



NEWLETTER

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**UPCOMING :
HERITAGE WEEK**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Well, you know sometimes things just turn out the way they should. At the Parks Board meeting of December 7th after listening to 24 delegations speak in favour of the retention of all the houses on Nelson Park/Mole Hill the Board voted to forgo the need for park expansion, because they listened to the community and heard that houses were more important than bits of green space. The commissioners also voted to have a community based planning process that would explore the future use of the site, houses and look at new ways to define what is a park.

The meeting was cordial for the most part and very well run. This came as a welcome relief after the unpleasant meetings over the Langara Clubhouse. The board's decision puts the ball firmly in council's court. It also helps to simplify the decision council will have to make because we are no longer arguing over the virtues of parks versus housing, its down to what will the houses be used for.

Its a pleasure to be able to argue over how heritage buildings will be used and not over whether they should be saved. And that's just what we were doing on the 12th of December at Robson Square at a special meeting of City Council.

Over 50 speakers had signed up to speak and council heard from about 20. (It continues on January 16th in the council chambers at city hall) The meeting was again a cordial affair. Blair Petrie handed each councillor a copy of his book on Mole Hill, which broke the ice with council. The book sells for \$14.95 and is well worth the price. The research effort that has gone into this publication has been amazing. Buy it.

Blair's presentation to council was able to answer many of the questions concerning the site and its use as proposed by Mole Hill. And an important point was finally proved: the houses do have a positive cash flow. Hence the houses can pay for their own incremental upgrade.

After Blair's turn at the mike everyone was there to speak in favour of full retention and a community based planning process. The slight surprise came from the Dr Peter Centre for

Aids. This proposal would be using some existing houses and building some new infill and while it may seem like kicking puppies, there are immediate concerns about how this will impact on the houses. The importance of this site is that there are individual houses with space all around them, preserving that context could be difficult if the Dr Peter Centre proposes a large infill building. This proposal will need some incredibly good design to make it fit.

Never-the-less heritage looks to be the winner here, lets hope that the final outcome of the Nelson Park/Mole Hill debate will be a top-notch heritage project and not compromised. Everyone should be able to point to this in years to come and say "wow" look at what they did.

-JA

**HEY!
HERITAGE WEEK
IS COMING UP IN FEBRUARY**

City of Vancouver celebrates
Heritage Week with the

ANNUAL HERITAGE AWARDS

The City of Vancouver Heritage Awards seek to acknowledge outstanding efforts in conservation, restoration, adaptive re-use, advocacy & research.

In light of the recent awarding of the Heritage Interiors Inventory, the theme of this year is Interiors.

The awards ceremony is held at the Hotel Vancouver

RENEW NOW FOR \$20 - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TOO!

CALENDAR

JANUARY - HVS SPEAKER: Eric Cohen owner of Architectural Antiques Company Since 1978, Eric and Judith Cohen have salvaged antiques from sites slated for demolition. Their business first opened in 1978 in Ottawa and since 1994 they have had a store at 2703 Main Street here in Vancouver.

FEBRUARY - HVS SPEAKER: The restoration of the St Francis Friary on Semlin Street will be the topic of discussion. Inspired by a photograph in Michael Kluckner's Vanishing Vancouver, members of the church have made this project a priority.

GASTOWN/CHINATOWN 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 10am, Maple Tree Square, Sat. Feb 3rd. It's the 25th anniversary of the creation of these historic districts. Mayor Owen and Bill Barlee from the province will be on hand to read proclamations amongst much fanfare at Maple Tree Square in Gastown. Then, escorted by dragons we will sightsee along the way to the Chinese Cultural Centre for further celebrations. On the Sunday the 4th at 1pm Maurice will be giving his Chinatown tour. \$8 for members \$10 for non. Call 254-9411 for info and tix.

ECODESIGN: "HABITATS DISPLAYING ECODESIGN PRINCIPLES" Feb. 17; 8:30 am - 4 pm @ SFU Harbour Centre. \$15 mem/\$20 non. Info:EDRS 689-7622, Jesse Hearne, Events Co-ordinator.

WALKING TOUR: Feb 21 at 10am there is a walk of Strathcona leaving from the community centre. Call the centre at 254-9496 for info at reservations.

OPENING: Don't forget Jo's Art Show in New West on the 17th

MARCH - HVS SPEAKER: Landscape will be the subject of the talk for this month. See HVS Walking tours for heritage week

PORCH PROJECT: March 14th at Strathcona Community Centre Bill Jefferies and John Atkin will be discussing their recent trips on behalf of the Strathcona Porch Project. Bill was in Edmonton and John was in Saskatchewan.

HERITAGE WEEK WALKING TOURS

QUEEN'S PARK NewWestminster, includes tea in Historic home after walk. Sat. Feb 17th, 1pm. \$13members/\$15non.

HASTINGS PARK/PNE Major changes are slated for this memory-filled site Sun. Feb. 18th, 1pm.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN INTERIORS Your chance to catch this popular tour if you you've missed it in the past. Sat. Feb. 24, 10am.

CEDAR COTTAGE Tour this delight-filled residential "suburb" and discover hidden gems. Sun. Feb. 25, 11am.

TICKETS BY RESERVATION Please call HV 254-9411. All tours \$8 members, \$10 non-members.

Remember to bring a hat, tours go rain or shine!



**Remember:
The Heritage Advisory
Committee meets at
NOON
on the
Second Sunday of
every month at
City Hall
All are welcome to
come, observe, see
the proposals and
learn about the
issues.**

Heritage Vancouver
meets at

7:30 PM

On the
2rd Wednesday of
each month at
HODSON MANOR
1254 West Seventh Avenue
on Fairview Slopes

Information: 604 254.9411
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Heritage Vancouver Newsletter

Remember: Heritage is a Non-Renewable Resource

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

1996 brings a few changes to Heritage Vancouver. Our newsletter has been going through a small period of adjustment as we shift the production from one computer to another. This has meant that there have been a couple of missed issues and one or two that have been mailed later than usual. Things have now settled down and I'm happy to say that Maurice Guibord has agreed to take on the responsibility of producing the H.V. newsletter.

We will now be putting the newsletter together in the week immediately following the general meeting. What this means is that you will now be receiving it in your mailbox during the first week of every month, giving everyone ample notice of upcoming events and our guest speakers.

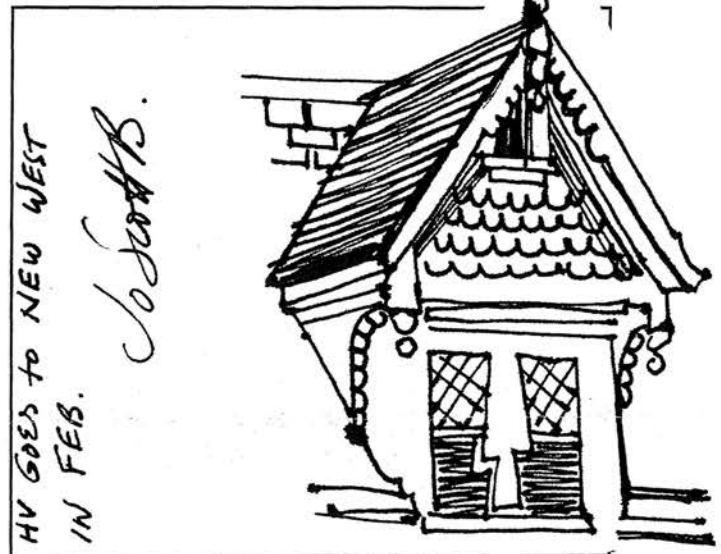
Nancy Byrtus has been arranging this year's roster of guest speakers for H.V. meetings. We will shortly be sending everyone a complete list of speakers for the coming season. I think you'll find the range of topics quite interesting and informative. Included will be our regular summer events such as, the picnic and the annual visit to the North Shore Museum and Archives.

We are also looking for an energetic soul to be our treasurer. Our current treasurer is moving on to bigger and better things, so we need a replacement. This job is quite simple and doesn't require attendance at Board meetings either (unless you'd like to). Give the machine a call at 254-9411 if you're interested or see one of the Executive members at the monthly meeting.

February has become Heritage Month. Take a look at the range of events happening during the month. There are the ever-popular Heritage Vancouver Walking Tours. As well, to coincide with Jo Scott-B's latest show of paintings at the New Westminster Arts Council Gallery, Heritage Vancouver is branching out and offering a tour in New Westminster that includes many of the buildings that Jo has painted. The tour price includes tea in a house that is currently undergoing a major restoration. It should be a fun day.
John Atkin, President.

ROYAL CITY-BOUND

Most of you have met or know our intrepid Treasurer and past-V.P., Jo Scott-B, our artist-in-residence. Jo's numerous exhibitions of vibrant paintings, mostly representing heritage buildings and themes (not to mention chickens), have enjoyed critical success time and time again. Jo's upcoming exhibition in New Westminster, "an URBAN



QUEST" has a slightly different focus, in that this time, she is highlighting cityscapes of the Queens Park area. See the insert in this issue for information on this exhibition.

H.V. GOES TO CHURCH THIS MONTH

Well, not exactly, but close. This month's meeting of Heritage Vancouver, on Wednesday, Feb. 21, will not be held at Hodson Manor, but rather at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Centre, 1967 Napier (at Semlin, between Victoria & Nanaimo). This magnificent three-storey house, built ca.1909, was originally the Miller family home and is shown in Michael Kluckner's book, *Vanishing Vancouver*, on p.161. During the past year, the Alfred Howie Construction Co. has been restoring much of the house to its original splendour, as per designs by Iredale Partnership. Some details accommodate the re-use of the building as the new Parish Centre, but care has been taken to respect the original design whenever possible. After our on-site meeting at the customary time of 7:30 pm, Father Ian Stuart will give us the very first group tour of the completed restoration, highlighting the evolution of each room's features throughout the history of the house. Come early if you want to see the gardens and exterior details before it gets dark. It's just three blocks off Commercial Dr. so you can add a leisurely coffee to your visit. As this will be Ash Wednesday, services will be ongoing in the church proper that evening. When you arrive, go to the right of the building and follow the signs to the basement meeting space. This should prove to be one of our more original meetings this year. Watch this project as a potential 1997 Heritage Award recipient!

Heritage Vancouver Walking Tours

You must register for each tour by phoning 254-9411, leaving your name & phone number, in the event that circumstances necessitate the cancellation of tours.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Queen's Park, New Westminster walking tour

John Atkin, guide.

1 pm at the New Westminster Arts Council Gallery in Queens Park

Sunday, Feb. 18

PNE walking tour

Art Deco & Streamline Moderne at its best!

Don Luxton, guide.

1 pm at Hastings and Renfrew

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Strathcona walking tour

John Atkin, guide

10 am at Strathcona Community Centre,

Keefer and Princess, Ph 254-9494

Call the Community Centre to register for this walk.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Heritage Interiors walking tour

John Atkin, guide

10 am at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Richards and Dunsmuir

Sunday, Feb. 25

Cedar Cottage walking tour

John Atkin, guide

11 am at Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Dr.

Register Now!

Other Events in February

Friday, Feb. 9

Heritage Legislation workshop

9 am - 5 pm

SFU Harbour Centre,

515 W. Hastings St.

Info: 291-5079

Sunday, Feb. 11

Roedde House Historic House Museum

Heritage Tea and Tour

2 - 4 pm

1415 Barclay St.

Info: 684-7040

Monday, Feb. 19

17th Annual City of Vancouver Heritage Awards

Hotel Vancouver

Wednesday, Feb. 21

"Colours of Rome" lecture

by Copenhagen architect Bente Lange

6 pm

Robson Square Conference Centre

Friday, Feb. 23

"Colour in the City" workshop

Bente Lange & Stuart Stark

9 am - 5 pm

SFU Harbour Centre

515 W. Hastings St.

Info: 291-5079

Saturday, Feb. 24

Seedy Saturday

7th Annual Heritage Seed Swap

10 am - 5 pm

Van Dusen Floral Hall,

Oak St. & 37 Ave.

Info: 257-8666

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Write us...

Phone us...

Meet us...

- Our address is
**P.O. Box 3336 (MPO)
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- The H.V. phone number is **254-9411**.
- Heritage Vancouver meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at
**Hodson Manor
1254 West Seventh Avenue
on Fairview Slopes.**

Come One!!! Come All!!!

to the first
Heritage Vancouver
Walking Tour of the

**PACIFIC
NATIONAL
EXHIBITION**

See Horses and Barns!
See Historical Buildings!
Hear about Underground Streams!
Learn about the Greening of Hastings Park!

**See one of BC's best collections
of Art Deco and Streamline
Moderne Buildings!**

Sunday, February 18th, 1996

1:00 pm

Meet at the corner of
Hastings & Refrew Streets

Cost: \$10.00

Heritage Vancouver and Canadian Art Deco Society Members \$8.00

Call Heritage Vancouver at 254-9411 for reservations.
Please specify this tour, and the number of tickets

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Volume 4 Number 3

The President's Message

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to speak of many things."

For the last two and a half years as president of Heritage Vancouver and previously as vice-president for two years, I have seen and been involved in this society's growth from its birth as an idea discussed over dinner to the flourishing group it is today. We have become in the years since our founding the heritage voice for Vancouver. Our advice is sought on a range of issues and our opinions are taken notice of.

At its founding, it was clearly decided that Heritage Vancouver had to be, firstly, fun for its directors and its members. To that end, we took care to construct a meeting format that would be attractive to members and provide an opportunity to meet interesting guests.

Secondly, we wanted Heritage Vancouver to be reasonable in its opinions and thorough in its research, and to be able to elevate the level of debate that surrounds any issue and not degenerate into the previous scenario of name calling and idle threats.

Thirdly, we wanted to have fun and we have worked hard to create a number of unique walking tours and have pioneered the idea of the heritage bus tour (using heritage busses) among many other ideas.

Heritage Vancouver has been something that I have cared about. I have spent many hours with a number of people from the beginning to make it succeed. When I look back at the original notes and plans in my notebooks, it is indeed a pleasure to see that Heritage Vancouver has grown into exactly the sort of organization everyone envisioned.

The last two and half years have been very busy for H.V. A number of major heritage issues such as the Orpheum (which isn't over yet), the Lion's Gate Bridge (which is far from over), Nelson Park/Mole Hill, the Burrard Bridge and the Langara Clubhouse, have occupied the society's time. As our society grows and the issues grow in complexity, it requires more time, time which I personally am having a harder time finding. So, I feel it's time for me to hand over the job of president to someone else. This will be my last president's column and March will be my last meeting as president.

Jo Scott-B who has been our vice-president, a founding member of H.V., and a member of the City's Heritage Commission, will take over in April. Jo deserves your support as she takes over this demanding position and helps the society in its continued growth.

I'd like to thank the board of directors for their tireless efforts on the society's behalf and in helping to make my job easier and I'd like to thank our past president Michael Kluckner for essentially pushing me into this job, because otherwise I wouldn't have considered it.

I now look forward to devoting some time to trying to be a writer and look forward to sitting as a member of the audience at our meetings.

Thank you. John Atkin

Another Round with a Golf Clubhouse

Heritage Vancouver is closely following the debate surrounding the potential demolition of yet another heritage golf clubhouse in Vancouver. This time, it's the Fraserview Public Golf Course Clubhouse, located about three blocks south of 54 Ave. on Vivian Dr., between Kerr St. and Elliott St.

The Parks Board is currently putting plans in place to restore the Fraserview Public Golf Course. These plans include the demolition of the clubhouse. Scant months ago, similar actions saw the accelerated demise of another significant heritage clubhouse in the city, the Langara Golf Clubhouse. In that particular scenario, public attention and clamour seemingly drove the Parks Board to mete out its judgment of demolition in a manner that left the media, the public and heritage advocates frustrated, perplexed and, once again, sans one more heritage structure.

Community groups in the area are presently being approached by members of the South East Vancouver Arts Council (SEVAC) about their position on this issue, and about the potential re-use of the structure as the South East Vancouver Cultural Centre (SEVCCC). There is also discussion as to the possible relocation of the structure to an acceptable nearby location.

According to SEVAC, the Clubhouse is the oldest building in the area and has a very special resonance for South East Vancouver, due in part to its location within the streetscape of City Plan's proposed Greenways. The building itself, sitting nestled in a grove of stately trees, belongs in its present location.

Negotiations are on as well at the level of the City's Heritage Commission. So far, the cry is "SEVCCC, not R.I.P.!"

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St. Paul's may need a miracle

The venerable St. Paul's Hospital on Burrard St. is slated for demolition. That's what Heritage Vancouver and the Heritage Commission have recently found out from leaked documents produced for the hospital's Board by Matsuzaki Wright Architects.

When the hospital turned down the Vancouver Museum's proposal of joint centennial celebrations in 1994 and nary a whistle was blown to celebrate the hospital's 100th birthday, alarm bells starting ringing. Indeed, St. Paul's has yearly renewed a demolition permit it acquired in the 1970s, hence keeping it active.

The documents and drawings received by both the Society and the Commission show the entire Burrard St. building razed and replaced by a new YMCA building. There is no suggested attempt at incorporating at least a part of the original building into a newer structure, nor is façadism even mentioned. Rest assured that should the demolition permit be produced, these possibilities will be thoroughly discussed. Perhaps it's time for a novena to St. Paul.

Deco Drama at the Hotel Vancouver

Many of you will remember the present Hotel Vancouver's original 1930s decor as being very much in the Deco/Moderne style. Then, in the 1970s, along came Hilton Hotels' management team, which chose to replace the decor to its present look, particularly in the main lobby.

Well, get set for a step back in time, as the decor goes Deco once again. The lower elevator lobby never really lost its Art Deco look through the years, and is being retained, albeit with a few needed adaptations for doorways and the like. The main lobby will be redone in Deco/Moderne style. We hope that care will be taken to respect the original plans that are in the hands of the present hotel management.

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The 1996 Speakers Series

20 March Christopher Phillips & Associates Landscape Architects Inc.

Christopher Phillips & Marta Farevaag

Landscape Architect Christopher Phillips and Urban Planner Marta Farevaag, of Christopher Phillips & Associates Landscape Architects Inc., will discuss the role of heritage in three of their most recent projects: the Ladner Village Urban Design Study, the Britannia Shipyard and the restoration plan for the grounds of St. Ann's Academy in Victoria. Their firm has been involved in heritage projects since its conception in 1985. Typically, they deal with a variety of public and private sector projects that range from residential gardens to urban land use plans. Of special importance to their projects is the process of community consultation.

17 April Riverview Horticultural Society

Val Adolph & Ken Baker

Riverview and Woodlands: Their Historical Legacy for B.C.

Val Adolph has been a writer for 40 years and an historian for 18! She will discuss her most recent publication, *Riverview Land: Western Canada's First Botanical Garden*, with our group of Heritage Vancouverites and the public. Tree specialist Ken Baker will provide a visual accompaniment with his slides of the historic tree groves of Riverview.

15 May Casey Lazecki (theatre historian)

Casey Lazecki is part-historian, part-writer. He has contributed to the upcoming Chuck Davis *Vancouver Book* in a chapter on historic theatres. For Heritage Vancouver and guests, Casey will discuss theatres in Vancouver from 1910 to 1950. His historic slides illustrate the transformation of the early "Nickleodeons" to latter-day movie palaces.

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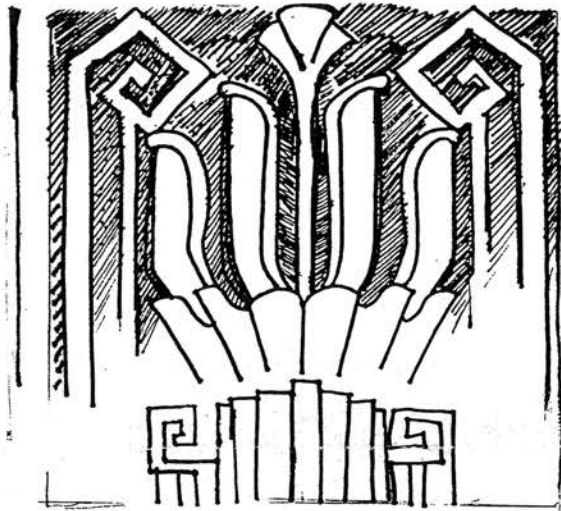
HV owes John Atkin a heartfelt "Thank you" as retiring president. His vision and tenacity have been the driving force creating this society, which is recognized as a sane, rational heritage advocacy group, providing a forum for talented speakers and a newsletter which keeps non-attending members in touch with current issues. John may no longer plan to be as active, but I could not have considered assuming this role without knowing I have his continued energy, enthusiasm and support.

This Society cannot grow (or maintain itself) without being closely connected to its members, their concerns and the issues at hand. As your new figurehead, I am counting on everyone's support to maintain our present profile and to allow us to continue to evolve and grow in strength and influence.

A surprising(?) Council disappointment on March 28 was the decision to no longer fund incandescent lighting in **Gastown**. City engineers have tried various ways to thwart incandescent lighting in Gastown since it became a historic area in 1971. The result will be the testing of compressed fluorescent lights, leaving local merchants with the option of funding incandescent lighting themselves if they prefer, and ignoring the fact that this a prime tourist and movie industry area that generates money for the whole city. Added annoyance is the fact that since tests will be run during the summer, the extended daylight hours mean having to go out there late at night to comment.

And just a few updates: The Heritage Planner has begun discussions with the **St. Paul's Hospital** Board. More to follow later. And this summer, the **Burrard Bridge** will lose one or two traffic lanes to cyclists for a six-month experiment, as an alternative to planned structural modifications.

- Jo Scott-B



ART DECO PANEL
HASTINGS PARK
Jo Scott-B

FRASERVIEW GOLF CLUBHOUSE

Dealing with the Park Board is an exercise in mixed messages. Please visit this recently assessed heritage building at 7500 Vivian. We are tired of hearing how much more money can be generated with a new building whilst consigning charm to the dumpster. We plan to monitor this one closely and help Caroline Moore, who is liaising with the neighbourhood.

A member of the Heritage Commission recently raised the issue that city-owned heritage properties should simply be designated. An owner's approval is needed only if there may be a perceived loss of value, which is not the case in city-owned properties.

On April 4, the Clubhouse received a Heritage Classification as a "B" structure from the Heritage Commission. Recommendation is being forwarded to Council to enter the building in the Heritage Register.

CIVIC THEATRES

Council approved spending the \$650,000 needed to install an elevator shaft at the QE Playhouse. Despite the Heritage Commission's request to see an overall plan and remain informed as to proposed changes, approval was given by Council for the go-ahead, as in the Orpheum.

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BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

HV was fortunate last year in receiving as guest speaker Doug Ford, President of the Thomas F. Bayard Society. He presented a fascinating slide show on the history and restoration project on this, the last of the great New York pilot schooners and, at 115 years of age, the oldest ship still afloat in Canada. The Bayard is presently docked in False Creek.

The Society is actively seeking new Board members who could assist in the fund-raising task ahead. If you want to get your feet wet, so to speak, please contact them c/o the Vancouver Maritime Museum, 1905 Ogden St. Vancouver, BC, V6J 1A3 or phone Doug Ford at 732-6019.

HV ... au naturel!

It's back to nature this month with our April speakers, Val Adolph and Ken Baker, of the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society. But this is a man-made nature, unlike any other in the province.

The grounds of the Riverview Mental Hospital in Coquitlam were transformed from the early 1900s onwards into the Essondale Botanical Gardens, forming the first botanical garden in western Canada and a magnificent arboretum containing some 1,800 heritage trees.

Besides enjoying this presentation, you also have the opportunity of becoming directly involved in the upkeep and preservation of this historic garden by joining the Friends of the Riverview Trees, P.O. Box 31005, #8 - 929 St. John's St., Port Moody, BC, V3H 4T4 (290-9910).

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MOLE HILL SAVED... or is it?

City Council has officially remaned Nelson Park "Mole Hill", has given assurances to the tenants that they will retain their homes, and has agreed to save the listed heritage buildings on the block and to pay for their renovation. However, it has left the door open for the options of alternative housing and innovative in-fill housing to be included in the block to fit its policy of "mixed communities". Further studies on the block have also been announced.

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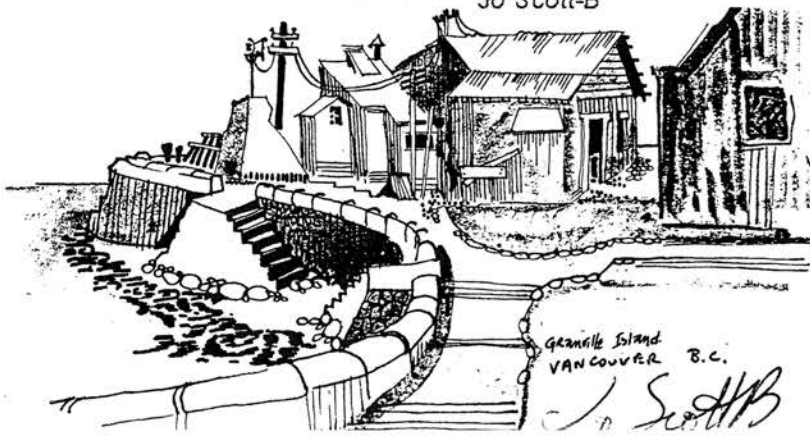
Our mandate is to balance concerns of heritage preservation with those of contemporary urban design and land use. To successfully achieve this we must maintain our profile in the community, the media and before Council. Following the Nelson Park public hearings and "decision", both HV and the Vancouver Heritage Commission were astounded to hear "Where was the heritage community during the process?" The heritage community was involved and focused. Not wishing to be part of a media circus we gave rational statements and would not be manipulated into social issue or grandstand statements thus the media found us dull and we had little print.

HV's programme is filled for the calendar year. It focuses on development issues (thanks to Nancy Byrtus for making this an interesting, varied series).

November 1997, we plan another conference in partnership with the City Program at SFU and the Heritage Society of B.C. September '96, we shall focus on themes and fund raising. Share your ideas with us at meetings - or you can submit by phone, fax or mail. Your thoughts and energy make a great contribution. HV will hold a conference alternate years. The Her. Soc. of B.C.'s June conference site will alternate from coast to the interior each year. Nanaimo 96/ Nelson 97/ Vancouver 98-These dates allow us to work strongly together. During HV conference years, we will programme the monthly meetings on conference themes, allowing alternate years to be flexible. This structured planning allows us good promotional opportunities and "hot" issues can be added to the business portion of our meetings or "extras" as in the case of the recent tour of Glen Brae. t HV wants to have fun and keep things lively. Come out and join us.

***Last month I stated the Burrard Bridge would lose one or two lanes to cyclists for a six month experiment - It has been pointed out to me that there will be trials conducted on the bridge but as yet no specific formats or periods have been set

Jo Scott-B



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EVENTS:

HASTINGS MILL OLD FASHION SPRING TEA

May 11 - 1 to 3 pm/special food, tea poured from old silver salver. Come out to Alma at the water's edge. The museum is in trouble -

Low membership, lack of community support and no-one knows it is there! The city is threatening to cut their annual grant of \$3,500.- The building is owned by Native Daughters of B.C. given to them for a clubhouse in 1929 - they lost land in 1930s for non-payment of taxes -;covenant states building will revert to the city when the Native Daughters no longer wish to own and manage it

FRASERVIEV CLUBHOUSE

the meeting tentatively planned for tuesday May 8th at 7pm to walk the course, hear history, issues has been postponed until the fall. We'll keep you updated.

OPEN HOUSE to present proposed plans for the redesigned course to the public at the Fraserview Clubhouse on May 25th (no times given us yet). Plans go to the Park Board on May 27th. PHONE THE PARK BOARD for updated information at 257 8400

Rumours do not bode well. Caroline Moore continues to work hard to involve both the community and other city-wide support. She has constantly requested to be a part of the planning process

ISSUES

SCHOOL HOUSE 427

SAVED at a lengthy public hearing when neighbours came out to protest.

It will be sited in the back yard of 906 West 19th Ave, lowered back closer to ground level and used as studio/exercise room. The kitchen will be removed.

Membership is only 20 dollars a year!!

HERITAGE VERSUS NEIGHBOURS/ DENSITY
The St Augustine houses moving to 11th and Burrard are meeting neighbourhood opposition and the proposal is being adjusted (and may fail) It's a complex issue of design, economy and density. Heritage cannot take the blame or the stigma for other problems.. After the long, hard efforts to achieve heritage incentives in Vancouver, Council does not enjoy facing angry neighbours at the 11th hour and the question of community dialogue, heritage and City Plan will become more controversial unless addressed quickly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS for CANADIAN LINEN and CANADIAN MEMORIAL CHURCH developments were scheduled for April 23rd but have been post-poned indefinitely.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETARY PROPOSAL

This report will be considered by Council on Thursday May 16th at 9.30 am
We'll try and have a copy of the report at the HV meeting May 15th but if you are planning to speak you must register by noon Wed. May 15th by calling 873-7191/Ms Tarja Tuominen.

THE 1996 SPEAKERS SERIES 15 MAY

CASEY LAZECKI THEATRE: HISTORIAN
Casey Lazecki is part historian, part writer He has contributed to the upcoming Chuck Davis *Vancouver Book* in a chapter on historic theatres. Casey will discuss for us theatres in Vancouver from 1910 to 1950. His historic slides illustrate the transformation of the early "Nickelodeons" to latter-day movie palaces.

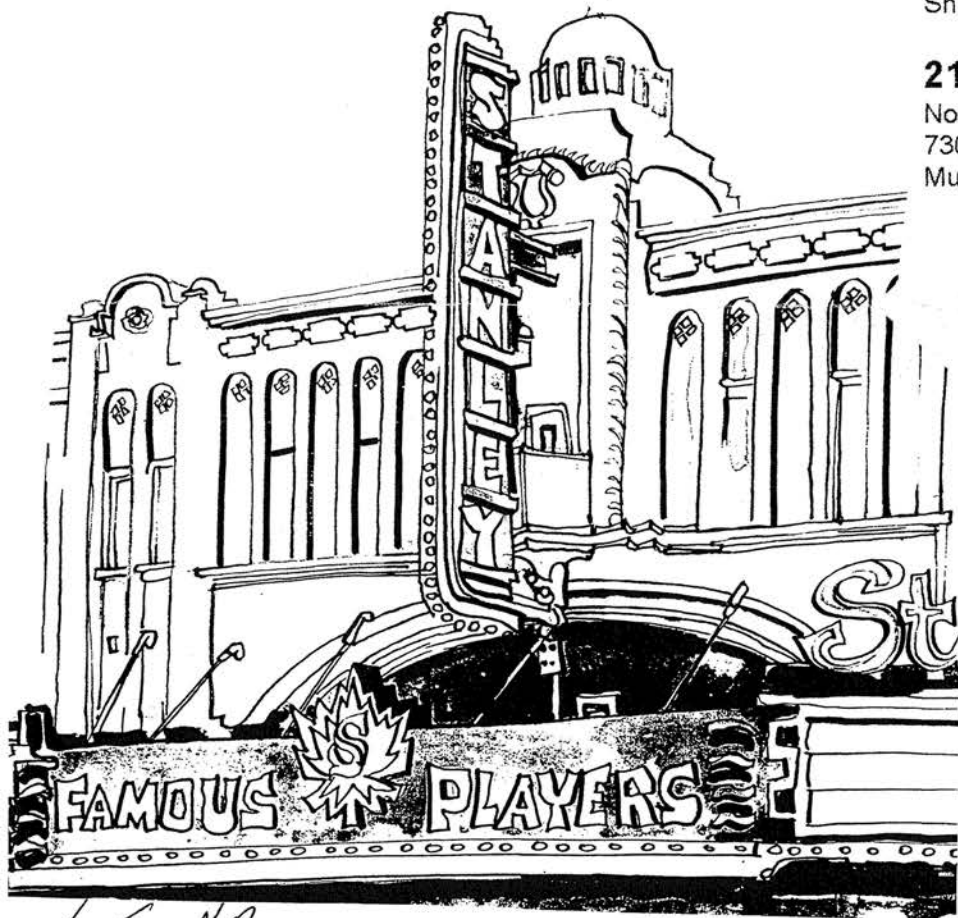
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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1996

CURRENT ISSUES

FIRST URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY SITE

A parking lot at 34 W. Pender (Canton Alley) is the site of this volunteer dig, co-ordinate by two archaeology instructors: Dr. Imogene Lim (Malaspina) and Stan Copp (Langara). The Heritage Conservation Act does not automatically protect archaeological sites which date after 1846 unless they're "designated". This relatively recent history is not acknowledged as meaningful but considering the development of this province, there were dramatic changes taking place in the population after 1946. Not much is known about the history of the Chinese because documents were generally written by people unfamiliar with that culture.

A second site is at 71-77 E. Pender where a 1908 building burnt in 1987 and then was razed.

Lim says that up to this point there has been no excavation of a historic site within an urban context in B.C. even though this area is designated a provincial heritage site.

HASTINGS PARK -

The four options being considered for this area will be on display June 22 - all day - at Hastings Community Centre - 3096 E. Hastings. Please try to drop by and make your comments known in writing. There are a number of significant buildings to be considered for preservation. These buildings form a consistent grouping as well as providing important reminders of the historic functions of Hastings Park. Examples of preservation of similar exhibition buildings can be seen world-wide i.e. Luna Park, Sydney Australia, The Palace of Fine Arts in San Fransisco and Fair Park in Dallas. HV recommends preserving:

GARDEN AUDITORIUM- Townley & Matheson 1940 rated A -(Vancouver Heritage Inventory VHI rate)

FORUM- McCarter & Nairne 1933/ B VHI

PURE FOODS BLDG- H.H. Simmonds 1931/B VHI

WOMEN'S & FINE ARTS BLDG- H.H. Simmonds 1931/ B VHI

B.C. PAVILION- Ron Thom designer 1958

LIVESTOCK BLDG: Original: H.H. Simmonds 1929
Addition: McCarter & Nairne 1939

*historical significance: main point of detention for Japanese during World War II

These six buildings are unattractively surrounded by parking and poor planting, presenting a worn and shoddy appearance. If restored within an appropriate setting, their adaptive re-use would give Vancouver a great park proudly serving the goals of heritage preservation, recreation and urban design.

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BURRARD STREET BRIDGE

The traffic use/flow tests and experiments have started and the focus is on the function. We must remember the importance of the appearance of this historic downtown gateway. We maintain our position to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists within the present bridge structure, opposing the addition of cantilevered walkways and freeway style offramp. The six million dollar cost differential between the two options could provide the funding for a grand civic gesture and restore the original light fixtures as a demonstration of our renewed commitment to this landmark structure. Please write, phone or fax Vancouver City Hall to support this position.



MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

On May 16th, Council approved the recommendations to retain control and operation of the cemetery, with staff to report back on acceptable cost recovery operation; and on the terms of reference to hire a consultant experienced in cemetery operations.

- new revenue sources
- staffing levels
- heritage preservation and opportunities
- maintenance levels
- management
- site planning and development
- public access and security
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FRASERVIEW CLUB HOUSE OPTIONS

The display on May 25th was well attended by the community. People expressed wishes to see the structure remain, the land to be accessible to the community with a walking track round the perimeter allowing a connection to Elliott Crawley Park. Caroline Moore was present and continues to monitor the process. The Vancouver Heritage Commission will review the proposals on June 3rd and the Park Board will vote to receive the report on June 10th at 7.30pm, Park Board, 2099 Beach Ave. -tel 257 8440.

HERITAGE SOCIETY OF B.C. CONFERENCE

This year's theme: "Heritage is Good Business". There's still time to attend at the Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo June 6 to 9th. Paolo Pela will give the keynote address: a business perspective on heritage property development from a company that has won several heritage awards. (Mr. Pela was a popular speaker at HV on this topic.) Plus workshops by Stuart Stark, Nanaimo and Ladysmith tours. Call /fax 604 384 4840 for info.

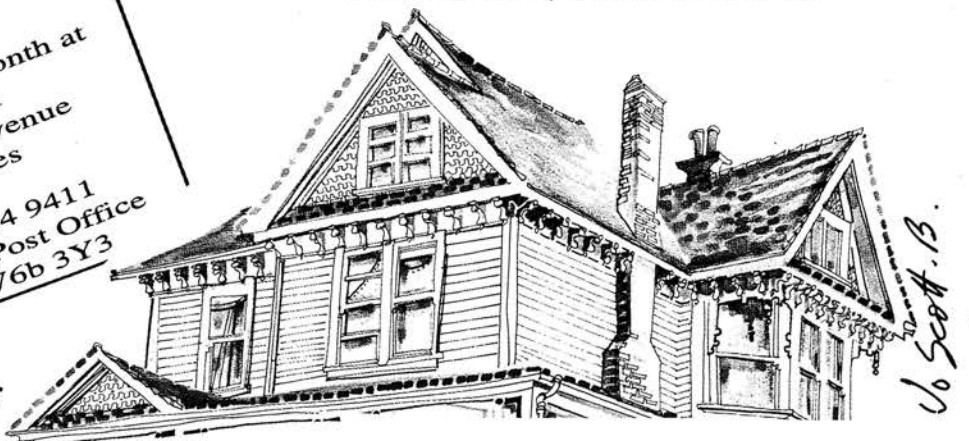
LIGHTHOUSE POINT ATKINSON

You may have heard a great deal lately about the federal government's plans to replace lighthouse keepers and fog horns with modern equipment. North Vancouver District recently voted unanimously for Point Atkinson's "Old Wahoo" to get a new lease of life. The lighthouse was built in 1912 and declared a national site two year's ago. The air-chime foghorns work extremely well and are part of the auditory experience. San Fransisco recognized this value in their own harbour when they refused to modernize their harbour foghorns.

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JULY 1996

It was a stormy June for heritage and here's an update at press time:

The **ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE**, now designated at 906 West 19th went to the Board of Variance on Wed. June 26th - The BoV is designed to hear appeals following a Development Permit issued by the Director of Planning (amongst other things). The heritage community is arguing that the BoV should not hear appeals on a Heritage Agreement entered into following a public hearing before Council. HV wrote a letter to this effect to the BoV, arguing that a dangerous precedent was being set by this hearing. We have all worked very hard to set incentives into place and assist the City in expediting heritage projects through the application process (the Heritage Commission now meets twice monthly to this end). We all know delays cost money and the added risk of a 30 day wait following the public hearing and subsequent agreement adds one more hurdle to overcome. I refused to attend the BoV, but I understand they were upset by the heritage community's reaction to their involvement. By the letter of the law, my understanding is that they cannot overturn a decision by Council, yet still chose to go through this charade on the basis that the appeal was for "use". The proposed use was the lowest possible. The ironic humour when the protesting neighbours offered to take the 1913 log cabin if no-one else wants it only added insult to injury.

At **3344 WEST 27TH AVE**, surveyor's stakes appeared on the property and the neighbours panicked, phoned press and City Hall.

This small log cabin, listed B was built circa 1913. A prime candidate for creative infill, the heritage planners hopes someone will officially come and talk to them, as they are powerless to act until then - rather like a doctor who cannot go and knock on a patient's door and say "I hear you may get sick soon". There is no registered change of title/ no DP application. Keep you posted as events unfurl.

According to Michael Kluckner's "Vanishing Vancouver" the cabin sat on 5 acres of land owned by C.H. Wilson, alderman from 1902-5 and Wilson Ave named after him became 41st. The gardener used logs, empty kerosene cans for the roof and dynamite boxes for flooring. A later addition houses the kitchen.



OAKHURST went to public hearing surprisingly fast, catching us all off balance on June 27th. The speakers' list was too extensive to complete and will continue on Tues July 23 at 7.30pm in Council Chambers.

This is an important A listed building
We urge you to put your full support behind this issue

950 West 58th Ave.

Architect: R. MacKay Fripp/ 1912

A large country estate home, one of the first in the southern half of Vancouver, built for Charles Garner Johnson, a shipping agent and local rep for Lloyd's of London. He arrived here in 1886 and became known as "the farther of the Port of Vancouver".

At construction time in 1912, the site was in Point Grey Municipality, far from developing areas of Vancouver, the closest settlement was Eburne on the banks of the Fraser (now Marpole). The house cost \$15,000 and is a significant residential example of R. MacKay Fripp. In 1929, the property was purchased by R.M. Maitland, MLA for Point Grey at the time. Ten years later it was purchased by Doris Crawford, nurse and registered lab technician, for use as a private nursing home. Crawford, a believer in numerology, changed the name to Oakherst and her own name to Crawford. In the 1960s the hospital became specialized and a larger hospital "Parklane" was built in 1965.

The house sits vacant on its four acre site which is being developed for residential use. Influenced by the Craftsman style, the house makes sophisticated use of rustic materials with river rock foundation and a first floor clad in locally-harvested logs. The interior features circassian walnut and teak. The most notable surviving features are the grand staircase and the heavy teak beams. The neighbourhood is strongly opposed to the proposed condominium/townhouse development which will see the exterior of the heritage house and garden restored (with the regrettable loss of the coach house). The neighbours see this as unacceptable increased density and loss of community amenity, i.e. park space on site. If this proposal is not approved, the house will be demolished for block housing lots.

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HERITAGE ON THE NET

You can find heritage Vancouver at:
http://mindlink.bc.ca/glen_Chan/hvs_entr.html ^{intro}

The National Trust for Historic Preservation Library USA - offers information on the Trust's collection at the University of Maryland.
<http://www.itd.umd.edu/UMS/UMCP/NTL/ntl.html>

The Arts & Crafts Resource Directory (USA) is a comprehensive list of artisans, antique furnishings, businesses etc.
http://www.csn.net/ragtime/Ragtime_Resources.html

UPCOMING

In September, we shall start work on the 1997 Fall Conference, once again to be held in partnership with the City Program at SFU and the Heritage Society of B.C. - Jim Lowe will be co-ordinating this event and there will be an opportunity for members to be involved as little or much as they desire. -Please chat to Jim over the summer whenever great ideas spring to mind.

HV owes Leah Holman a huge "Thank you" for all her energy and determination to get our grants from the Real Estate Foundation and the B.C. Heritage Trust. Thanks to her perseverance and hard work, the database program from original building applications forms stored at the City of Vancouver Archives is well started to become an excellent reference tool with the HV logo on it. Michael Benson and Leah are leaving for Ottawa and they will be sadly missed. We wish Michael the very best of everything for his Master's program... and a speedy return to Vancouver and HV.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

The Mole Hill Living Heritage Society has received two grants to develop its gardens: a \$30,000.- annual grant for three years from the Bronfman Foundation and \$10,000.- from Friends of the Environment. It appears plans are to create community gardens in the lane area, a recycling depot and Greenway, re-align the lane and hold tours and heritage seminars. While all these are most laudable activities, the process raises interesting questions. These grants signal to me a need to hasten the consultation process and develop the future of this block which has been the subject of endless study and non-decision. Certainly the Mole Hill group are entering into the strategy planning with negotiating strength now that they have the backing of considerable money and public support.

What is happening to plans to develop a vision for this block? Last April, proposals by Council were to involve various members of the community, including heritage to sit down together. So far there's been one meeting between Mole Hill and Planning and Michael Gordon, the original planner has been replaced.

Who really owns "Mole Hill"/ Nelson Park and is thereby empowered to make decisions for this area?

Nothing concrete is happening, but I watch trends starting to shape direction before all issues, including heritage, have been reviewed. We all fought the Park Board for making a clear declaration of demolition for park space. I argue against actions which preempt the final configuration via a private agenda and compromise the restoration / renovation for best heritage preservation of this important, highly visible street scape.

Whilst the Mole Hill Living Heritage Society deserve nothing but highest praise for saving this intact block of heritage houses, we at Heritage Vancouver played a role in the process (albeit with the Mole Hill group). This is an intact heritage block and HV wishes to continue to be involved in the evolution of this salvation.



OAKHURST

After two delays, on Thurs. August 1st Council conditionally approved the proposed CD1 rezoning & heritage retention for this site; asking the developer to consider adding a right of way/ or public access to the site. The coach house is the regrettable victim. (I personally was strongly influenced in my support for this project by the restoration of the house **and gardens** to the south). With no written matter before me - we'll update in the next newsletter.

OTHER....

In the Vancouver Sun on August 3rd, Robin Ward's column raises the heritage question: "**A house gets saved but is the price too high?**"

When I first joined the Heritage Commission (or Heritage Advisory as it was in 1993), it was a happy day when anyone suggested retention, especially "restoration" of any sort and many design review days were black with depression at the added losses or dramatic changes faced in the city's heritage inventory. Gradually, thanks to the incentives, there has been a shift. Now heritage has added value. Requests come in for inventory additions, developers show more willingness to dialogue and many projects use the heritage as the start of the design. Heritage has become a tradable commodity: buildings are turned, moved, reconfigured and bartered. Yes, higher standards are being encouraged but the cost of upgrading demanded by Planning, makes retention expensive. The Heritage Commission must become more aggressive even if some things are lost in the process. Perhaps less compromise and good documentation of the losses is the better trade-off. On Thursday August 1st, the bulldozers razed the 1913 cabin at 3344 West 27th. The new owner, who paid \$450,000.- (and offered to resell to any interested buyers) refused to pay the carrying costs of demolition deferral. The heritage planners were unable to become involved. How would you decide? We welcome your comments or columns. *Jo Scott-B*

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John Stuart has stepped down from the Board of the Heritage Society of B.C. We thank John for an excellent job, particularly in raising awareness about industrial heritage: threats to provincial sites and the need for adaptive re-use and documentation

HV 's PRESIDENTS MOVE ON & UP

"Congratulations" to **Michael Kluckner** newly elected B.C.'s rep. on the Board of Heritage Canada (HV will have to consider re-activating their membership)and

John Atkin on his election to the Heritage Society of B.C.'s Board of Directors - (his job, amongst others, is Conferences so we look forward to great walking tours etc.).

VANCOUVER'S HERITAGE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION.

Council has approved the hiring (once again) of a full time director for a two year period. At the same time, they approved \$5,000.- for the 1998 Conference.. This conference is seen to be a positive way to profile the Foundation so it will be part of the director's new job to work on this as host community.

Other groups in the GVRD will be invited to participate. We wish the Foundation well and hope this time things get going on a positive track - or even get going!.

DOCOMOMO

There is beginning to be an interest in starting a B.C. chapter. Robert Lemon, heritage planner for Vancouver, will be presenting a paper at the Docomomo Bratislava Conference in September. He will sound them out for specs/membership etc. Stay tuned.

VANCOUVER TREE BY-LAW: please note: Council has asked staff to report back in six months-which does not appear to have come out in any press.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Heritage Vancouver Society will take place on October 16th at 7.30 pm at Hodson Manor, 1254 West Seventh Ave in Vancouver.

Elections to the Board of Directors will take place, including the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary.

Memberships are due for next year.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As summer and HV's year draw to a close, we look back over five years and forward to the completion of a decade. It is time for reflection, assessment and re-organizational changes. We plan to formalize board meetings, slightly altering the structure to accommodate new members. HV was founded with the idea of always mixing fun with the work we do, but now the the work load often requires a great deal of effort and sacrifice, straining the capacity of us all.

HV has rapidly become the respected voice on heritage issues and with that comes the added responsibility to do the job thoroughly and professionally (not that HV has ever been anything less.) We rely on our members to speak out, pitch in and stay current. HV represents every member when addressing Council or the media and your membership reflects our strength.

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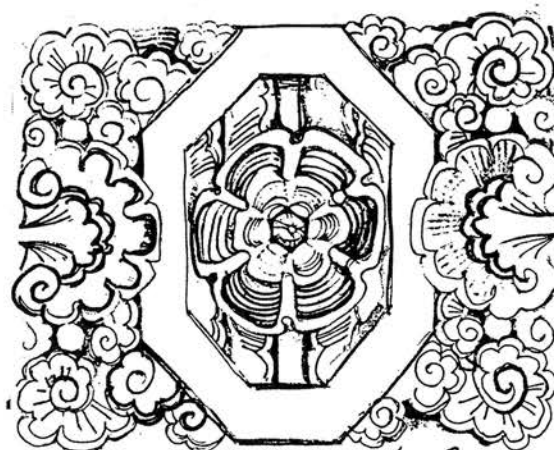
Civic elections in November. Get out and please attend at least one meeting, ask candidates where they stand on heritage issues (ie Park & Recreation Board members) and **make a note of the answers.** I have concerns over a number of decisions made by the Park Board. Issues are presented in ways which jeopardize heritage through lack of broad "vision". Presentations to the public, if tailored to fit a

preconceived end, lead people to believe they are involved, whilst in truth the questions manipulate the response. HV becomes reactive (vs pro-active) late in the process to what is a city wide concern and goes beyond neighbourhoods and NIMBYism.

We must be aware of heritage in the campaign stages of pre-election and also carefully consider the ward system and its implications.

If heritage is for the good of all the city, then is a ward system the answer? The fear is that heritage will get lost as neighbourhoods close ranks against change and added density. We need broad dialogue and communication We worked very hard to bring heritage incentives in place and although the ward system may encourage individual versus "party" candidates, heritage is a city/provincial/national issue.

Few people attend all-candidates meetings. This is your chance to raise heritage awareness.



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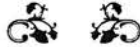
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Our upcoming AGM, on October 16th, is the d time to consider new faces for the Board of Directors. Every group feeds off the broad involvement of its membership. During HV's founding years, we've relied heavily on initial visionaries. I feel the time has come to work on restructuring and broadening of community base. With this in mind, HV will be approaching groups to put forward a representative to HV's board. But, there are still jobs to be filled from within HV. We need a a recording secretary and a treasurer (who does not need to attend executive meetings), as well as diverse other jobs which can be filled in a non-board capacity. Board meetings require an meeting per month and sub-committee work, but we do not ask for more than one year's commitment. Other jobs such as newsletter, membership, programming are tasks which require more or less time on a flexible basis, ideally suited to individual life tempos (and no board meetings).

I'm always happy to chat about this without pinning anyone down! Grab me at a meeting or give me (or any present board member) a call.

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** No public admission Friday except with a three-day pass.
Open Sat.: 10 am - 7 pm / Sun. 10 am - 5 pm
Daily tickets: \$9.00 at the door
for tickets/ information: call 206 726 ARTS

This is a "must" experience according to members. It gives the Arts & Crafts movement the right perspective when you see original Tiffany lamps for sale @ \$30,000. US and you can choose from three!



VANCOUVER HEIGHTS

HERITAGE HOMES TOUR & TEA

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22 - 10 am - 4 pm
tickets: \$10.- on sale from Sept. 6th

From: Van City - 4302 East Hastings / days
Gilmore Community School - evenings

** Like the New Westminster Tour, tickets include interiors of 13 homes, a map and write-ups with tea at St. Nicholas Church from noon to 4 pm. This is a delightful residential area which is fighting to have the power towers removed. Houses on the tour range from 1912 to 1946, including twin houses: one original, the other just had a \$100,000. reno.

(It's a Jo Scott-B drawing on the poster and the original should be on display in the portrayed house at 420 N. Boundary.)

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

What is heritage? This question needs to be addressed, soon and in depth. Heritage incentives are working in Vancouver but they are bringing new needs for dialogue to clarify issues of integrity, value and attitude.

How shall we treat heritage? Is it a commodity to trade and barter? With awe because it is identified as having value? Is old valuable? Not just because it is old is it precious. Should we re-assess? If a **C building** is listed for location in a streetscape, has change to the street altered the value? If you remove that same **C building** from the street, does it take its value with it or lose points in the move and thus become "an old house". The bonusing available under the heritage incentives program requires clarification and unity on these issues. No doubt the debate will rage but members of Heritage Commissions must be able to send a clearer message to developers and planners to avoid unnecessary costs and delays (both of which give "heritage" a bad name)

****This is my last time as editor of the newsletter.** Susanne Osmond has generously offered to take on the task and I thank her warmly. *Jo Scott-B*

NOTES FROM HERITAGE SOCIETY OF BC (HSBC)

This is the first of a series of occasional notes from me as HV's rep on the board of directors of HSBC. The HSBC is a provincial umbrella organization whose purpose is to "provide leadership and encouragement for heritage conservation in BC". With a membership of approx. 160 heritage organizations from across the province representing thousands of individuals dedicated to heritage preservation.

The society's new board, elected at the June '96 AGM, met for their first full meeting on Sept. 27/28 in Richmond where a full agenda was the order of the day(s). Apart from getting to know everyone the board got down to business on a number of issues including the future direction of the society, a look at how we approach advocacy of issues, and of course the provincial government's debt crisis and what impact this will have on heritage initiatives.

Each of the directors has responsibility for a committee and a number of interesting initiatives and ideas were put on the table. These will be developed and reported on at the next meeting in Jan. You can expect a more exciting awards program, some interesting changes to the annual conference - the 1997 event is in Nelson the first week of June - moves toward better communications and some education initiatives too.

It is an entirely different job than being president of HV but it promises to be just as fascinating. *J. Atkin*

detail:

Granville St.



HV NEWS

BIG news: HV has charitable status. A HUGE thank you to Michael Benson for successfully undertaking this gargantuan task. It is retro-active to last January and sets up a favourable start to fund-raising.

The number is 1073758-52. Memberships are non-applicable but donations can now be given a tax exempt receipt.

There's been a positive response from community groups to join HV's executive.

It is an interesting time of change as we expand to draw strength from groups who will help expand events and exposure. There are still jobs to fill from within HV. We need a recording secretary to attend board meetings and free up Maurice for the other demands we put on him!

If you missed the last meeting, it was fun.

(Rave reviews in the West Ender/Kits news)

Michael Kluckner and Christine Allen did an ace job on heritage gardens.

catch MK's latest exhibition at the Petley Jones Gallery till Oct 9.

Hastings Mill proved to be a great meeting

spot. The wonderful space sets a good tone for HV. We are investigating the possibility of regularly meeting there; aiding to our hopes to help the Museum by raising public awareness and getting more people to visit.

We have been asked to write a letter of support to Caroline Moore and Celine Rich for the Historic Markers planned as part of the Discovery project in Fraserview. As a lead-up, the community has decorated 19 bus shelters with public art depicting neighbourhood stories. **There is a bus tour Oct 5** - reservations were requested by Oct 2, but if you call Celine at 876 6052 she may be able to squeeze you in.

PROGRAM

16 OCTOBER at HODSON MANOR

HV's year end and AGM: membership renewals due!

PROGRAM: "TAKE A LOOK INSIDE"

Don Luxton and Robert Lemon will present a look at Vancouver Heritage Interiors and the City's new Interiors program. As this is an election year, we hope to have the candidates for Mayor or others attend. . If so: the Interiors Program will follow the AGM -(a record 17 minutes last year) The candidates will speak at 8.30 following the break.



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In the New Year, we are starting to program towards Conference Topics.....

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Halloween Tours. Yes, it's spook time again. Maurice Guibord and the Vancouver Museum plan to run the bus tours every night starting October 24th to 31st. If you've missed this before, here's your chance. **Call Vancouver Museum: 736 4431** info, tickets, reservations

Hastings Mill Museum fund-raiser:

Sat. Oct. 5th at noon

Lunch and Ivan Sayers Fashion Show

Ryerson United Church, 45th and Yew
tickets \$15.- (phone Aileen McRae 263 4097)



CURRENT ISSUES

***Stanley Theatre:** designation was approved by Council

***Clayburn:** public hearing on Sept. 23 had overwhelming support for preservation and we hope the by-law is enacted on Mon. Sept. 30th
***Nelson Park:** Don Luxton is attending a planning meeting on our behalf on Oct 2. Stay tuned.

***Gastown lighting:** Hope everyone took the time to visit the test area west of the steam clock. The light is different. Whilst the difference in colour is not *shockingly* apparent, we are responding to the issue of change from incandescent lighting in a designated historic district.

***Lions Gate Bridge:** article in Courier Sept. 25th (with our own Don Luxton atop a lion)



NEW BOOKS:

Michael Kluckner: "**Vancouver**" in stores now. This is a beautiful book which I can highly recommend if you haven't yet seen it - *js-b*

"Ladner's Landing of Yesteryear" Two historic walks in the village -\$11.- includes post/hand by Gwen Szychter, 5122 - 44th Ave Delta B.C. V4K 1C3.

**We are always happy to hear about events and issues - the newsletter goes to print the week following our regular meeting - or phone a message in to our machine *js-b*

NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

Entering the sixth year, I am proud to be President of HV. HV has respect and recognition, achieving this by work, discussion and research, building on the vision of the founding group. My thanks to the new board and others (listed elsewhere) whose ability and enthusiasm make my personal task easy. HV is an advocacy society which manages to accomplish a huge amount on a very limited budget. Membership is an important part of this work as the number of people whom the society represents gives added weight to the issues at stake.

• **Robert Lemon** is leaving the Planning Department. His knowledge, tact and diplomacy at VHC meetings will be sorely missed and we hope to see a strong new Heritage Planner replace him in that already very busy department.

• **Nelson Park/Mole Hill** meetings are finally taking place. There still appears to be a preconceived agenda driving the planners rather than allowing the round table visioning to take place. Don Luxton and I are attending meetings and will keep you informed.

• Susana Houwen and I are working with the Native Daughters on the restructuring and revitalizing of **Friends of Hastings Mill**. Susana has come up with some great ideas and is heading up our liaison.

• The consensus has endorsed **moving HV's meetings to Hastings Mill Museum, starting in December**. That's open slide night, so bring your favourite 10 images and tell us about yourself, pet project or interesting trip. It's a good time to get to know your fellow members. Please contact HV (254-9411) if you have any difficulty with transportation to the new meeting location - we will make arrangements to assist you.

• I am working on a new **HV t-shirt** design (of Strathcona houses) as we plan to continue our tradition of presenting a shirt to the newly-elected Mayor at the Heritage Awards. Cost should remain at \$20 and we shall pre-sell to cover production costs. The artwork will be on display at the November 20 meeting, where you can place your advance orders.

• I welcome **Susanne Osmond** as editor of this newsletter and now turn the rest over to her.

Jo Scott-B

HV News

Heritage Vancouver has a **newly-elected board**: Ray & Denise Baynes, Paul Bennett (PIBC), Lynne Bryson, Nancy Byrtus, Maurice Guibord, Jim Lowe, Don Luxton, Sherry MacKay (UBC School of Architecture), Mary McDonald, Peter Vaisbord and, of course, John Atkin (past-President), and Jo Scott-B returns as President. Also part of the board will be an as yet unnamed representative from AIBC. Positions will be decided at the first board meeting.

The October 16 meeting covered not only the formal business of electing the new board, but also an excellent look at Vancouver's new **Heritage Interiors Program** presented by Don Luxton and Robert Lemon. In addition, the meeting included a **Mayoral Candidates Meeting** moderated by John Atkin. Participating candidates were Carmela Allevalo (COPE), Jonathon Baker (VOICE), Roger Reimer (Independent) and Mayor Phillip Owen (NPA).

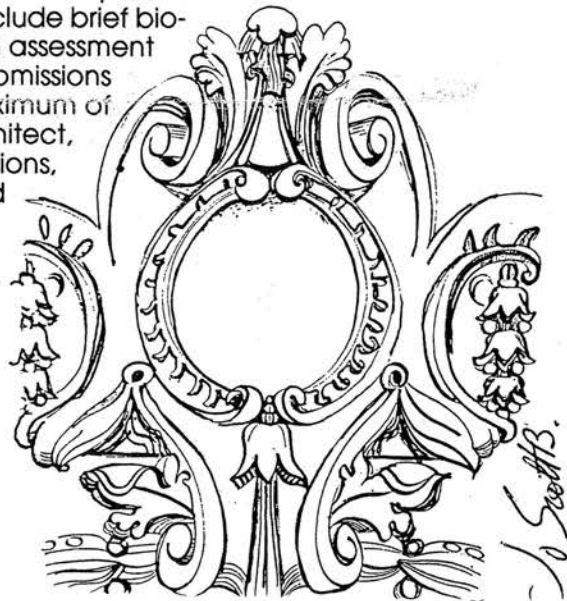
Mole Hill - Shirley Sexsmith is the new HV liaison person on the Mole Hill Board, replacing Don Luxton.

Membership Update - All Heritage Vancouver members will receive a membership card with their newsletter this month. If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time to do it!
Membership is only \$20 a year!!

The Haunted Vancouver Bus Tours, conducted by Maurice Guibord, received a good response again this year.

Early Architects of BC - Proposed Book

Don Luxton and Stuart Stark are seeking contributors to this project. The book will be a broad overview of the early architects who practiced in BC and will include brief biographies and an assessment of their work. Submissions should be a maximum of 4 pages per architect, including illustrations, and are required by January 31, 1997. Anyone interested in submitting material for this project should contact Don Luxton at 688-1216. A copy of the outline for contributors will be available for review at the Nov. meeting.



Victory Square Crest

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MODERN HERITAGE DISCUSSION using the old Public Library as an example. Speakers will be *Lance Berelowitz* from Urban Forum Associates ("urbanist" and record contributor for *The Canadian Architect*) and *Trevor Boddy* (recent contributor to *Architecture Magazine*).

19 February at Hastings Mill

HERITAGE WEEK PANEL DISCUSSION "Heritage and Community" with *Robin Ward*, *Hal Kalman* and *Gordon Price*, moderated by John Atkin.

19 March at Hastings Mill

JAPANESE SETTLEMENTS IN STEVESTON discussed from an archaeological perspective by *Dr. Michael Wilson* (Archaeologist and Curator of the Japanese/Canadian Museum & Archives) and *Yuri Shimpo* (Museum Studies graduate and Site Interpreter).



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Upcoming Events

Book Launch - *Constructing Careers: Profiles of Five Early Women Architects in British Columbia*. Wine & cheese reception to be held **Friday, November 8th at 5 p.m.**, Architectural Institute of BC, #103-131 Water Street, Vancouver. Please RSVP by November 1 to the AIBC at 739-3504. The book is a richly illustrated, limited edition portraying previously unpublished and unresearched material about the lives and careers of Mother Joseph, Esther Marjorie Hill, Sylvia Grace Holland, Leonora Markovich and Catherine Chard Wisnicki. Copies of the book will be for sale at the launch and at the next HV meeting. Pre-purchased copies may be picked up at the reception or at the HV meeting by request.

The **Heritage Interiors Project** will be presented to Council's Standing Committee on **Thursday, November 7 at 2 p.m.** at City Hall.

Start thinking about nominations for **Heritage Awards** - nominations must be in by the beginning of January, 1997.

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meets at
7:30 p.m.

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in November at
Hodson Manor
1254 West 7th Avenue
on Fairview Slopes

starting in December at
Hastings Mill Museum
1575 Alma Street

Current Issues

Clayburn: On October 7, Clayburn was recognized as the third Heritage Conservation Area in BC.

Fraserview Clubhouse: The Parks Board met with the Vancouver Heritage Commission (VHC). The Clubhouse has been preserved in the Board's new proposal. (Although the Langara Clubhouse was demolished, it seems from this decision that "it was cannon fodder that proved to be a good cause." - JSB)

Gastown Lighting: The report to Council by the Engineering Department has been delayed. No new developments.

Templeton Restaurant: The restaurant is part of the Heritage Interiors Inventory. HV has written a letter of support regarding the reinstatement of their liquor license without having to significantly alter the interior of the restaurant.

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

Vancouver has a newly-elected civic slate (congratulations to all). HV looks forward to working on finishing projects that are currently underway, i.e. the Heritage Interiors Project, endorsed by Council and now completed and awaiting review.

The theme for the **1997 Heritage Awards** is *Tourism* (see **Upcoming Events**). The Heritage Society of B.C. is also using tourism as a theme for their conference in June 1997, creating a cohesive image for heritage events. To my surprise, heritage has not previously been perceived as a marketable commodity for tourism. My initial involvement in heritage advocacy stemmed from studying the unique character of multi urban centres and the essence that needs to be preserved in order to maintain individuality. Having planned to paint buildings and icons only to find them gone, I became swept up by this whole issue. It made sense to me that this unique character is what sells a person on staying longer and enjoying a place; a logical sequence to the initial sell of Vancouver based on the great natural locale, snow-capped mountains, etc. The Vancouver Heritage Commission deserves wholehearted support for the time and effort they are giving to address this fact. Many prominent retailers are housed in heritage buildings in the older core of downtown. This gives rise to speculation on the long-term possibilities for the Victory Square area, once the unique and original business centre of Vancouver. The success of Yaletown is another example of the commercial viability for low-scale heritage in a densely built area. Heritage/low-scale areas become "open space" as I well remember from my days in London, U.K.

The **Fraserview Golf Course forest** is on the Parks Board agenda December 9th. As part of the re-design of the course, removal of 390 trees, primarily second growth forest, has been proposed. This is becoming a contentious issue in the community. The VPB forget that they are entrusted with the stewardship of public property and develop a sense of ownership which makes these issues confrontational vs. sane dialogue. There is scufflebutt, staff misconceptions, and a losing touch with reality. In their efforts to spend public money, decisions are made. The process is orchestrated to a pre-set agenda, as is becoming the case for Hastings Park (and was for Nelson Park), unless a public

groundswell
this has
redirects thinking. Regrettably,
become confrontational.



CityPlan has offered HV an involvement in the pilot presentation of "Neighbourhoods/Walking Tours". We welcome this opportunity to be involved in the process of identifying unique neighbourhood character and looking at ways to incorporate new trends without destroying the essence of place.

Jo Scott-B



HV News

The November 20 meeting was intended to feature a presentation of the *History of St. Paul's* by Susanna Houwen. Unfortunately, we experienced technical difficulties with the slide projector and Susanna was unable to present her talk. Fortunately for those of you who may have missed the meeting due to the snowy weather, Susanna's presentation has been rescheduled for the December 18 meeting.

Student Membership Fee - The board has agreed that HV should offer a student membership fee. The fee will be \$15. Memberships for non-students remain at \$20.

Upcoming Events

Walking Tour of Fraserview Golf Course leaving from the clubhouse at **1:30 pm on Saturday, December 7.**

Parks Board meeting regarding the **Fraserview Golf Course forest** on **Monday, December 9 at 7 pm** at 453 West 12th Avenue.

Hastings Park Plans will be on display at the Hastings Community Centre, 3096 E. Hastings St. **until Sat. Dec. 7.**

Robert Lemon will be conducting a slide presentation and lecture on the **Docomomo Society** (an international organization devoted to the protection of modern architecture) on **Monday, December 16 at 5 pm** at the Architectural Institute of BC, #103-131 Water Street, Vancouver.

1997 Heritage Awards take place on **Monday, February 17.** Please get nominations in for the awards by phoning the Heritage Planner, Marco d'Agostini, at 873-7056. Forms can then be completed by the nominees. Deadline is early January - a panel of jurors consider the nominations in mid-January. The many categories include craftsmen and advocates, as well as built projects which can include new buildings sympathetic to heritage, adaptive reuse, etc. Projects must be complete prior to nomination so don't forget those which may not have qualified last year.

Heritage Week Walking Tours will be conducted by HV members on the weekends prior to and following Heritage Week (**Feb. 15/16 and 22/23**). Possible tours may include the Lions Gate Bridge, the Fire Tour, Hastings Park and Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Details will be provided in January.

New Heritage Vancouver T-Shirt

The new HV t-shirt featuring Strathcona houses (front & back views) by Jo Scott-B is now available for order. The t-shirt is moss green with white printing. If you would like t-shirts for Christmas, you may purchase them at the December 18 meeting (they will also be available at meetings in the new year). If you cannot make it to a meeting, please order by mail. (Order forms on the reverse.)

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15 January Vancouver Modern

The new year begins with an information-packed evening hosted by Douglas Shadbolt (the esteemed author of *Ron Thom: The Shaping of an Architect*). Robert Lemon will open the session with a discussion on the possibility of starting a Docomomo chapter in Vancouver (Docomomo is an international organization devoted to the protection of modern architecture). To follow, Lance Berelowitz and Professor Rodney Windsor-Liscombe will share their thoughts on the preservation of Vancouver's own stock of post-1940s architecture.

19 February Heritage Week

Hot topics of *Heritage and Community Support, Authenticity, and Standards of Designation* will be debated by participants Robin Ward, Hal Kalman and Gordon Price. HV's past-president, John Atkin will moderate this event.

19 March The Archaeological Landscape of Britannia Heritage Shipyard Park

Richmond's Director of Heritage Sites, Mary Gazetas, provides an overview of activities at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Park, which will be followed by a team presentation on the archaeological landscape of this site by *Dr. Michael Wilson* (Archaeologist and Curator of the Japanese/Canadian Museum & Archives) and *Yuri Shimpo* (Museum Studies graduate and Site Interpreter).

T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Quantity: _____

Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members

T-shirts are available in one size only. Please enclose a cheque with your order and mail to HV. Charitable receipts will be issued for \$10 and \$15 respectively.

16 April The Deer Lake Estates

Heritage Planner, Jim Wolf, presents an historical overview of the country estates of Deer Lake on this evening. His talk will serve as a warm-up for our walking tour through this area in the spring!



Heritage Society of B.C. Report

Well, it looks like heritage conservation in this province is going to take a big hit with all of the budget cuts coming down the pike. Not only is the City of Vancouver faced with a \$17 million cut in their municipal grant, which may affect heritage programs here, but municipal governments around B.C. have suffered deep cuts too, and the first things to go are the perceived luxury programs, and that means heritage for a lot of people.

Add to this the reduced levels of funding the Heritage Trust (are they next?) has put up with over the last few years and now the cancellation of the Downtown Revitalization Program. The DRP is a cost-effective program with a minimum of staff that has created and promoted economic growth through innovative programs that many times have included heritage. Revelstoke and Nelson are just two communities that come to mind whose very existence relies on their heritage main streets.

The Heritage Society of B.C. is facing some cuts to its provincial grants too - the full extent is not yet known - which will pose some interesting questions for the board when it meets in Nelson in January.

What seems to have escaped the bean counters in Victoria is that in the heritage biz a small amount of money creates a lot of economic activity. Cut this off and what happens? They may wake up only when it is too late. But then do they care? Time to start writing letters.

Speaking of Nelson, it is time to mark your calendars for the first weekend in June 1997. The 24th Annual Heritage Conference is coming up. The program is set and it looks like it is going to be a very interesting one. There have been some changes to the format that should enable delegates to get more out of their conference. Watch for the brochure in the new year.

And last, but not least, I had the pleasure of presenting, along with Carolanné Reynolds, the Society's Award of Outstanding Achievement to Brody Developments for the restoration of the McNair house in North Vancouver at a reception held at the house on Thursday the 27th. Congratulations.

John Atkin
H.S.B.C.



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