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# Newsletter

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## WHAT'S NEW...

### LION'S GATE

Well, the Lion's Gate Bridge report put together by our H.V. Lions Gate committee has hit the streets, council chambers and MLA offices around the lower mainland. The response is interesting. The City of Vancouver and the premier's office have acknowledged the receipt of the report. The City of North Vancouver City Council endorsed the following resolution:

"THAT Mr. John Atkin, President, Heritage Vancouver be advised that the City Council unanimously endorsed the following resolution on January 10, 1994:

*"Pursuant to the December 15, 1993 report to the Deputy City Engineer entitled "Lions Gate Corridor - Crossing Options":*

*THAT both the double decking options; the new 5 lane bridge option; shallow tunnel options using the Pipe Line and Zoo routes through Stanley Park; the option of a shallow tunnel around Brockton Point be considered by the Ministry for further study;*

*AND THAT the Ministry of Transportation and Highways continue to obtain public input on the refined options as information becomes available."*

AND THAT Heritage Vancouver be provided, at no charge, with copies of the Deputy City Engineer's reports of December 15, 1993 and January 4, 1994;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of North Vancouver request the Premier and the Minister of Transportation and Highways to also consider the Heritage Vancouver proposal for the Lions Gate Bridge."

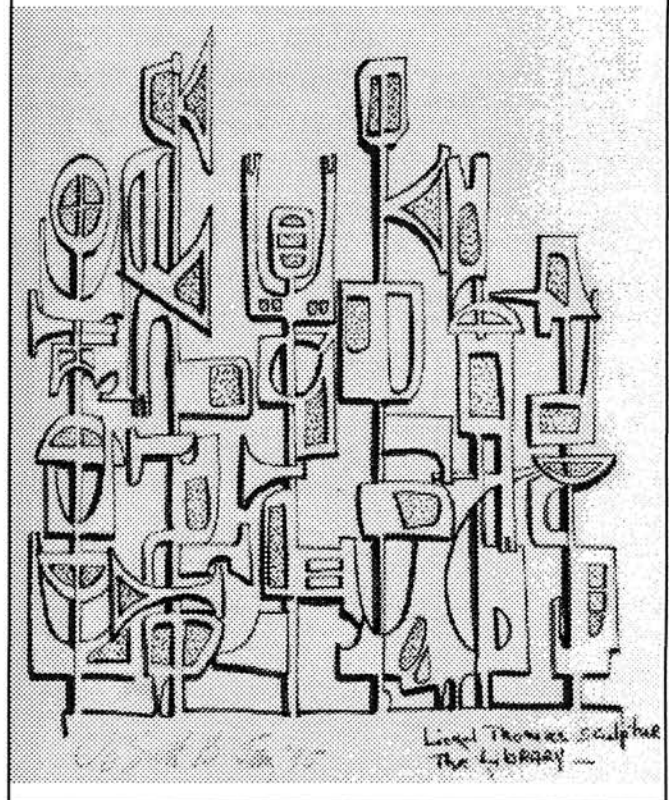
We'll keep you informed of further responses to our report as they come in.

### VICTORY SQUARE

The Planning Department's draft plan for Victory Square will be ready shortly for public comment. Make sure you get a copy if you're interested in this area. This will be your opportunity to comment on the direction the planners plan to take in this interesting and sensitive area.

The Woodward's building made the news recently. An option has been taken on the property by a developer who is interested in developing market housing and retail in the building. Who knows?

## THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL



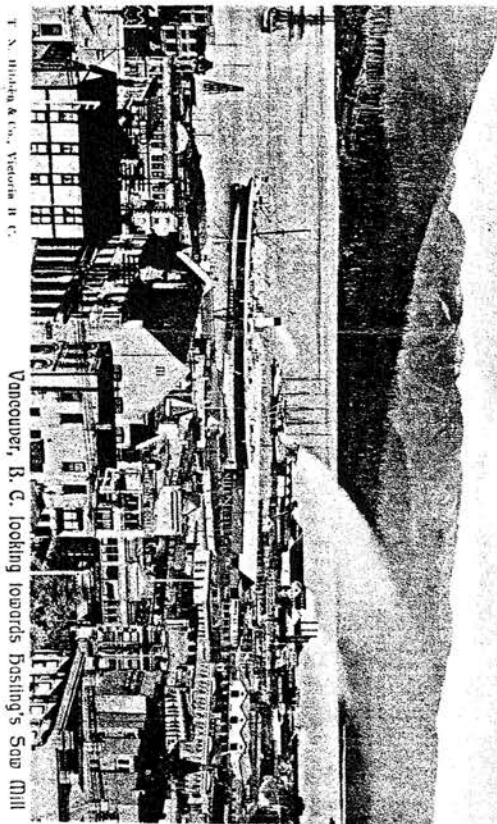
Jo Scott B's illustration this month shows the Lionel Thomas sculpture that sits on the black granite wall of the Main Public Library. This sculpture along with his interior mural are in danger of being destroyed during the conversion of the library building into the Virgin Records Store. 50s buildings usually had a significant public art component. This art was considered part of the architectural program and not an after thought. So its time to get those pens out and drop a line to the developers and Virgin to see if these pieces of Vancouver art can't be preserved in the conversion.

On a side note, the Vancouver Art Gallery has an exhibition of Vancouver women artists. This little explored area of this city's art history includes Beatrice Lennie who sculpted the panels at the now closed Shaughnessy Hospital. Its well worth a look see. Don't forget the Art Gallery is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but now open until 6 each evening.

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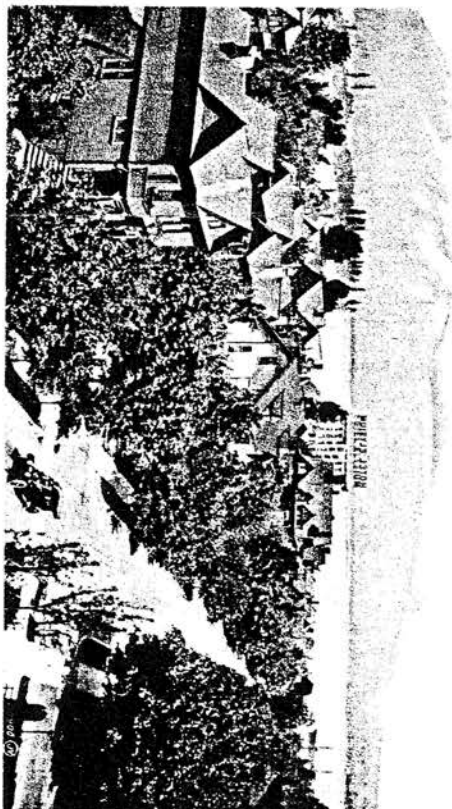
Since its just after the holidays there is a lull in the heritage news so we present two rather interesting postcards that have just been received from a correspondent in England

The first is a rather spectacular post card printed in Germany in the 1890s and the second is a view of Thurlow Street long before Starbucks etc were ever a gleam in anyone's eye. Enjoy.



T. N. Hildner & Co., Victoria B.C.

Vancouver, B. C. looking towards Hastings' Saw Mill



Thurlow Street showing Burrard Inlet and Grouse Mountain, Vancouver, B.C.

## COMING UP FOR H.V.

### January:

- The new year! 1995 already and the start of our municipal heritage series. We hope to present the proposed changes to the Orpheum and Q.E. Theatres at our January meeting. If this happens then the Municipal Heritage Series will start in February.

### February.

Its Heritage Week.

- Watch for your invite to the City of Vancouver Heritage Awards at the Hotel Vancouver.
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## HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS

This years Heritage Week looks like its going to be a lot of fun. As usual we will have our walking tours. But this year we are very pleased to be able to announce that Mayor Philip Owen has agreed to be our tour guide for the Shaughnessy walking tour. With many of this year's Heritage Award winners coming from this area along with Mr. Owen's interest and knowledge this walk promises to be a treat.

The City, along with residents groups, has endeavoured to preserve this neighbourhood and ensure that new construction conforms to strict design guidelines. This tour will look at a variety of historic homes along with some of the recent renovations and restorations.

## TOURS AT A GLANCE

Strathcona with John Atkin

Saturday, February 18th at 1pm at the community centre on Keefer.

Shaughnessy with Mayor Philip Owen

Sunday, February 19th at 1.30pm on the Crescent.

Chinatown with Maurice Guibord

Sunday, February 26th at 10am, Chinese Cultural Centre on Pender.

"Nelson Park" with Michael Kluckner

Sunday, February 26th at 1pm at Thurlow and Comox.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year so come out and join us for a walk.

## MEETING SPEAKER SET

Heritage in the Larger Landscape Context.

From clear-cuts in the mountains to your front yard, landscape architect Judith Reeve will be discussing heritage and landscape issues at the February 15th meeting of Heritage Vancouver. Judith is a principal in the firm Reeve MacDougall and Associates and is involved in many interesting and varied heritage related landscape projects.

## PAINTINGS AND BOOKS AT THE MUSEUM

Just before Heritage Week gets underway the Vancouver Museum (yes its open now) has Jo Scott B's Strathcona paintings on show. Here is a chance to see all 54 paintings in one room. On the 11th of February while Jo works on a new painting of the houses on Nelson Park John Atkin will be selling and signing copies of his recent book on Strathcona between 3 and 5pm.

## 16TH ANNUAL HERITAGE AWARDS

Once again the City of Vancouver will present its Heritage Awards at the Hotel Vancouver's Pacific Ballroom on Monday February 20th at a reception starting at 5.30pm. Hal Kalman will give a talk before the awards entitled "Just what the Heck is a HAC Anyway?" (This sounds

## THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL



*Detail from Hotel Vancouver.*

*The Hotel Vancouver will again host the City of Vancouver's Heritage Awards on Monday the 20th of February.*

entertaining) and the awards will be presented by the mayor starting at 6.30pm.. The change this year is that there are awards of Honour and Merit instead of just one category. If you plan to attend R.S.V.P. by the 15th by calling 873-7141.

## OTHER NEWS

In case you missed all of the publicity, there is a new society that has just been launched. The Heather Heritage Society has been formed to find ways to preserve the original portion of Vancouver General Hospital. The society wants your help. You can join them by sending \$10.00 to Heather Heritage Society at 4658 Bellevue Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1E6. If this wonderful building is not saved it will be replaced with a patch of grass masquerading as a park. H.V. has joined and we encourage all our members to do so to.

The Erickson House and Garden Foundation is still looking for money to secure this delightful space. They have raised \$450,000 of the \$800,000 required. The artist Bill Reid will be producing a limited edition of prints in the spring to be sold through the Buschlen Mowatt Fine Arts with the proceeds being donated to the foundation.

A call for entry for the exhibition Celebrate Our City that Heritage Vancouver and the Gastown Business Improvement Society jointly sponsor has been issued. If you are teacher or know someone who is let them know that work by Vancouver elementary and secondary students is wanted for this annual exhibition on display from May 28 thru to June 11, 1995. Contact H.V. at 254-9411 for more information.

The Mole Hill Society has just been launched to fight for the preservation of the houses on the Nelson Park site. Henry Mole was an early, if not the first resident of the area. Call 681-2096 for more information.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Jo Scott B our very busy and popular vice-president has been reappointed for another term to the Vancouver Heritage Commission (Heritage Advisory Committees became commissions with the new legislation). Well done. This means we continue to have an effective voice for our concerns on this committee. We'll publish the entire commission list as soon as we get a copy.

## TRANSIT TRIVIAL

H.V. Members Ian Fisher and Angus McIntyre informs us that there are No. 9 Broadway transit routes in Vancouver, Portland, Spokane, Seattle, and on the New York subway. Does anyone know of similar routes?

## CIVIC THEATRES PRESENTATION

Rae Ackerman and Tom Weeks came to our January meeting to present the proposals for the Orpheum and Queen Elizabeth Theatres. There had been some concern about the nature and scope of the alterations to these two buildings. But for the most part these concerns were put to rest. The Orpheum's renovations include acoustic adjustments that were left incomplete after the 1970s restoration and seismic upgrading of the east wall that will now be handled with minimal disruption to the existing fabric. All and all the Orpheum renovations seem to offer no serious concern.

The Q.E. renovations included much needed alterations to the nasty plaza and removing the horrible pseudo deco lobby decorations added in the 1980s and restoring the 50s decor. The auditorium renovations did concern some members who are worried that the original design should remain basically unaltered. Again sound quality was the concern here too. Proposed additions to the theatre restaurant building will need to be handled with care, while the addition of an elevator to the parking garage will be built in total contrast to the building.

The renovation program has been designed so that at each stage the work will be complete and so the sudden lack of funds will not leave half completed work or force compromises to be made.

The presentation was a long one but well worth sitting through. Rae and Tom will be back, I'm sure, as the project continues and the next stages are worked out.

## TRACKS TO NOWHERE

Many of us who walk to Granville Island have noticed the small remnants of the former street car tracks and approach to the old Granville Bridge. Recently, Engineering has been upgrading the sidewalks down there and they took the time to reset some of the granite sets and clean up the tracks. Preservation!

Ian Fisher has suggested that a plaque should be placed there to describe just what these tracks are. This is a good idea. There are many such sites with little bits of urban archaeology scattered about the city that could be recognized. One of our members, Bud, has suggested a plaque program to recognize such things as the baseball park that now sits under the south approach of the Granville Bridge. So, do you have ideas of sites or how we get the plaque program under way? See Bud at the next meeting and we'll see if we can get this interesting idea underway. Maybe we can add to the centennial plaques, you know those yellow oval things that describe interesting historical trivia.

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- The University Women's Club at Hycroft will be holding a tea and tour of the house on the 19th, call them for details.

Roedee House will also be holding a tea and tour on the 26th from 2 to 5pm. the cost is \$3.00.

- Simon Fraser Downtown is hosting as part of its City Program a one day seminar; New Perspectives on Heritage Conservation. See the enclosed brochure for details.

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## NEXT ISSUE..

Jim Wolfe and Linda Orr have discovered the only Samuel McClure commercial building in Vancouver and its still standing. Read all about the World Building next issue. And more about Nelson Park ideas. plus the latest news.



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## HERITAGE WEEK

Well, Heritage Week has come and gone for another year. But for once this year felt like there was an event. All sorts of things happened. There was, of course, the 16th Annual Heritage Awards from the City of Vancouver at the Hotel Vancouver. This year's awards went along without a hitch, and kudos to the mayor's speech writer who wrote the project descriptions and put in some breathing spaces so that he didn't have to read huge chunks of incredibly dry stuff all at once. Hal Kalman's speech before the awards shone some light on the work of the Heritage Commission (formerly the H.A.C.) but unfortunately he skated over the facts a bit on certain occasions. The Commission did not support all of the projects that were shown in Hal's slides, but the implication was that they did. A little bit of well placed honesty would not create controversy but would inform people as to the true role of the Commission and that they always aren't listened to.

Twenty awards were handed out. There were seventeen awards of honour and three merit awards.

Our walking tours once again helped keep us in operating funds for another year. Ten very brave and in the end very wet people braved the downpour on the 18th to tour Strathcona. But seventy five people came out and enjoyed the good weather on the 19th for the mayor's tour of Shaughnessy. That was a lot of fun. The mayor took over the streets and carried on a conversation with the audience and told stories about the residents past and present and about growing up there. Everyone enjoyed themselves. After the walk many went onto Hycroft for their tea and tour.

Maurice Guibord gave a great tour of Chinatown. Maybe we'll try a later time for it, because even though there was a good turnout, more should take this interesting tour.

The Nelson Park tour with Michael Kluckner raised considerable interest in this endangered block of city-owned heritage homes. We were joined by representatives of the tenants group who had a petition out there and a reporter and photographer from the Vancouver Sun.

Simon Fraser Downtown hosted the New Perspectives on Heritage Conservation seminar. This was an interesting day of diverse projects and strategies. The Heritage Conservation Branch co sponsored the day and Robert Lemon moderated and kept things flowing. There are copies of the brochure summing up the various projects, call H.V. if you'd like to get a copy.

## MEETING SPEAKER SET

So just what is the Thomas F. Bayard? Well, it is the oldest surviving ship in Canada, the only surviving pilot ship, and Klondike Gold Rush

## THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL



*The houses on the block south of Nelson Park are some of the city's oldest. Do we really want to replace them with open space?*

sailing ship and last surviving fur trade ship. Its here in Vancouver and the Bayard needs help. Come and here the fascinating story of this ship and what needs to be done to save it. (The City could start by offering the old Canron Building at a nominal rent to provide a dry covered space for restoration work).

Douglas Ford of the Thomas Bayard Society will be our speaker at our March meeting to talk about this vessel. (The Bayard Society costs only ten bucks a year to join too).

## PANORAMAS AT THE MUSEUM

If you've goofed around with the disposable panorama cameras they sell these days you know that it can offer an interesting format to photograph in. But have you seen a real panorama photo? Photographs over Four feet long? No?

Well get down to the Vancouver Museum because the Vancouver Archives has just unveiled a selection from their collection of Moore panoramas. Taken between 1913 and 1939 these photographs show you the city like you've never seen it before. And yes, the museum is open these days.

## OTHER NEWS

*H.V. Member Ethel Karmel took up the editor's suggestion to write for the newsletter. Here is her item.*

Maybe a little late, but nevertheless a must to bring to the attention of Heritage Vancouver members. On October 16th, 1994 at Cambie Street and 33rd Avenue an unveiling of a heritage plaque, designating Cambie Street Boulevard as a Heritage Landscape, took place. This is the first boulevard in the city to be so designated- an historic event! Kudos go to the untiring efforts of Marco D'Agostini, Robert Lemon and Robert Boss. Spearheading the event was Ethel Karmel and Pat Cheung.

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## UNIQUE BUILDING REDISCOVERED

This spring, the City of Vancouver will be releasing a draft plan for the revitalization of the Victory Square Area. At the turn-of-the-century this area was the city's shopping and business district. Over the years, this area has suffered a gradual decline as business left the area. This downturn has left the area with a largely intact Victorian/Edwardian streetscape.

A continuing problem in heritage conservation is that buildings that should be listed on the Heritage Registry are often left off because they are missing some architectural element or they are hidden behind false fronts. Many of Victory Square's buildings suffer this indignity. Without additional research these buildings usually end up listed as potential development sites. The Vancouver World building on Homer Street is a good example of a forgotten building. Here is the story of its rediscovery by Jim Wolfe and Lynda Orr.

When Lynda Orr and myself joined forces to research the Maclure family for a book tentatively entitled "The Maclures of Matsqui" there were a number of mysteries we both wanted to pursue. I have been obsessed with finding every building Samuel Maclure had designed while working in New Westminster between 1887 and 1892. Lynda was sleuthing for everything she could find on Sara Ann McLagan, Maclure's sister who was the first woman to publish a newspaper in Canada-The Vancouver World. It turned out that Sam Maclure and partner Richard Sharp designed a new building for Sara and John McLagan's printing and publishing company in 1892. However, the books published on the family so far indicated that the building had been demolished.

We began to research where the building was once located based on local directories and an excellent description of the building published in 1892 by The Weekly World which read in part;

"Messrs. Sharp and Maclure, New Westminster, were instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a building which should be perfect in all its proportions, a credit to the city and a home worthy of The World. The building now completed is the best evidence which can be adduced of the artistic skill and ability of these gentlemen as architects. ... The dimensions of the building are 52 x 40, and it is of brick and stone and is two stories in height. The foundations are ... laid with portland cement to the ground level; above that being random course ashlar, neatly pointed in red. Then comes the brick work, laid up in red mortar. The stone string course are rock faced; the door and window sills of Pender Island cut stone. The cornice work is of brick basket pattern. On the coping is to be erected an iron cresting with the words "The World" in five foot gilded letters. Over the door way on the coping will be a statue of Atlas supporting the world; while in the centre is already a flagstaff 30 feet high."

The article goes on to describe all of the features in great detail including the art glass window lights designed by Henry Bloomfield and Son of New Westminster. Lynda also discovered an article in the Vancouver Archives which showed that the building had become home to the News-Herald newspaper and was still standing at 426 Homer in 1954. With this information in hand we braved the dark streets of Vancouver one evening and to our surprise found the World building standing just where it always was although now being stuccoed and altered.

Despite the renovations it remains a significant heritage building being the oldest "Maclure" in the city and the only surviving commercial building from his early work known to survive on the mainland. We are both proud to have "rediscovered" this Vancouver landmark and alerted Heritage Planning staff. With luck this lost piece of history can survive as part of the Victory Square heritage precinct.

## COMING UP FOR H.V.

March. Our speaker for this month is Douglas Ford from the Thomas F. Bayard Society. Its not just buildings that qualify as heritage objects.

April 29-30 is the Heritage Cemeteries Symposium in Victoria. This is a 2 day gathering in Victoria to talk about the issues that surround heritage cemeteries. Contact the Old Cemeteries Society at [604] 384-2895 for further information. H.V. has registration forms if you're interested.

April also sees the start of our municipal heritage series. Find out how other jurisdictions handle heritage issues and see some of the problems they face.

The AIBC has their Festival of Architecture with lots of interesting events. The interesting one for H.V. will be architects discussing how they deal with the provinces' architectural legacy. Call the AIBC for further information on the festival.

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Don't forget our Landscape Branch. If your interested in our landscape heritage contact Deborah Rink at 734-3281.

Keith Jacobsen is our nominee for the Chinatown Historic Area Committee.

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Heritage Vancouver presents a Lecture/Discussion Series

**Heritage Front-line:  
The Role of Municipalities/Regional Bodies**

Planners from Richmond (Millie Chou, Mary Gazetas), Delta (Patricia Wadmore) and Coquitlam will make presentation on their respective areas making note of their particular situations, success and failures and future directions. Of particular interest will be: Britannia Shipyard, the Ewan Barn, Delta's innovative by-law – first in B.C. – which saved a heritage building, and Coquitlam which “has no heritage”. Following will be a round table discussion with Heritage Vancouver members and other interested parties.

First of the series will be held **April 19th**, with representatives from other Lower Mainland municipalities held on May 17th and June 21st. Look for an update.

Heritage Vancouver has organized this series as a prelude to the upcoming **British Columbia Heritage Conference: Regional Heritage** planned for the fall of this year. Heritage Vancouver meets at 7.30pm every third Wednesday of the month at Hodson Manor 1254 West Seventh Avenue.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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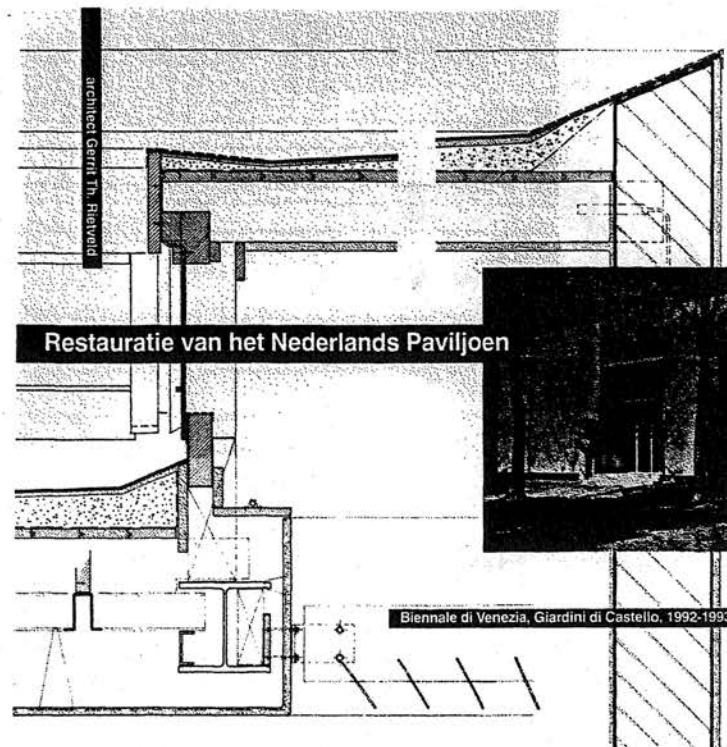


Public Lecture

## WESSEL DE JONGE

secretary DOCOMOMO International

Date: **Thursday, April 13, 1995**  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre  
515 West Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.  
Labatt Hall (room 1700)



### Preservation of Modern Movement Architecture: an International Perspective

Wessel de Jonge is an architect in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He is also the secretary and driving force behind DOCOMOMO.

DOCOMOMO is the international working party for the DOcumentation and COnservation of buildings, sites and neighbourhoods of the MODern MOVement. It was established in 1988, publishes the DOCOMOMO Journal twice a year and had its 1994 international conference in Barcelona. Originating with an interest and concern for documenting, preserving and raising awareness of important European works of the Modern Movement, the interest in DOCOMOMO has spread to North America, South America and Japan.

Mr. de Jonge will speak on the international activities of DOCOMOMO and will highlight the efforts to preserve important works of the Modern Movement. He will speak from the perspective of the technical and philosophical challenges of preserving materials and methods which were largely experimental and may not have been intended to endure. Mr. de Jonge was the restoration architect for Gerrit Reitveld's 1953 Netherlands Pavilion at the Venice Biennale and for the Zonnestraal Sanatorium in Hilversum (Jan Duiker architect, 1926-28).

The lecture will be followed by a brief presentation on Vancouver's Recent Landmarks program by Marco D'Agostini, Heritage Planning Assistant, City of Vancouver whose article on the topic was published in the June 1994 DOCOMOMO Journal. The event will be introduced by Judy Oberlander, Director, City Program SFU Harbour Centre and will moderated by Robert Lemon MAIBC, Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver.

The lecture is organized by the City of Vancouver Heritage Conservation Program and is generously supported by the City Program at Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre. It is an event of the Festival of Architecture - the Architectural Institute of British Columbia's 75th anniversary celebration.

Admission is free (please call 873-7141 or fax 873-7060 to reserve a place).



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Well, we are back. The newsletter, the president and vice-president took a break for the month of April because of the trip to Chicago where we attended the Preserving the Recent Past Conference. If there was one conference that you had to spend money on this was it. This was one of the best organised events I've ever been to. Lots of really good information presented in a format that made it easy to attend the sessions that were of interest.

The conference helped put into focus a number of issues that we face in this city. How do you preserve gas stations and what about the building boom in the suburbs after WW II? As we've seen in Vancouver the fabric of our post war neighbourhoods are under threat from the monster house syndrome and the faux historicism that goes along with that. Take heart though, because we are not the only city faced with this problem, they just call the big houses "mega-Georgians".

Which leads us to an interesting proposal for 15th Ave near Oak St. Saint Augustine church over in Kitsilano is expanding its services and facilities. To this end, they have over the years purchased four houses next to the church. These fairly common Edwardian Builder style houses were to be demolished. A proposal to relocate them around the corner fell through due to rising land costs. So now the proposal is to take the houses apart and transport them out of the neighbourhood and drop all four houses on to a single lot on 15th.

This relocation really does not serve the cause of preservation well. Not only is the original context destroyed, but to place the houses at the new location, it is proposed to demolish a pleasant 1920/30s stucco house, that in a few years, as the register is updated, would possibly be included. Apart from the dubious notion of shoehorning the four houses on to this lot, the buildings are out of character with surrounding development.

Preservation should be encouraged, but not at the expense of making the valuable work that we, Heritage Vancouver, the heritage planners and the Heritage Commission look silly. Next, we'll have Housing and Properties cutting up the Nelson Park houses and distributing them to heritage deficient neighbourhoods in the city.

On a brighter note, you may have noticed that Safeway has been renovating many of its stores throughout Vancouver. Well, the last store to still retain that distinctive arched roof of Paralam beams and the full glass front is the Marpole store at 70th and Granville. Because the City has done a lot of work on the architecture of the 40s/50s/and 60s they can appreciate the uniqueness of this design. To that end the Heritage Commission and the heritage planners are expressing their interest and willingness to help Safeway meet its needs and preserve the store's architecture. And Safeway is listening.

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*Once again we present another drawing by Jo Scott B of the houses across from Nelson Park. We, H.V., have had two meetings to discuss the vision for the houses with the Molehill Society*

The former Woodward's department store has been attracting a lot of interest lately because of the proposal to convert the building into "loft-style" condos. The project was brought to our last meeting by the developer's representative, Chuck Brook, and the project architects. The proposal is quite interesting and shows, at this stage, respect for the building and its evolution from a small corner building through 12 additions, to the giant structure that it is today. The different dates of construction are respected and the temptation to unify the structure with a cloak of false architectural detailing hasn't been taken up and new additions to the building read as new.

The big red W would remain on the building relocated from its original position and as close to its original height as possible.

The project would act as a kick start to the revitalisation of the Victory Square area and could show other developers how to work with the existing architecture. As to the social implications for the community to the east of the building, well, who is to tell. The area needs a comprehensive plan on how to both stabilise the existing housing opportunities and how to create a balanced community.

The property at 45th and Macdonald that many of us took an interest in earlier last year is going to design review, on its way to a development permit.

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## LANDSCAPE BRANCH UPDATE

The Landscape Branch of Heritage Vancouver made its public debut on February 18th at the Van Dusen Garden's 'Seedy Saturday'. This popular event attracts gardeners and farmers from all over B.C. who are interested in buying or trading heritage flower and vegetable seeds. There was keen interest in the various items on our table which included seeds from the Spanish Sweet Chestnut and the Paulownia tree. The seeds, which were given away to those interested, were taken from old trees in Shaughnessy and from the gardens in front of the former CN Station. Photographs of the trees were mounted on our display board with illustrations of their leaves and bark. Deborah Rink, Carolyn Birchall and Daphne Buchanan were on hand all day to answer questions from tree and landscape lovers attending the event. The winner of our raffle, which attracted 76 entries, was Shelia Mahlberg of Langley. The prize was a packet of writing cards illustrated with blossoms of the Paulownia tree.

Everyone interested in joining or finding out more about our group may contact either Daphne Buchanan at 732-4992 or Terry Dobroslavic at 688-3086.

## CHICAGO 2

What made the Chicago Conference worthwhile was that such a diverse group of projects and subjects were discussed. In just one session, *Getting Around The Twentieth Century*, the preservation of the Cleveland Greyhound Station and the expansion of Dulles and National Airports were profiled, along with efforts to revive and preserve sections of Route 66. A case was also made for neon signs in historic districts and "how do you preserve and interpret a Minuteman Missile System?"

Equally appealing (and for me, a highlight of the conference) was being able to take the *Roadside Architecture Tour*, one of nine tours available to participants. The tour included such delights as the Esquire Motel (1957), the Leaning Tower of Niles (a 1934 half-scale replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa), and the Superdawg Drive-In (1947), the last one left in Chicago offering car-hop service. Superdawg had amazing hot dogs served with hot pickles wrapped in packaging that had not changed since the 1950s.

In a future issue we'll get Jo Scott B to write up some of her impressions of Chicago, and we'll discuss further some of the issues arising from the conference and how they relate to Vancouver.

## COMING UP FOR H.V.

**Regular May meeting:** We continue our regional heritage series with the planners from New Westminster and North Vancouver.

The June meeting will have presentations from the City of Vancouver and West Vancouver.

Also in June the 17th Annual Conference of the Heritage Society of B.C. takes place in Cranbrook on the 1st to the 4th of the month. Give the Society a call at [604] 384-4840 for further info and registration.

Celebrate the City from May 28th to June 11th in Gastown at the Landing and the Spaghetti Factory. Artwork from Vancouver Area school students look at our city.

On June 11th it's our annual Gastown Boundary Walk at 11am. It's free.

July will be our bus trip to Clayburn where we will combine the bus trip and our usual summer picnic into one fun event. More later.

## COMMITTEES...

Don't forget our Landscape Branch. If you're interested in our landscape heritage contact Daphne Buchanan.

Conference Committee: If you are interested in working on the Regional Heritage Conference taking place at S.F.U. in November give the machine a call.

## NEXT ISSUE..

Lots of stuff as usual along with the latest news.

## NEWS BITS

Don't be shy, you too can write for the newsletter. Be published. Give the machine a call or drop your article in the mail to our box number.



Don't forget that the Heritage Advisory Committee meets at noon on the 2nd Monday of every month at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and observe, see the proposals and hear the issues.

HERITAGE VANCOUVER  
meets at

**7:30P.M.**

on the  
3rd Wednesday of each month at  
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**Heritage  
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**"HOW CAN THAT BE HERITAGE,  
ITS NOT EVEN OLD?"**

Join us for a fascinating evening when the heritage planners from West Vancouver and the City of Vancouver present their work on recent landmarks.

For many the legacy of the 1940s, 50s, and 60s is just not old enough to be considered heritage. But these buildings are now 50 years old. Its time to look at what we have before the best is destroyed.

Victorian architecture is still hard to save in Vancouver, so consider the job that heritage planners must have in justifying "modern" architecture. Yet, Vancouver leads the way. The former Hydro building at Nelson and Burrard and the former Public Library are two 1950s buildings already designated as heritage buildings by the city of Vancouver.

Join representatives from the City of Vancouver and West Vancouver and the members of Heritage Vancouver, for an interesting evening.

**Wednesday June 21, 1995  
Hodson Manor  
1254 West Seventh Avenue  
7.30pm.**

Robin Ward will also be on hand to receive his Heritage Canada Achievement Award

Join us

Everyone is welcome.

**For further information call Heritage Vancouver at 254-9411.**

**Note**

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# Newsletter

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**RENEW NOW OR THIS COULD BE  
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## *PICNIC!*

*The Heritage Vancouver Summer Picnic will be at the Fraser River Park at the foot of Angus Drive on the Fraser River. We'll be there at 7.00pm until people go home. Join us with your basket of goodies for some summer fun.*

*There will be no meeting at Hodson Manor this month.*

Well, sometimes the heritage biz gets to quite crazy and the normal projects such as, newsletters get left behind. June was no exception. Not only are we continuing our efforts to stop the destruction of the houses on block 23 next to Nelson Park, we are also trying to get the Parks Board staff to behave in regards to the Langara Golf Club House.

The consultants that were hired by the City to come up with 3 options for block 23 have submitted their report and it should be no surprise that it has been roundly dismissed. The terms of reference, we are continually reminded, were difficult to work with to achieve a good heritage option. City staff have also continually reminded us that council passed the terms of reference and that's what they (staff) had to work with. Well, we should also remind staff that the terms of reference did not write themselves, and that staff developed the terms. So, really, staff have only themselves to blame for the place they now find themselves.

The public meeting held on the 22nd of June was interesting for the near unanimous rejection of anything but saving all of the existing buildings, and if we had tried to orchestrate such an event, I doubt that it would have been as successful. Whether staff will actually listen to this is in question. We'll be continuing our efforts to make sure that all of the houses on this block will stay.

As for the Langara Club House, someone at the Park Board should be looking for a new job. We have been lead to believe that there was one proposal for the reuse of the building, namely the Langara Heritage Pavilion Society. Well, in March staff also received a package expressing interest from the George Woodcock Centre for the Arts and Intellectual Freedom, guess what, staff "lost" the proposal and so Parks Board Commissioners were not aware of this proposal when they voted to demolish the building. George Woodcock was made a Freeman of the

city and was honoured and respected across Canada and yet some boob at the Parks Board just loses the proposal and can't be bothered to worry about it.

We got a new package into the Board, along with some other ideas about reuse of this building, got people to call to be put on the speakers list for the July 10th meeting and then the item was removed from the agenda! So we wait to see what will happen next.

As well, Heritage Vancouver tried to get the representative of the two strata councils, who object to the building still standing, to sit down with Commissioner Wilson, Councillor Chivario and Heritage Vancouver to see if we could iron out some of the problems. In the spirit of cooperation both strata councils refused to meet or even discuss the building.

The former Woodward's department store has been attracting a lot of interest lately because of the proposal to convert the building into "loft-style" condos. The building, including the big red W is up for designation. The public hearing will be on **July 18** 7:00 pm in the council chambers. This is not a meeting to decide what the use of the building will be but simply to designate the property. So if you support the designation why not show up at council or at least write to your favourite councillor.

**Clayburn Heritage Days** We had hoped to be able to travel to Clayburn on the 23rd by the 1937 Hayes Streamliner operated by TRAMS, but our driver is out of town and an alternative can't be found. So we'll have to wait a year. But people will be going so call the machine if you need a lift, we'll see what we can do.

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# Newsletter

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DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER FUN CONTINUES...  
AUGUST IS NORTH SHORE MONTH. WE'LL MEET AT THE  
VANCOUVER SEA-BUS TERMINAL TO  
CATCH THE BOAT TO  
THE NORTH SHORE AT  
7PM



WE'RE OFF TO THE NORMAN VANCOUVER  
MUSEUM & ARCHIVES. JOIN US FOR THE FUN...

## COMING UP FOR H.V.

**September:** We will be meeting at the Vancouver Museum for our regular meeting and then joining the Vancouver Historical Society for a private guided tour of the Moore Panoramas with archivist Carol Haber.

**October:** AGM time again and back to normal meeting locations.



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# Newsletter

September 1995 Volume 4 No.7

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## **HERITAGE VANCOUVER GENERAL MEETING LOCATION**

The September General Meeting of Heritage Vancouver will be held at the Vancouver Museum in the Auditorium at 7:30pm. This meeting is the joint event with the Vancouver Historical Society. After separate meetings of each group, we will be given a guided tour of the exhibition *The Panoramic Photography of W.J. Moore* with Carol Haber, archivist and Sue Bigelow, Conservator, both with the City of Vancouver Archives. Here is an opportunity to see this great show for free and meet members of the Historical Society too.

Its the first meeting of a new and exciting year for Heritage Vancouver, so please come out and join us for this evening.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

### **HERITAGE VANCOUVER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of The Heritage Vancouver Society will be held:

October 18th.

Hodson Manor

1154 West Seventh Avenue at

7:30pm

The election of board members will take place at this meeting. Nominations for the 10 board positions can be made by calling our answering machine or at the meeting.

Welcome to the first real newsletter of the season. September brings us back to regular meetings and presentations. We did not have the summer off from heritage as a number of projects kept many of the board members busy.

Of course, Nelson Park has been one such project, receiving great coverage by Robin Ward in the Georgia Straight. We tried to get council to see a way to assist the new owner of the Dick Building, but for the time being it is not to be. The Stanley Theatre fund raising campaign is under way and we are working with the fund raising consultant to find ways of assisting in the efforts. We have been busy organizing the first Lower Mainland Regional Heritage Conference for November at SFU

Downtown. We have continued to answer many questions that get left on the answering machine. Langara Clubhouse has been a big issue for us this summer and results look promising so far. Woodward's and the W were designated by Council in July and the Lions Gate Bridge effort continues with letters to various politicians. The Orpheum Theatre continues to be a thorn in our side and we will have to take a stronger line with Civic Theatres over the next round of renovations. Civic staff haven't endeared themselves to members of the heritage community either by their rather silly and insulting behaviour. We're hoping that changes soon.

Just a few of the things worked on this summer.

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**Note**

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## Heritage is a non-renewable resource

### Heritage Roundup.

The Langara Clubhouse debate has ended with a brilliant show of leadership from some of the elected officials at the parks board. Apart from the chairman not understanding how this city operates; with regards to appointed advisory committees, he also demonstrated a complete lack of common courtesy to those at the meeting. Is there is any wonder why the public may not want to participate in the decision making process? As we have said before, there was a lack of vision and an unwillingness to cooperate on exploring the reuse of the clubhouse. But these things happen every now and then. It is hoped that something is learned from this rather unpleasant experience and that future heritage questions with the parks board will be approached from a position of "opportunity" rather than the usual position of "its a problem". And some of the board members could benefit in reading about the city government and its responsibilities.

The Stanley Theatre restoration campaign is now gearing for major fund raising, and Heritage Vancouver will be playing its part. We are going to take on the task of raising funds for the restoration of the theatre's marquee. The form of our participation is being worked out as we write and further details will be forth coming. But it will be fun and will have nothing to do with telephones.

Jo Scott B our past VP attended the first of a series of meetings to see if it is feasible to set up a society to operate the Mountainview Cemetery. With representatives from many concerned groups the meetings will explore all



Victory Square and the Eastdowntown Study will be the subject of a number of public open houses coming in November. Call the Planning Department for more information

of the potential pitfalls before committing the Civic Cemetery Society to any course of action. Jo will be the Heritage Vancouver representative at these meetings.

Another year of scary bus tours have ended and all reports say that the attendance was excellent and the stories still scary. Selling tickets through CBO was much easier this year and I think that arrangement will continue for next year. Speaking of next year, there will be new stories and different routes. That means you'll just have to come again.

### Memberships

It is with regret that after four years of the same membership fees, we have to raise them from the original \$15.00 to the new fee of \$20.00. This will take effect on January first. Why January first? Well that gives everyone time to renew at the old rate for the coming year.

**Membership renewals are now due. They expired in October!**

## Whats Up and Coming

**Heritage Vancouver Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month.**

**Meeting: November 15th** - The usual interesting meeting with Eternal Forest author Robert Thomson. The Eternal Forest is a novel set in the Fraser Valley in 1914. Mr Thomson will show slides and have copies of the book for sale.

The **Lions Gate Bridge** is the subject of some open houses through out November. Call **683-0360** for times and locations.

**East Downtown Study** will have some open houses too. Call the Planning Department at **873-7344** for times and locations.

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**Meeting: December 20th** - The open slide projector is back. Yes, now you can be the star of the show. Bring your slides, between 5-10, of anything and delight the audience.

**Nelson Park** will probably go to council this month. We'll have a report about the current plans at our November meeting.

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**Meeting: January 17th** - The new year gets off to a start with our new series of speakers. Final details are being worked out so watch for details. Our municipal heritage planners series was a success last year and this year's series we hope will be just as successful.

## Heritage Conference Wrap-up.

Everyone involved with the Road To Ruin? heritage conference at SFU Downtown deserves a big round of applause.

The assistance of the Heritage Society of B.C. and The City Program at SFU was key to the success of the day. Financial assistance was provided in part by the Architectural Institute of B.C.

Each of the sessions ran smoothly and on time because of our moderators and each of the speakers brought interesting presentations that sparked much discussion in the hallways.

The conference drew representatives from as far as Maple Ridge and Nanaimo and as close as Vancouver.

The idea is to continue to organize an annual conference based on regional issues and build it into a "much looked for" event. So of course anyone who would like to begin work for next year is invited to call the machine (254-9411) and leave their name. Ideas for issues is invited as well.

### Write us...

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### Phone us...

The H.V. phone number is  
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### Meet us...

Heritage Vancouver meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at  
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**1254 West Seventh Avenue**  
**on Fairview Slopes.**

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