The RCMP will not permit any vehicles into or out of the affected area once the closures are in place, except in an emergency situation.

Should an emergency arise, please dial 9-1-1 as you would at any other time.

Thank you!

Wayne Spencer - An Amazing Volunteer

His eyes sparkle with enthusiasm, ready to make connections and experience new adventures. It is obvious that Wayne draws energy and life from his involvement as a volunteer within our community. He has a warm and inclusive personality that quietly entices a person toward doing what is right, with a great big smile. It's no wonder Wayne is so effective in guiding young volunteers to set up and run the Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market safely and successfully. Wayne's unwavering commitment to the Steveston community as a volunteer was the impetus behind him being named Honorary Parade Marshal for the 2012 Steveston Salmon Festival.

What Wayne has accomplished throughout his life is staggering. He raised twin daughters, Denise and DeAnn, and currently lives with, and lends a hand raising, his two growing grandchildren. In fact, the family members all live within a one block radius. For 35 years Wayne reveled in driving a bus for Pacific Coach Lines, delivering descriptive narratives about our stunning coastal communities to passengers visiting from all over the world. In 1993 Wayne was inducted into the One Million Mile Club, meaning that he had driven said distance without an accident.

Meanwhile, Wayne built numerous homes in Richmond and one on Piers Island, just off the tip of Saanich Peninsula. He also served as Captain of the volunteer fire department on Piers. Amazingly in only two years, starting with a bare hull and deck, he also built a coveted Maple Leaf 42 sailboat. His masterpiece *Wine and Roses* was featured on the cover of a local sailing magazine. Wayne sailed up and down the coast on her for most of two decades. He has travelled the world and is planning a road trip across Canada this summer, in his Eurovan. Most of us mere mortals can only dream of achieving a small portion of what Wayne has - so far.

Wayne has been volunteering in the Steveston Community for about six years (since Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market began) because both of his daughters were deeply involved. In that short time he has made a real difference and become a highly valued member of the volunteer community in Richmond. Dedicated, indomitable, passionate and selfless, Wayne is a profoundly endearing Essential Person of Steveston. Oh! And he's a dog lover too!

observations by Christine Durgo

Volunteering as an Exchange

By Patricia Toti, Events and Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteering is often seen as a form of charity based on altruism and selflessness. While this is the traditional view, there is another aspect to volunteering that is often overlooked.

Susan Ellis, President of Energize Inc., makes a good point: "Instead of viewing volunteer work as something that we do for people or communities who are not as fortunate as ourselves, begin to think of volunteering as an exchange."

Most people find themselves in need at some point in their lives. Today, you may be the person with the ability to help, but tomorrow you may be the recipient of someone else's volunteer efforts. We are often on both sides of the service cycle - you may be a snow angel for someone who cannot shovel snow, while someone else is active in you neighborhood crime watch that helps to protect your home.

There are many different reasons why people volunteer. The exchange is based on motivation and this can vary depending on the time and circumstances in our lives. Some common motivations are:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| - to feel needed | - to share a skill | - to get to know a community |
| - to gain leadership skills | - to keep busy | - for recognition |
| - to learn something new | - to have an impact | - for escape |
| - to be challenged | - to make new friends | - to explore a career |
| - as therapy | - for fun! | - to be part of a team |
| - to build a resume | - for required volunteer hours | - to stand up and be counted! |

The next time you are thinking of volunteering consider the exchange and what you are gaining from offering your services. Think about what you would like to gain and / or learn. You are more likely to continue volunteering your services when you can see the benefits to both the recipient of your efforts and to yourself. Discuss these motivations with your volunteer coordinator to ensure that the exchange meets your motivations and expectations.

Adding your efforts to the work of others makes everyone's lives better. Yours included.

Reference: Why Volunteer? Susan J. Ellis; <http://www.energizeinc.com/art/awhy.html>; Retrieved Feb 5th, 2013



Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market

In its fifth year running, the Steveston Farmers & Artisans Market kicked off the summer season on May 19th.

Drop by the bi-weekly market and meet a variety of farmers and artisans, showcasing one-of-a-kind items each market Sunday.

Market vendors from all walks of life come from as close as Steveston and travel from as far as the Okanagan, Fraser Valley and Sunshine Coast.

Our carefully chosen vendors offer a wide variety of organic and chemical-free cheeses, meat and poultry products such as beef, chicken and sausages.

Beginning in June, as fields begin to ripen, our produce vendors will arrive with fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables.

Think of your garden as you walk around the market and be sure to visit the vendors offering a wide variety of perennial plants, including tastefully arranged pots.

Fill your pantry with a selection of prepared sauces, salts, herbs, flour, cereals, soups, balsamic vinegar, juice, tea, coffee, honey, jams and spreads.

Baked goods and sweets are also a staple at our market: be sure to visit our chocolatiers and the many types of bakers offering artisan breads, loaves, waffles, granola bars, cinnamon buns, pies, cupcakes, cookies, dried fruit, and gluten free products.

Treat yourself or a friend to uniquely made items such as lotions, soaps and oils, jewellery



and hair products; kids and adult clothing and knitted items; original, yet functional leather, wood, clay, and metal products as well.

Cards, photographs, stamps, fridge magnets, and decorative kitchen and house wares can also be found.

Our food vendors please all types of taste-buds. There are hamburgers, veggie burgers, chicken and scalloped skewers, smokies, oven-baked pizza, lemonade, fresh coffee, fruit smoothies and freshly popped popcorn.

Sit at a picnic table and listen to great tunes or enjoy a leisurely walk around the market and get to know the vendors in your community market.

There are also lots of games and activities at the popular Kids Zone! Kids can play with hula hoops, blow soap bubbles, exchange books, color, draw or play with tons of toys.

Vendor and entertainer applications are being accepted for the 2013 summer market and are available on-line at www.sfam.ca. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the SFAM, please contact:

Market Manager, Tel: 604-729-7326 or marketmanager@sfam.ca

Visit our website www.sfam.ca

Mark your calendar ~ 2013 SFAM remaining dates are

June 16; July 7, 21

August 4, 18;

September 1, 15, 29

10:00am to 4:00pm

Corner of Third Avenue & Moncton Street Rain or Shine!

There will NOT be a market on June 30th as many of our vendors and volunteers will be celebrating Canada Day on July 1st at the Steveston Salmon Festival!



Tracy Paldy and Hap Hirata accept the Nova Star Award on behalf of the Steveston Salmon Festival committee.

Hearty Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Steveston Salmon Festival Organizing Committee, recipient of the 2013 Volunteers are Stars "Nova Star" Award, which honours organizations that have carried out their objectives with creativity and innovation, responding to the needs of the community.

The nomination reads, in part: "If you've ever been to Steveston on July 1, you know there's a rather large festival that takes place. In fact, it's one of the largest non-profit Canada Day celebrations in the country. With support from a small staff team, a core group of 30 volunteers plans and executes the entire event.

The festival itself dates back to 1945 and originally had a "sports day" theme. It was created to help raise money for a playground in Steveston Park. Today, the event continues to serve as a fundraiser for the Steveston community. Its humble beginnings, however, have given way to a 10-hour, entertainment-filled extravaganza, attended by over 70,000 people from across Richmond, Metro Vancouver, and the Pacific Northwest."

While the event is organized by a relatively small group of volunteers, they do receive a lot of help, especially on the day of the festival. By then, there are over 400 volunteers lending a hand and doing their part to ensure that 70,000 people go home smiling.

Thanks to the incredible work of Co-Chairs Barb Nimchuk and Tracy Paldy, and everyone involved in the Steveston Salmon Festival Organizing Committee, July 1 is always one of the best days of the year.

Around the Village



Britannia Shipyards, National Historic Site, showcases a community of boatyards, canneries, residences and stores from a time when fishing and boatbuilding were flourishing industries on the Fraser River. City of Richmond staff and volunteers work together to preserve and restore the shipyard and surrounding buildings as an active wooden boat centre and waterfront park. There are fourteen buildings in the 8.14 acre park, some constructed as early as 1885. Exhibits in the buildings interpret the area's industrial heritage and the stories of many cultures that called Britannia home. We are open six days a week over the summer, Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00am-6:00pm. Admission is free. Come for a visit soon!

Britannia also offers a variety of programs, from fitness classes and Pirate camps to performances and heritage programs. For more information, please go to www.richmond.ca/britannia

Special Events at Britannia

Ships to Shore
June 29-July 1st

Relive the days when Steveston was a major port of call for fleets of sailing ships from around the world! A small flotilla of tall ships and other sailing vessels will be on display and available for free public boarding at Imperial Landing and Britannia Shipyards dock. Enjoy special activities and maritime programming at Britannia, including a sneak preview of plans for an upcoming exhibit in the seine net loft building!

Richmond Maritime Festival
August 9-11, 11:00am-6:00pm

Celebrate Richmond's traditional connection with the sea! The whole family

can enjoy live entertainment, food, theatrical characters and participate in hands-on maritime demonstrations. Don't miss your chance to board historic wooden boats on the water! For more information, please visit www.richmondmaritimefestival.ca

Salmon Row Theatre Performances
August 15-September 1, 8:00pm-10:00pm

Mortal Coil Performance Society presents an outdoor theatre production showcasing 150 years of Steveston's fascinating history of the people who fished and canned salmon on the waterfront. Expect a theatrical bonanza of brilliant actors, live music, masks, puppets and stunning imagery. Prepare to be enchanted!

Tickets on sale in July and must be purchased in advance - details coming soon.

For details about all the events and programs happening at Britannia, please visit our website www.richmond.ca/britannia



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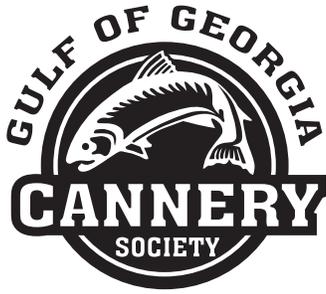
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Around the Village



Summer is filled with activities and events at the Cannery. Swing by and check out some of them during the summer. And remember on those busy summer weekend days that the Cannery offers parking at reasonable rates right next to the shops and restaurants in the village.

June 8 to April, 2014

Ryoshi: Nikkei Fishermen of the BC Coast

This new exhibit explores the contributions Japanese Canadians have made to the west coast fishing industry since the 1870's. The trials and tribulations of the Nikkei are told through artifacts, text and video.

July 1st - Canada Day

Free Admission! After watching the Canada Day Parade and enjoying Salmon Festival, come down to the west side of Moncton Street to visit the cannery and learn more about the history of our village.

July 5 to August 30

Music at the Cannery



Sibel Thrasher performs August 30th at 6:30pm

Join us every Friday night for our summer music series. A wide range of musical tastes will be represented.

This year enjoy popular past favourites like Sibel Thrasher and the Hang-ten Hangmen as well as new acts. Performers take to our outdoor stage at 6:30pm. Check our

website on details for performers and dates.

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery is open daily from 10:00am to 5:00pm. For more information visit www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.com or call 604-664-9009.

Artists in Steveston: Chris Charlebois

While many artists travel to find inspiration and interesting subjects for their art, Chris Charlebois, a resident of Richmond since childhood, finds all the inspiration he needs right here at home. A painter in oils of expressionist landscapes, Chris looks to the riverbank, to brush and grasses and patches of trees along the country areas of Steveston and South Richmond for his subject matter.

Working from imagination, the landscape in front of him, and the occasional photograph as a "jumping off" point, he explores what others might overlook. Nature in all its seasons draws Chris's interest. Working with a palette knife primarily and a few other tools, he paints broad strokes of color on canvas and then adds details as the work unfolds, often taking days to finish a painting. The results are strikingly beautiful realistic representational scenes of nature that makes the viewer feel he is right there.

Handed a paintbrush by his older sister at age 11, Chris' interest in creating started early and kept growing. Throughout high school and then Vancouver School of Art, Chris kept painting and even during his 29 work years at Crown Packaging, art was a main focus.

At age 49, and feeling that time was passing quickly, Chris decided to devote himself more seriously to his art, joining and offering shows at *Studio Blue*, an artist's cooperative in Vancouver. Soon, in 2004, the well established *Kurbatoff Gallery* on Granville Street near Broadway took him on as a regular displaying artist where shows are offered and many of his works are available on site. In addition, the gallery put out a beautiful hardbound catalogue of works. In Edmonton this past fall, the *Front Gallery* has begun also begun showing Chris's paintings.

Elena Kurbatoff, curator and owner of Kurbatoff Gallery says, "he's a wonderful artist who paints landscape, but landscape from within and he is very consistent in style."

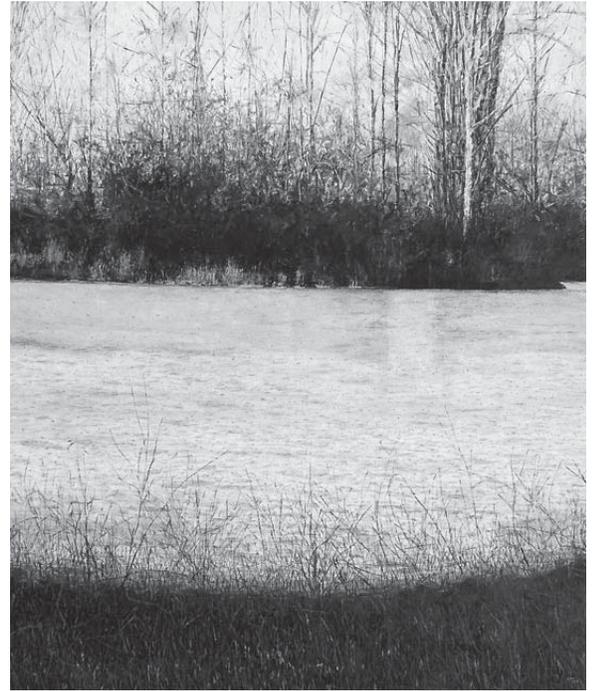
Chris says of his exploration with paint: "It is ever expanding, always a learning experience, and never ending. Since the beginning of mankind, people have been 'mark making' to express themselves and it is no different now. Painting is an experience of what I experience. I look closely at a patch of land and see the struggle. I look for something that is usually passed by, but holds so much beauty".

Chris has offered classes at Phoenix Arts in Steveston on Saturdays the past five years with many students returning for session after session. He also teaches at the Steveston Community Centre each season, with fall being the next set of classes. He is also on the board of the Richmond Public Art Advisory Committee.

To view his work, order paintings or find out about Chris's upcoming shows, go to: www.kurbatoffgallery.com under "Gallery Artists" It is well worth taking the time to view the stunning natural scenes Chris Charlebois has created.

Written by Betsy Randel an artist and writer. Her website is: www.artthatheals.org

*If you are an artist, or know of one who lives and/or works in the Steveston area who would like to be featured here, please send information to: editor@stevestoncommunitysociety.com or call 604-377-6926



Slow Current. Painting by Chris Charlebois

Coming Events

All events at the Steveston Community Centre unless otherwise indicated.

June 23 - Bullhead Derby

9:00am to noon - Garry Point Park

June 29-July 1 - Ships to Shore

Times vary daily - Imperial Landing

July 1 - Steveston Salmon Festival!

Parade at 10:00am, Festival noon to 5:00pm

August 18 - Car Boot Sale

9:00am to 12:00pm rain or shine

October 20 - Kids Only Swap Meet

10:00am to 1:00pm in the gym.

November 30 - Christmas Craft Fair

10:00am to 4:00pm in the tennis shed.



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Steveston Educational Garden

Sunday May 5, 1913 was a spectacular spring day. Under blue skies with bright sunshine and soft breezes, the stunning Steveston Educational Garden was officially opened to the public! After four years of planning this organic and artistically tasteful vision has finally come to fruition.

Through consultation the Steveston Educational Garden ended up being installed east of the Martial Arts Centre. The demonstration garden will be studded with ornamental cherry trees and a few fruit trees are to be planted along the east side of the garden. A fun and educational opportunity for children will be found at the pizza garden. Herbs, tomatoes and other ingredients

used to make pizza will be grown in a pizza shaped garden bed.

The ceremonial planting of a Gravenstein /Pippin apple tree and the official ribbon cutting marked the Steveston Educational Garden open for business.

A very accomplished string quartet from the Delta-Richmond Youth Orchestra played beautiful and relaxing classical music in the garden.

The Educational Garden was installed with a basic plan, but is a work in progress. Future ideas and learning opportunities for people of all ages will be guided by public interaction as ideas unfold. Plenty of thought has gone into the idea that people living in apartments or condominiums, with very little space, can grow their own food in containers. The society also hopes the garden will serve as inspiration for back-yard gardeners as well.

Volunteer instructors will lead workshops on how to get started and be successful growing in small spaces. The location was chosen specifically as a walk-to destination easily within reach for all Steveston residents. Children, adults and seniors with all levels of ability will be able to move around comfortably within the garden and experience pleasant social interactions, as it has been designed with very wide walkways between the raised bed planters. The surface is packed and firm enough for wheelchairs and walkers to be manoeuvred safely and with ease. The raised bed planters are of varied heights in order to allow people and youngsters of all sizes and abilities to relax and enjoy the area comfortably.

As we continue to develop the Steveston Educational Garden project, we look forward to having community input and involvement. Garden clubs and classes will be available for people to join in and learn how to grow their own food. This project will benefit greatly from citizens participating in discussions, providing gardening expertise, contributing volunteer efforts and through the sharing of thoughts and ideas. Please consider how you might be able to help and watch for updates to be posted to the Steveston Community Society website.

The garden is designed to support intergenerational learning and teaching. No matter what age or ability you are if you are interested and would like to volunteer, please email edugarden@stevestoncommunitysociety.com or stop by the Steveston Community Centre.

The Steveston Educational Garden has been made possible by the generous support of many, including: The Government of Canada, New Horizons for Seniors; Gulf & Fraser Financial Group; City of Richmond; Steveston Salmon Festival; Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market; Canadian Tire (South Richmond); Crown Roofing and Drainage; BC Brick and the Steveston Community Society.



The Steveston Educational Garden was officially dedicated with a tree-planting ceremony which included representatives from preschool, youth, older adults, sponsors, and city officials. L-R: Gwynneth Quirk, Emily De Boer, Margie Hardy, Councillor Bill McNulty, Councillor Linda McPhail, Steveston Community Society President Beth Ovenden, Audrey De Boer, Gulf & Fraser's Judy Lau, and Acting Mayor Linda Barnes.



Ceremonial first planting with the assembled dignitaries and community members at the Steveston Educational Garden.