

# GIBSONS COMMUNITY BUILDING SOCIETY



## 2017 REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES



### JANUARY:

Gibsons Public Market occupancy permit is received.

### MARCH:

Seven merchants and Emelle's Catering Market Bistro open for business. Merchants enhance fresh food offerings and blooms for the Sunshine Coast, and the bistro provides delicious meals, happy hour and award-winning catering services for in-house events and in the community.

### APRIL:

Volunteer Appreciation Event honoured our 300 volunteers who are sharing their talents, time and enthusiasm for our community.

Great turnout for our Official Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony. The Blessing Ceremony conducted by Squamish Nation brushers and drummers was a major highlight.

### OCTOBER:

Sold out Gala Fundraiser and Tribute to Gerry Zipursky raised \$240k for community programming and gathering spaces.

### NOVEMBER:

We welcome Colin Stansfield as new Executive Director.

### DECEMBER:

First annual Holiday Market Faire featuring local artisans and non-profit organizations, with a focus on family-friendly experiences and seasonal activities.

### MAY – OCTOBER:

The Friday Farmers' and Artisans' Market returned bigger and better than before.

### SEPTEMBER:

First "Report to Community" published by the Society...

- 250 events with in excess of 35,000 visitors
- 52 jobs created
- 1400 public market members with growing support from Affinity Partners
- Key testimonials from individuals and organizations
- 2016 Financial highlights

Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre opens Friday to Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. The 30 live ocean habitats wow kids and adults alike.

