

NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

At the corner of Granville and Dunsmuir is the **B.C. Electric Showroom** by McCarter & Nairne with wonderful corner facades and deliciously proportioned windows with shallow bronze ornaments. The sale of the site and adjacent buildings brings with it a proposed hotel complex by the new Singaporean owner. I remember rolling up my sleeves to paint the ornamental stair and mezzanine railings when Science World moved there temporarily before Expo. It takes little creative imagining to picture the interior and exterior of this building as part of a hotel. We went through the exercise with the TD Bank on Hastings (which eventually evolved into the SFU Conference Centre, sadly minus the bank hall interior). Both examples fit well with the concept of marketing Vancouver's heritage for tourism. The sale of the B.C. Electric Showroom raises questions of how HV can best advocate the retention of the original building. I recall the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney, Australia where a modern hotel is built over and around a heritage brick building, integrating old into new and creating contrasting ground floor spaces far superior to "facading" bits of old onto new - cut and paste architecture is not one of my favourite experiences.

In January, we welcome Lauren Prentice as new Executive Director of the **Vancouver Heritage Conservation Foundation**, designed to manage heritage donations to the City. She faces a marathon task in her six months' appointment, with all of us expecting great accomplishments including a working plan, solid structure and a public profile. I wish to offer my full support in her endeavours. We all want to see the Foundation publicly up and running, with the next appointment ready to roll into place on July 1st, otherwise her energy will be cast into an unnecessary vacuum. Given all the depressing heritage news recently generated by the Provincial Government, we need a positive overture and where better than the City of Vancouver, where *Tourism* is the theme for Heritage Week.

Robert Lemon's void as **Heritage Planner** is now being advertised nationwide and we hope for a worthy (and speedy) filling of this position. Meanwhile, there is a place for an entry level part-time temporary planner, preferably an architect with heritage experience.

Word on the **new AIBC premises** planned for Victory Square sound very promising. I look forward to seeing the development application come forward early in

the New Year. Moving the AIBC is a positive step both in giving the group higher visible profile and the addition of another component to getting the sadly neglected Victory Square area on the recovery journey. Recent news is that 5000 sq. ft. commercial space is at a premium and this also bodes well for the area with its many vacant commercial spaces.

The **DOCOMOMO** working group (an international organisation devoted to the protection of modern architecture) is taking a positive surge forward (thanks to the efforts of Marco d'Agostini and Robert Lemon - in their own, not the City's, time!). A forth-coming list of buildings reflects the modern movement in the Lower Mainland and includes two provincial listings. As a heritage advocate, I am delighted to be a part of the discussions; though I am probably learning more than I can contribute, I have found the experience extremely constructive. Possible 1998 conference sites for the annual Docomomo meeting include Sweden or Brazil.

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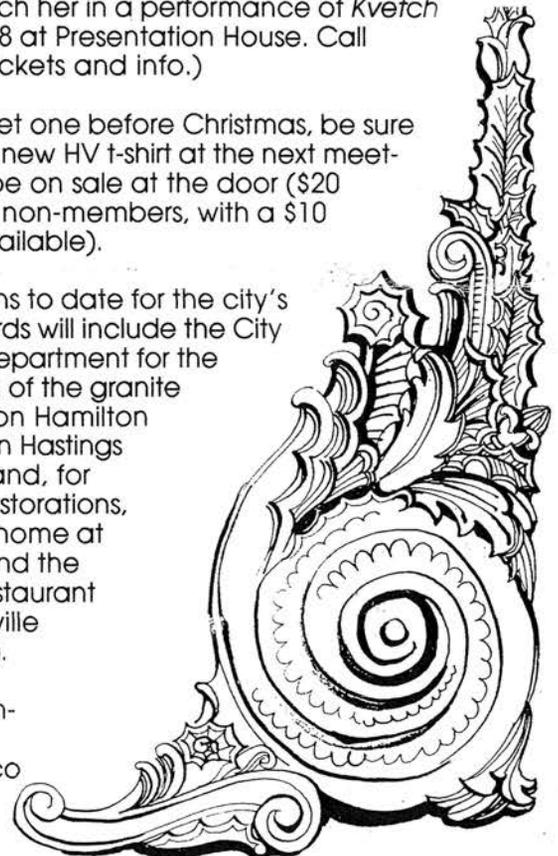
HV News

At the December 18 meeting Susanna Houwen was finally able to present her excellent and comprehensive talk on the History of St. Paul's. One of the major issues that she dealt with was the way in which heritage preservation has to deal with care-givers' attitudes towards heritage space and the difficulties of presenting options for preservation.

Mary MacDonald has agreed to act as HV's new Archivist. (Catch her in a performance of *Kvetch* until February 8 at Presentation House. Call 990-3474 for tickets and info.)

If you didn't get one before Christmas, be sure to pick up the new HV t-shirt at the next meeting. They will be on sale at the door (\$20 members/\$25 non-members, with a \$10 tax receipt available).

HV nominations to date for the city's Heritage Awards will include the City Engineering Department for the reconstruction of the granite road surface on Hamilton Street between Hastings and Pender; and, for their interior restorations, a Strathcona home at 603 Atlantic and the Templeton Restaurant at 1087 Granville (at Helmeken). Please submit any other nominations by phoning Marco d'Agostini at 873-7056.



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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. To follow, Lance Berelowitz and Professor Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe will share their thoughts on the preservation of Vancouver's own stock of post-1940s architecture.

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1997 Heritage Awards (by invitation) take place on **Monday, February 17** at the Hotel Vancouver. There will be a cash bar this 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. Full details will be provided in the February newsletter.

Current Issues

Fraserview Golf Course Forest - The decision made at the December 9 Parks Board meeting was to go ahead with the removal of 390 trees as part of the planned re-design of the course because the Parks Board had tied themselves to an unbreakable contract for the job. It was a frustrating meeting.

Hastings Mill Museum - A grant application has been submitted as part of the effort to revitalise the Friends of Hastings Mill. Results will be available in February.

Old Library - Virgin Records has installed huge billboards inside the glass walls contrary to the plans originally submitted to the City and VHC, which provided for the preservation of the transparency of the building. The architects and owners have abused the goodwill of the Commission and have not been truthful about their project.

Bowmac sign - ToysRUs submitted an application to the Board of Variance for adaptive re-use of the Bowmac sign on Broadway. The board turned down the application, but ToysRUs will be re-applying with a better re-use proposal. HV wrote a letter of non-support for the original application as it did not provide for conservation of the type-style of the sign.

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Hastings Park

The controversy over Hastings Park continues. In its rush to take over the site, the Park Board seems to have pushed the Pacific National Exhibition into an untenable position. The Fair, which has been an integral part of Vancouver's history since 1910, has not been able to find a suitable new location. Now, the Molson's Indy wants onto the site - leading to yet more community conflict.

The Park Board has shown little sensitivity to the heritage issues at this site. Hastings Park has a long and illustrious history, dating back to 1888, when 160 acres of dense forest was granted to the City. It was intended as a natural preserve, comparable to Stanley Park. The land was cleared for use as athletic grounds, and in 1910 the Hastings Park tram line opened along McGill Street, and Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier opened the Vancouver Exhibition. In the 1920s and 1930s the original wooden buildings on the site were gradually replaced with fireproof concrete structures in a consistent Streamline Moderne style, which remain today as the main architectural legacy of the Fair - one of Western Canada's finest and most consistent groupings of buildings of this style.

During WWII, Hastings Park was chosen as the Processing Centre for the evacuation of citizens of Japanese descent, and during the summer of 1942, over 3,000 Japanese-Canadians were interned in the Livestock Building. Once the evacuation was complete, the Federal Government retained control of the site, and used it for military purposes for the rest of the war.

After the war, new life was brought to the site with the construction of Empire Stadium, built in time for the 1954 Commonwealth Games. Roger Bannister and John Landy ran the miracle mile on August 8, the first race where two men broke the four-minute mile. In the late 1950s, the BC Pavilion, designed by Ron Thom of Thompson, Berwick & Pratt, was opened, and later the Agrodome and the Coliseum were added to the site.

The PNE is still the largest single annual tourist draw in the province. Many would argue that it is an inseparable part of the identity of the City of Vancouver, especially the east side. If we are indeed to lose the PNE, then we should not be content to lose the cultural event that it signified, a great end-of-summer party that appealed to all ages and types of people. If the architectural legacy of the site could be adapted and utilized for new uses, the PNE site could be transformed from



being an *agricultural-based fair* to housing a far more relevant fair to Vancouver of the twentieth century - *a cultural-based fair*.

HV supports the retention and adaptive re-use of the buildings on the site - especially for community and cultural uses. With a little imagination we can see how the site can be transformed into a true urban park, one that respects the rich traditions of the PNE without flattening the buildings for more passive parkland. We will be working with the Parks Board and the Hastings Park Planning Process Working Committee to advocate the sensitive integration of these historic buildings into a new context, for the betterment of all concerned.

- Don Luxton

Heritage Week Walking Tours

Once again, HV members will be conducting walking tours as part of Heritage Week events. Cost per tour is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Each tour will be approximately 2 hours in length. **Pre-register for the tours by calling Heritage Vancouver at 254-9411 - leave your name, phone # and the tour(s) that you would like to register for on the answering machine.** We prefer advance registration so that we can contact participants in the event of any changes.

The Fire Tour

Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m.

A tour of the borders of the fire of 1886 conducted by John Atkin. The fire started at the Roundhouse and the tour will depart from there.

Lions Gate Bridge

Sunday, February 16, 1 p.m.

Another new tour this year, conducted by Don Luxton. As well as the history of the bridge, it will include unusual vantage points and, depending on weather, walking the bridge will be optional. The tour will meet in front of the Prospect Point Restaurant & Cafe in Stanley Park (pay parking is available).

Heather Pavilion & Area

Saturday, February 22, 1 p.m.

Co-conducted by the Heather Heritage Society and HV members, Peter Vaisbord & Bud Kerr. The HhS will lead a tour of Vancouver's first hospital on this site, followed by a HV tour of surrounding Fairview Heights. Meet at the 12th Avenue entrance to the City Square Complex, upper level doors.

Mountainview Cemetery

Sunday, February 23, 1 p.m.

A historical tour of the cemetery, including burial places of famous people and burial customs, conducted by Maurice Guibord. Meet at the corner of Fraser & 33rd.

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B.C. Heritage Trust - HV received a letter from the B.C. Heritage Society regarding significant budget cuts to the Trust, as well as the termination of some major programs, including *Community Pride, Heritage Area Revitalization and Heritage Landmarks*. Grant budgets have been cut, other sources of support eroded (in 5 years lottery grants for heritage projects have dropped 90%), and cuts in provincial heritage staff have been seriously reduced. Minister Jan Pullinger has initiated a further complete review of all policies, programs, budgets and staffing with an eye to further cost savings.

B.C.H.S. urges all of us to make our views known to the Minister and let her know why these provincial programs are important to us. Write to the heritage minister, Jan Pullinger, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. Send copies to the Premier and your local MLA. Please encourage others to write as well - municipal councils, chambers of commerce and other community leaders. For more information or assistance, contact Rick Goodacre at H.S.B.C., phone (250) 384-4840.

Fraserview Golf Course Forest - Despite the efforts of the neighbourhood to intervene, the trees slated for removal by the Park Board have been cut down.

Upcoming Events

Heritage Week Boat Tour & Britannia Heritage Shipyards Visit, Sunday, February 23, at 10 a.m. This special Heritage Week tour will be approximately 2 hours in length and departs from the Village of Steveston. Cost is \$15/person. Maximum registration is 45 people, so call early to book your space. To register, call Nancy Byrtus at 228-8884.

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Seedy Saturday - Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Heritage seed exchange and sales, lectures, commercial displays and workshops. Speakers will be Derry Walsh at 11 a.m. and Joy Smith at 1 p.m. Admission by donation, Floral Hall, Van Dusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak Street.

Community Seed Barter & Show in Victoria - **Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** For more information, call 592-4472.

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My most important task this month is to sincerely thank Council for their support and strong endorsement of this city's heritage program. In past years, February has been a busy month when heritage is celebrated with multi-events throughout the city and region. 1997 was no exception (although this time, in Vancouver, we were worried by threats to our city's program). The Mayor started out on Monday the 17th by riding on the newly-refurbished *Tram 1207*, pushed by a tractor. A perfect press opportunity as witnessed on the front page of the next day's newspapers.

***Active fundraising will now take place to provide the means to actually run the tram. It will be open to visitors on weekends at the shed on the tracks at 6th and Moberly.*

An evening in the ballroom of the Hotel Vancouver was once more the venue for the ever-growing, ever-convivial *Heritage Awards* presentation. The Mayor, Lynn Kennedy and Gordon Price provided a perfect trio following the key note address on *Heritage & Tourism* by Rick Antonson, President, CEO, Tourism Vancouver. Lynne Bryson (re-elected chair of the Vancouver Heritage Commission) did a perfect job as Master of Ceremonies. In the audience were a record number of Councillors. Wonderful to see them there, enjoying the evening.

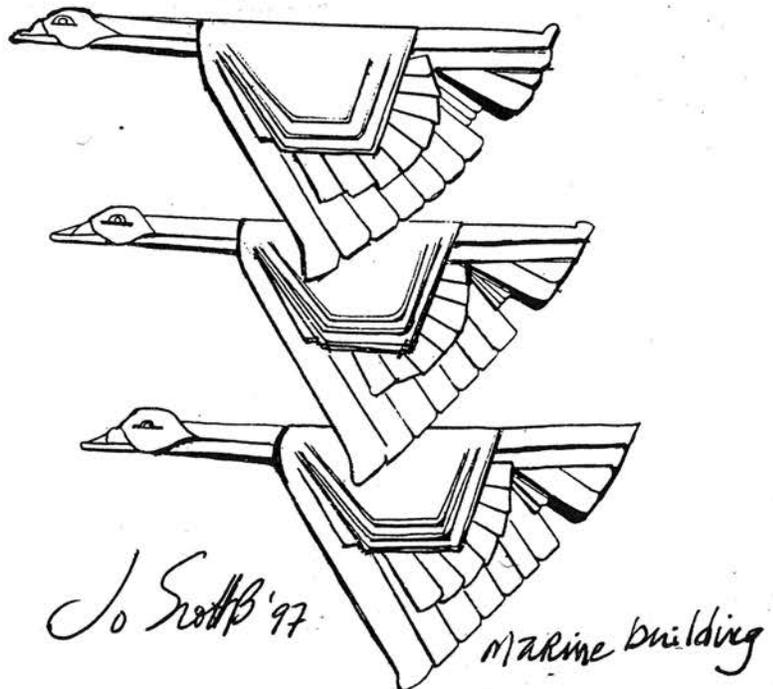
In contrast to these happy/feely happenings, the Planning Department was bringing forward a suggestion that Council not replace the vacant Head Heritage Planner's job and perhaps even no longer review B or C listed buildings. They did not seem to understand the theme of Monday night's awards. Those awards were for the Bs and Cs. Council did understand. When faced with presentations by architects and builders such as Bill Albers, Charlotte Murray, Stuart Howard and Alan Diamond, Council recognized the value of heritage as "good business" with strong economic benefits. (Our warmest thanks to these busy professionals who made strong speeches at the budget review session.) The topic generated an impressive pile of letters in support of

heritage. The media, aware of the sensational story about to break if the program was cut, were poised for action. Fortunately, the news was good and hence generated a lower profile.

From City Hall, I drove to Olympia, WA for a heritage conference, *Success Stories*. Conferences provide an opportunity to meet new people in a variety of roles and tasks. John Chaney spoke about the role of advocacy. His presentation was upbeat, relaxed and amusing; we look forward to hosting him at HV in June. Despite U.S./Canadian differences in the economics of heritage, surprisingly alike are the problems and decisions faced by individual people who must advocate, fundraise and generally work hard for the preservation of heritage. As always, I was inspired by the level of energy and enthusiasm. Case histories do seem to be the most beneficial interchange when properly presented.

- Jo Scott-B

Preserving Strathcona's Architectural Heritage: A Strathcona Porch Project Handbook has been newly published by the Strathcona Residents' Association and the SFU City Program. This book is a guide to heritage conservation in Strathcona, but also contains general information that is applicable to any similar community. As well as *why care about heritage?*, the book covers *zoning and heritage, approaches to repair, practical considerations, and rewards and resources*. Copies are available at all corner stores in Strathcona, the Strathcona Community Centre at 601 Keefer Street, or by mail order through the City Program at SFU at Harbour Centre. Price is \$4.00 over-the-counter or \$7.00 by mail.



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Current Issues

Mole Hill - A facilitator has been appointed to assist the Committee with the development of a concept plan, which is scheduled for completion by April 1, 1997.

Funding for the **Nurses Exhibit** is not going well. We have access to some exciting material but do need some money to put the exhibition in place and have promotional opportunities for HV. Remember, we do have charitable status and can issue receipts for all donations. If anyone can **HELP**, please contact HV (254-9411).

John Davis, who was seriously injured while doing repairs to one of the family's 10th Avenue houses, is still in hospital. If anyone would like to write to him, he is at VGH.

The **Thomas F. Bayard Society** has been resuscitated. The new board is alive and well, and has a promising new plan of action for the historic boat.

The **Stanley Theatre** will now be preserved intact and will act as the Arts Club's second stage. The Arts Club is currently conducting a successful fundraising campaign for the project. Theatresports, which was originally going to be sharing the venue, will now be locating in the Revue Theatre on Granville Island.



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The **Vancouver Historical Society 1997 Lives in Vancouver** series features **Grace McCarthy, O.C. on Wednesday, March 26, 8:00 pm at the Jewish Community Centre on 41st Avenue at Oak Street.** Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Treasures from China's Imperial Dynasties will be on exhibit at the Vancouver Museum from **February 15-May 18, 1997.**

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President's Column - Mole Hill

When Council, wisely, opted to "save" Mole Hill, they invited the concerned parties to participate in a round table discussion. Mole Hill is a unique block of heritage stock, the last of its kind left in Vancouver's West End. Acting in good faith, the various citizens' groups representing Mole Hill residents, daycare, The Doctor Peter Foundation, heritage, etc. willingly agreed to give up more hours of their time to come up with a concept plan. The misguided attempts by planners to "help" the process is ending in acrimony and frustration. Staff, for whom I have the utmost respect, were supposed to attend as support and information resources; instead, they have directed the process since the start. Visioning and discussion ended up being confrontational dialogue with the planners. Concerned parties became defensive of their positions rather than working together to a common solution; the group fractured and became dysfunctional. A facilitator was hired but the planners, now the employers of the facilitator, are still driving the process.

How does a West End block of houses relate to in-fill in Richmond and Surrey? Why do the planners constantly tell the group it is okay for them to find a vision, but planners will be coming up with their own options? It is my understanding that citizens' groups should have their own chairperson and staff should be there to consult. All those months spent arguing process could have been avoided. City Hall is filled with citizens' advisory groups which function very well and I am sure they were what Council envisaged happening with Mole Hill. This is still a time-bomb ticking and before the great explosion takes place, let us bear in mind the good faith of the various participants and how this process can still be salvaged. *On April 5th, at an all-day workshop, the Mole Hill citizens' group will be formulating their vision.* This is a great opportunity for planners to step aside and allow the group to formulate their own solutions. If the planners then disagree with the results, that will be their cue to create their own option, taking both forward to Council for their consideration.

In the business of running HV we have been wrestling with the problems faced by our public image. No longer "new kids on the block", it is becoming increasingly challenging to keep up our media profile. The daily business of heritage is not newsworthy unless we kick, scream and get hysterical, even though we are consulted on major issues such as the Lyons Gate Bridge, Mole Hill, and the recent furor over the possible deletion of the head heritage planner's position. Since our foundation, we have tried to maintain a sane, focused approach to heritage awareness, conservation and education. We discuss issues, arriving at clarification and consensus, thereby continuing to reinforce lucid, credible statements. It is important for HV's membership to continue to assist in maintaining the group's presence in the community. Help by taking newsletters and/or program brochures to meetings where new people can find them. Our Speakers Program is growing into a strong, regular event and should be constantly attracting a new audience.

On Thursday, March 27th, I attended Council's review of the *Hastings Park Concept Plan*, taking forward our support in principal whilst continuing to urge for the retention of the Pure Foods Building (B listed and slated for demolition). With some minor amendments, the plan will now proceed to the next stage.

Upcoming is the *tree by-law review* on Thursday, April 3rd, and *Gastown lighting review* on Thursday, April 17th. (You can phone the City Clerk's Office 873-7276 before noon on the previous Wednesday if you wish to speak).

Volunteers Needed

HV needs two volunteers to take on the following tasks:

- a recording secretary to take minutes at board meetings (the 1st Monday of each month)
- a press release writer

Please speak to Jo Scott-B if you are interested.

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Current Issues

Funding for the Nurses Exhibit is not going well. We have access to some exciting material but do need some money to put the exhibition in place and have promotional opportunities for HV. Remember, we do have charitable status and can issue receipts for all donations. If anyone can **HELP**, please contact HV (254-9411).



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NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

The recent census tells us that Vancouver is growing 13% faster than any other city in Canada. This growth brings buildings, people and change. Vancouver leads the way in many urban issues such as green ways, bicycling facilities (routes, parking) and heritage incentives, to name a few. Today, heritage is trendy and highly marketable as seen on the number of "heritage" tags attached to new development. Advocacy groups such as Heritage Vancouver must maintain a vigilant eye upon the ways in which *genuine* heritage is preserved. The incentives are working; many more projects which deal with heritage are emerging and the Vancouver Heritage Commission reviews designs twice monthly with resolutions made instantly. Difficulties are created by heritage being non-conforming and all the players having different reference points, which can include overall project design, building code upgrades, neighbourhood character, setbacks.

Does a building lose value when moved on site?

Moved to another area, added on to, altered?

Does a building go up in value with restoration?

I.e. porches opened up, stucco or other ugly additions removed, wooden or stained glass windows put back.

Heritage Vancouver is proposing that a re-evaluation of the heritage merits of the building take place as part of the incentive system. Buildings which are candidates for the Heritage Register go through a point-scoring evaluation which decides their category: A, B or C. Buildings which are already rated under this system could be reviewed for re-assessment when there are proposed changes - projects would then have a firmer reference of merit. Points would either be gained through positive preservation proposals or lost due to detriments, making them easier to assess in the quick time frame presentations of the Vancouver Heritage Commission meetings. This re-assessment of the scoring would provide a positive dialogue reference for planners dealing with the preliminary enquiries of a project.



BE PLEASED
Show Room
Balcony Support
Jo Scott-B

This idea was discussed briefly at our April meeting and I have now taken it to the VHC following concerns raised at the HV Board meeting in April about the merits of saving buildings which are moved, altered and out of context. We are open to your feedback on this matter.

Jo Scott-B

Heritage News

- Council has deferred a decision regarding **Gastown lighting** until Tuesday, May 6. You still have time to express concerns/raise questions. This is a Designated Historical Area, the first in the Province of BC, and lighting is crucial to maintaining authenticity - the City requires building owners in Gastown to maintain heritage quality by using authentic materials (like full, rather than half, bricks) and should apply the same standard to lighting. The incandescent lights create a warm ambience that would be lost by replacing them with the proposed fluorescent lighting.

- HV has postponed the **Nursing Exhibition**. Nursing and the history of Vancouver is a huge topic which needs to be explored in depth. Within the given time frame and limited funding, we could not do justice to the subject, especially in view of the priceless artifacts and displays which were starting to emerge, extending the scope of the Exhibit far beyond the original history and stories of buildings which had been planned. We are presently working on a partnership proposal to do a full-scale, in-depth exhibit at a later date and will keep you posted.

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21 May

ADAPTIVE RE-USE: INDUSTRIAL SITE TO GARDEN?! Edward Stanford leads this discussion with a presentation on Parcs de la Villette and André Citroën in Paris remarking on their change from industrial sites to gardens. Christopher Phillips and Marta Farevaag, of Christopher Phillips Landscape Architects, follow with an overview of the adaptive re-use of the Hastings Park landscape.

18 June

PRESERVATION IN GASTOWN & PIONEER SQUARE Jeannette Hlavach from the City of Vancouver Planning Department, and John Chaney, Executive Director of Historic Seattle, compare notes on these two well-loved conservation districts. A touring exchange with Historic Seattle will be offered to Heritage Vancouver members later this year!

16 July

SUMMER PICNIC For something different, bring your favourite edibles to a picnic in the park at the Hastings Mill Store and catch up on the activities of the Vancouver Historical Society and their President, Donna Jean MacKinnon.

Nancy Byrtus, Chair, Speakers Program

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Upcoming Events

Mole Hill Living Heritage Society Annual General Meeting on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 1155 Thurlow St. (near Davie St.). All newcomers are welcome to attend.

New Westminster Homes Tour, Sunday, May 25. Volunteers are wanted - work a half day, tour homes half day. Call the Heritage Hotline and leave your name if you are interested (878-9956).

Art Deco Weekend, June 6-8 in Vancouver. Events include TOURS, both insides and outsides, of Art Deco buildings, a CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, and a BANQUET in Trader Vic's at the Bayshore Inn. Get all the scoop on the interior "facts" of this unique event. Contact Don Luxton at 688-1216.

Annual History of Nursing Convention, June 13-14. Events include a GRAND DINNER on Friday, June 13, 7:00 pm. Program for the evening includes a parade of historic International Nursing costumes. Tickets are \$60 for dinner, entertainment and all gratuities. Book by calling Jackie Ratzlaff at 521-0290. There will be an Evensong Interdenominational Service at Christchurch Cathedral on Saturday, June 14, 6:00 pm. HV members are invited to attend.

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Current Issues

Mole Hill - Plans seem to be getting pretty close to being what the working group had envisioned. There has been an erosion of trust which makes this final concept plan difficult all around, but HV is holding its breath and hoping...

Vancouver Heritage Conservation Foundation - Lauren Prentice continues to achieve steady progress with her evaluation of the role the Foundation can play, and Council (acting as the Board) is to be thanked for their whole-hearted support. Lauren will be giving a brief update at the HV meeting on May 21. You should be pleased by her suggestions and evaluations. Her enthusiasm and thoroughness are to be commended.

Plans to convert **Babies Cottage** to a palliative care hospice/community facility are now in the fund raising stage. Ten dollar shares are available for sale. Robin Fowler will be at the HV May 21 meeting to present the plans, tell us more about their events, and answer any questions.

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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1997

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This past month has absorbed my HV time with a series of minor/major issues, including doing the newsletter in Suzanne's absence.

First and most important: I wish to express warm and sincere thanks to a donor who has offered to financially assist the efforts to re-establish a viable, working support group, **The Friends of Hastings Mill Museum**, which will act as a support to the Native Daughters in the running and maintenance of the museum. Thanks to his generosity, I have met with the Native Daughters and hope to have regular, positive progress reports to pass on via this newsletter. HV will treat the donation as a grant, supervising the disbursement of funds. The idea is to have a series of brainstorming meetings, inviting members of the community to participate and become involved. Susanna Houwen will speak to the June HV meeting about plans.

(My apologies to the Museum for omitting to publicize their May fund-raising tea.)

As I write, **the BOWMAC sign** has just been to the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment. A great deal of creative, patient effort has gone into producing an innovative solution to save the old Bowmac sign intact and give "Toys'r Us" their own image on a see through mesh addition. As far as we can ascertain, this is a first in sign preservation, ensuring the Bowmac artefact remains intact with the original light bulbs in place although not lit. A demolition permit is already in place. Today was the final review, proving the public process works and the proposal was approved. At least two Councillors and the Mayor said their opinions were altered by the presentations. Councillors Bellamy, Daniel Lee and Sullivan opposed.

Conversion of the Gastown Lighting to fluorescent is deferred yet again - **this time for six months**. My guess is City Hall thinks we have all gone away to find alternative funding sources for keeping the existing incandescent system - and if we don't produce they'll say "sorry". Somehow the real issue is constantly being obscured particularly by Engineering who refuse to get it. **This is a provincially designated historic area, of value to the whole city and the incandescent lights are integral to the area's character. Building owners are made to upkeep their buildings to strict city specs and already bear enough financial burden.**

Disconcerting news is "maintenance" to **Mole Hill houses** which is proceeding without guidelines to preserve heritage elements and 1159 Pendrell St. has suffered. The balcony (which was a hazard due to rot and neglect) had the original Victorian balustrade removed and replaced with generic railings.

On Thursday, May 30th, Lauren Prentice's job as executive director for the **Vancouver Heritage Conservation Foundation** was reviewed "in camera". We hope to welcome her fulfilling a two year term. Her energy and enthusiasm should continue to take the Foundation into its next phase. At the last HV meeting, Lauren reported on the visioning for the Foundation's role. Other heritage groups (such as HV) welcome the proposed new, separate function. Fund raising will be the first challenge, but thanks to the City's support, things are off to a positive start. Bringing trades and heritage owners together allows the Foundation to build a positive profile without an initial large expenditure, and that being the case, events and funds should begin to grow. It is good to see owners being recognized for their individual preservation efforts of heritage buildings from which we all benefit.

And to end on yet more good news: two of our nominations to the B.C. Heritage Awards are winners. Congratulations to Stephanie and Tamara of the **Templeton Restaurant AND the Engineering Dept. Of the City of Vancouver** for their restoration of the granitoid paving in Victory Square and Columbia St.

Jo Scott-B

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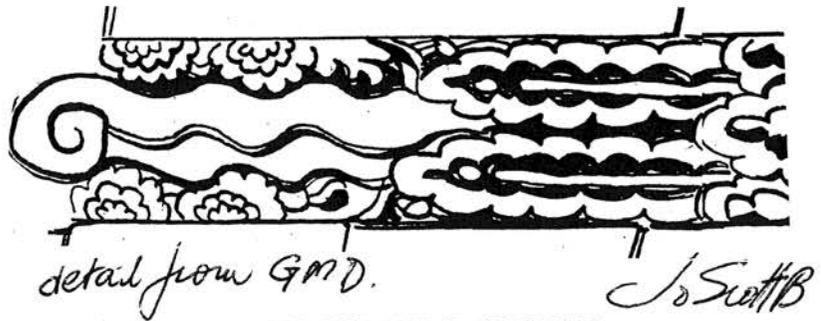
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Jeanette Hlavach, Heritage Planner for the City of Vancouver will talk about the Historic Area of Gastown, the first provincially designated area in B.C. HV is pleased to welcome John Chaney from Seattle, whose talk on the historic Pioneer Square district will draw some interesting parallels and differences.

16 July picnic

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BABIES COTTAGE new Cottage Hospice Campaign (to be located in the soon to be restored building in Burrard View Park.)

As part of their fund raising campaign, join the group for the "Eyewear Trunk Show" at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club, 1630 West 15 Ave on **Friday June 13th from 6.00 to 9.00pm**. Raffle prizes, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

\$10.- donation is appreciated. (A \$10.- donation puts a shingle on the roof) - Call St. James Community Service Soc. 606 0300 or/fax 606 0309 for further information etc.

ANNUAL HISTORY OF NURSING Convention

June 13 & 14 at St. Paul's Hospital. Events include:
GRAND DINNER Friday June 13 at 7.00 pm
at Sheraton Wall Hotel, across from the hospital.
Tickets: \$60 includes taxes and gratuities
Evening includes **Ivan Sayer's**
"Parade of Historic Costumes of Nurses" 1860 - 1950.
Call Jackie Ratzlaff at 521 0290.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL EVENSONG SERVICE

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

At the Heritage Vancouver board meeting this month, we were pleased to welcome Councillor Alan Herbert and to discuss signage with him. The principal topics were:

- a) the *Bowmac sign* (mutual congratulations for the successful negotiation of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement which will see the sign preserved for 20 years),
- b) the *Hoho sign*, which came down on Monday, June 16th in the pouring rain. Hopes are to find a tenant for the building who can be persuaded to take the sign back. Meanwhile, it is in Richmond, going to be restored.

At our regular meeting, we heard about the parallel historic districts of Gastown and Pioneer Square from Jeanette Hlavach and John Chaney. It is becoming more difficult to deal with our great speakers and their programs in the short time period available. Gastown and Pioneer Square could, very comfortably, take up an all-day workshop, both being meaty, multifaceted topics. Perhaps the Heritage Conservation Foundation could do something along those lines when they get their workshop ideas up and running. Our thanks to both Jeanette and John for a super evening.

Meanwhile, plans are afoot to develop the two empty lots adjacent to the *Malkin Warehouse building* at 55 Water Street, a *Parr and Fee building*, built in 1907 (west half) and 1912 (east half). The two empty lots present a tempting proposition for a developer. Gastown as a historic district and what that entails, was the main topic of Heritage Planner Jeanette Hlavach's talk at HV. Members should now be better informed to deal with the complex issues of the proposal as it comes forward. It's going to be controversial.

The Heritage Society of B.C.'s conference in Nelson was the *away from Vancouver* highlight of the year. Uninhabited gold towns, Japanese deportation sites and spectacular scenery provided fascinating sites, interesting people and topics. Whilst there, I had the honour of collecting two

awards on behalf of the following:

AWARD OF HONOUR for our own very favourite diner, *The Templeton Restaurant*. (Meanwhile, back in Vancouver, Tamara Good and Stephanie Clarke were busy *en situ*, dressed in fifties outfits, serving champagne breakfasts to the Art Deco visitors. I was given glowing reports on my return and felt very sorry the two events happened simultaneously.)

AWARD OF HONOUR to the Volunteers who work at *Arthur Erikson's Home and Garden*. Accepting this award on their behalf gave me the opportunity to publicly recognise the single-handed dedication and vision of Elizabeth Watt. It was she who first discovered the property for sale and fought long and hard to raise awareness, win community commitment and financial support. Her name must always remain very clearly associated with the preservation of this property.

Summer is coming and we are gearing up for a busy fall. See you at the picnic - the Museum will be open rain or shine.

Jo Scott-B

Friends of the Old Hastings Mill Store "Museum"

Would you like to get involved in the museum where the monthly Heritage Vancouver meetings are held? Perhaps you would like to volunteer to give tours to visitors, work with the artifacts, or collect oral histories? Some interested people are going to get together *Wednesday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum (1575 Alma Street)* to share ideas. Bring your enthusiasm and input! Contact Susanna Houwen at 734-2933 for more information, or come to the HV picnic on July 16.

Heritage Vancouver
is seeking another volunteer
to provide archival assistance,
clipping heritage-related
items from *The Province*
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Georgia Medical
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Upcoming Events

Clayburn Village Heritage Day - Sunday, July 20, 1:00-5:30 p.m., featuring walking tours of this Heritage Conservation Area, old-fashioned entertainment, and a presentation by the B.C. Governor of Heritage Canada, *Michael Kluckner*. (Take Hwy. 1 east to Abbotsford, Hwy. 11 towards Mission, and then the Clayburn Road.)

The Powell Street Festival, Canada's largest celebration of Japanese Canadian art, history and culture is back on *Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3 (B.C. Day long weekend) at Oppenheimer Park*, 400-block Powell Street, Vancouver. This year's theme is *My Voice to Yours: From Generation to Generation*, acknowledging and celebrating the spirit of communication between generations. In addition to the traditional singing, dancing & drumming events, there will be panel discussions, video/film screenings; displays featuring ikebana, sumi-e, shodo and bonsai; and demonstrations by martial arts groups and healing arts practitioners. Don't miss the Japanese Tea Ceremony or the community food booth selling takoyaki. For information contact *Michael Ouchi* at 739-9388, by fax at 732-4417, or check out their web site at <http://www.shinnova.com/powellstfestival>.

We will be hosting the **Seattle Exchange** on *Saturday, September 13*. HV will be organizing tours for our Seattle visitors and there will be an opportunity for our members to join in. The return tour to Seattle will take place the following weekend on *Saturday, September 20*. Members will have to pre-book for the exchange but will need to make their own arrangements for travel to Seattle. More details will be available in the August newsletter.

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NEWSLETTER

August 1997

Volume 6 Number 8

President's Column

On Thursday, July 31st, the Mole Hill Working Group's *Concept Plan Option* was presented to Council. The vision would retain all the houses with heritage protection, preserving the diverse community intact. The transfer of density is worth \$6-8 million.

Two *Staff Options* do their very best to upstage the hard work and almost unanimous consensus achieved by the diverse participants. The first staff option proposes demolition of two buildings and sells individual lots with 99-year leases. The second option proposes the demolition and sale of even more buildings, while also allowing infill. Our concern with these two staff options is that the integrity of the block as a whole will be lost with an added 30,000 square feet of new construction.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the speakers for making excellent presentations which reflected well upon the Working Group's cohesion and ways of problem-solving through dialogue and empathy to understanding of other people's positions. The Working Group represents many diverse interests which the *Concept Plan* addresses. Staff has an opportunity to build upon this positive, innovative approach and stop talking about bare land values. This is no longer a bare land asset, it has moved far beyond that issue.

As Blair Petrie eloquently pointed out, Mole Hill has moved from being a neighbourhood site studied by the City of Vancouver to a subject of interest in the province, country and now to international delegates on historic preservation.

We sat in Council Chambers for five hours. There were 34 speakers; only staff members and the Planning Commission endorsed the staff's proposal. Council has wisely deferred their decision until *they could think things over*. We are hoping for the best and plan to be there for the deciding session in September.

HV must offer personal thanks to Don Luxton for all his time, not only representing HV in meetings, but

also donating his time in a professional capacity. If this site is saved, we all will owe it to the Working Group for their tireless devotion and hard work.

Watching this process go through endless review, hours of discussion, years of deferral, has given me yet another reason not to ever run for public office. Council deserves credit and thanks for listening patiently and with attention (in particular, Councillor Chivario asked many intelligent, constructive questions).



In July, I had the great pleasure of attending a reception at The Templeton to pass on their award from the HSBC. It was a most congenial event, with John Atkin doing the honours for HSBC, while I presided for HV, having accepted the award on behalf of Stephanie and Tamara in Nelson. The Templeton plans to have a *Heritage Bulletin Board* and have a monthly information focus, featuring the HV newsletter. They announced plans to publish a calendar featuring Vancouver diners, with the proceeds to benefit HV. Stephanie has been working hard on this one - maybe too hard, as she has been recently ill and we wish her good health first, heritage next. These two women have achieved so much that being a part of recognizing their diligence has been a great, inspiring pleasure for me.

(I had hoped to welcome Michael Benson and Leah Holman back from Ottawa this summer, but they have been delayed...so: no wedding gifts unless you collect personally.)

Jo Scott-B

So long, farewell, it's sad to see you go...

Heritage Vancouver would like extend many thanks to Nancy Byrtus, who has acted as Chair of the Speaker's Program for the past two years. She is moving on - far away, to Boston, Massachusetts. Nancy has done an excellent job with the Speaker's Program and has contributed mightily to HV - we are sorry to see her go. Best wishes from all of us.

Lions Gate Bridge Update

There is a new tight timeframe for the decision-making process on this issue. HV's official position supports retention and repair of the bridge. HV will shortly be forming a new committee to continue work on this issue beginning in September -- would interested parties please make themselves known by calling HV.

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Official Notice of the Annual General Meeting

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Elections to the Board of Directors will take place, including the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary. Only paid-up members may vote.

Memberships will be due for next year!

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The **return tour to Seattle** will take place the following weekend on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:00-4:00**. Morning activities include a walking tour of the Pioneer Square Historic District and the Metropolitan Tract, as well as a slide presentation on Seattle's role in the Klondike Gold Rush. In the afternoon a bus tour of Seattle's diverse neighbourhoods and some of its architectural landmarks in Capital Hill, Queen Anne Hill and the University of Washington will take place. Members will also have a chance to have a brief look at the exhibit featured at the SAF Gallery, *Blueprints: 100 Years of Seattle Architecture*. Cost is also \$50US and includes lunch. Please call HV (254-9411) to reserve your place - we have a maximum capacity of 22 people, so reserve your spot quickly. Members will need to make their own arrangements for travel to Seattle.

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President's Column

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Candidates for the Board of Directors

Elections to the Board of Directors will be at the AGM of Heritage Vancouver on Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 pm. We are seeking individuals interested in becoming more involved with the ongoing work of Heritage Vancouver, who would like to play a more active role by serving on the Board of Directors. Please contact Dominique, who is leading the Nominating Committee, at 731-0716 for more information. We are also considering expanding the Board to include representatives from the Architectural Institute of BC and the Planning Institute of BC.

Seattle Exchange with the Seattle Architectural Foundation

We will be hosting the first portion of the exchange with the Seattle Architectural Foundation on *Saturday, September 13*. HV will lead a morning walking tour downtown, featuring the Art Gallery Courthouse, the Marine Building, Christ Church Cathedral, and the Sinclair Centre, among other buildings. In the afternoon, there will be a bus tour of Gastown, Chinatown, Yaletown, False Creek and Shaughnessy. The afternoon will wind up with a tea & tour at Roedde House Museum in the West End. HV members are invited to attend if space is available - cost will be \$50U.S. for the day. Please contact HV if you are interested and we will add your name to our waiting list.

The return tour to Seattle will take place the following weekend on *Saturday, September 20*, from 9:00-4:00. Morning activities provided by the Seattle Architectural Foundation include a walking tour of the Pioneer Square Historic District and the Metropolitan Tract, as well as a slide presentation on Seattle's role in the Klondike Gold Rush. The afternoon features a bus tour of Seattle's diverse neighbourhoods and some of its architectural landmarks on Capital Hill, Queen Anne Hill and the

University of Washington. Members will also have a chance to view the exhibit currently featured at the SAF Gallery, *Blueprints: 100 Years of Seattle Architecture*. Cost is also \$50U.S. and includes lunch. *Please call HV (254-9411) to reserve your place - there are still several spots available.* Members will need to make their own arrangements for travel to Seattle.

Hallowe'en Bus Tour Volunteers Wanted

This is an appeal to those Hallowe'en lovers among you with a slightly theatrical bent! The haunted bus tours, our biggest fundraising event of the year, will happen again this year in cooperation with the Vancouver Museum. Tours will be conducted *twice* nightly from October 16-November 2. Volunteers are needed to act as tour guides - we will train people so that they can embellish their presentations with a little drama, instead of simply reading a script! As well, we require volunteers to act as navigators to help the bus drivers negotiate the tour route in coordination with the guide's presentation. Please call HV at 254-9411 and leave your name & number if you are willing to help out.

Restoration of Hastings Park

The restoration of Hastings Park will start in October. The scaled model of the future park will be on display during the month of September at the Hastings Community Centre, 3096 East Hastings Street. The PNE will remain on the site while the first phase is constructed. Phase I involves the creation of *the sanctuary* - a 10-acre area for quiet leisure, including a pond, marsh and woodland. Its construction will require the removal of the BC Pavilion, the Food Building, Showmart and two display barns.

There are also plans for the *greening* of the park in the spring of 1998 with the planting of trees in an on-site nursery. These trees will eventually be incorporated into the park as it takes shape over the years. The Park Board hopes to plant 2000 trees by the year 2000. For more information contact Michel Desrochers at the Vancouver Park Board: phone 257-8402 or fax 257-8427 e-mail michel_desrochers@city.vancouver.bc.ca website <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca>.

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MODERNISM GOES TO SCHOOL
Sherry McKay from the UBC Department of Architecture will talk about modern architecture at UBC. Her talk will serve as a preview to her walking tour of the UBC Campus on Saturday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. These two events are scheduled as warm-ups to the *New Spirit Exhibition* at the VAG in November. (See *Current Events* for details regarding the walking tour and the *New Spirit Exhibition*.)

15 October

ART DECO THEATRES (& ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) Don Luxton, Architect and head of Don Luxton & Associates and fearless organizer of the recent Art Deco World Congress events in Vancouver, will be speaking about Art Deco Theatres in Los Angeles and Vancouver, following HV's AGM.



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Upcoming Events



Saturday, September 13

HV will be hosting the **Seattle Exchange** with the Seattle Architectural Foundation.

Wednesday, September 17, 7-9 pm

Book launch of *Bridges of Light, Otto Landauer of Leonard Frank Photos, 1945-1980*, by Cyril E. Leonoff, at the City of Vancouver Archives, 1150 Chesnut Street. R.S.V.P. to Talonbooks by September 12 at 444-4889.

Friday, September 19, 7:30 pm

As part of the **North Shore Heritage Weekend**, Trevor Holgate, of the District of North Vancouver, and Marco D'Agostini, Heritage Planner for the City of Vancouver, will be conducting a joint presentation on modern buildings and their respective heritage programs. The talk will take place at Municipal Hall in West Vancouver.

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Saturday, September 27, 1 pm

Modernism Goes to School - A Walking Tour of UBC's Modern Architecture conducted by Sherry McKay from the UBC Department of Architecture. Cost is \$8 for HV members, \$10 for non-members. Call HV to register for the tour at 254-9411.

Monday, October 20 & Thursday, October 23, 7 pm

Historic lighting expert, Robert McNutt, gives tours of the restoration of his apartment located at The Wenonah, 2703 Main Street (at 11th). For Robert, home sweet home features fir Arts & Crafts furniture, nickel-plated hardware, an operational Murphy bed, ice box, stained glass windows...Call HV to register for the tours at 254-9411. Cost is \$8 for HV members, \$10 for non members.

October 16-November 2

Hallowe'en Bus Tours will be happening again this year, twice nightly from *October 16-November 2*, presented by HV and the Vancouver Museum. More details will be available in the October newsletter.

November 6-January 16

The New Spirit Exhibition - A modern architecture exhibit from Montreal at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Affiliated events will include a partnership with the districts of West Vancouver and North Vancouver to plan events to take place during three weekends in November, including a bus tour of sacred places in both of the districts. HV will also be partnering with DOCOMOMO to do a series of walking tours of Vancouver's modern buildings.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is HV's year end which means taking time out for assessment. Along with the Vancouver Heritage Commission, the **Vancouver Heritage Conservation Foundation** is finally becoming a relevant player. With the Foundation finally assuming a role, HV can clearly complete the triangle in our mandate of advocacy and education. **On our recent trip to Seattle**, hosted by the Seattle Architectural Foundation, it was pointed out to me that Seattle now needs a group like HV. I see partnership opportunities developing with the Vancouver Heritage Conservation Foundation (which presently must focus on fund-raising versus granting). Our recent and most successful exchange with Seattle has shown an ideal *heritage awareness* program opportunity for to help in developing for Vancouver. **Thanks to John Atkin, Keith Jacobsen and Maurice Guibord** for contributing to the Vancouver end of the exchange's success; and to Larry Kreisman and everyone who generously opened their homes to us in Seattle.

We are participating in the VAG's "**The New Spirit**" exhibition programs by running a series of tours (see "*Upcoming Events*"). These tours are aimed at a new audience and happen thanks to strong support from partner groups, including DOCOMOMO and West Vancouver Museum and Archives and North Vancouver Heritage Commission - and not least the guides who give generously of their time to help profile the importance of heritage issues in this city.

The Lions Gate Bridge is next. We are in the process of planning a public forum with local and provincial politicians, preservation advocates and various others, including those in favour of a new crossing. The debate is timed for the period immediately following the province's call for private, self-funded crossing proposals, coinciding with the VAG "New Spirit" opening because the bridge neatly fits the exhibition period: 1938-1963.

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Cost: \$8.- members, \$10.- non-members.

You MUST pre-book, space is very limited.

Payment must be received by Oct. Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 11 - 2 pm
Please join the Native Daughters at the Hastings Mill Museum for their annual fund raising old fashioned tea and sale. There will be raffles, door prizes, excellent baked goods and an art display and craft sale. Everyone welcome. Tickets \$5.- at the door. Please support our meeting place!
Call Susanna Houwen for information: 734 2933

October 25, 2 to 4 pm
Historic Seattle Arts & Crafts Guild present:
"Creating in Context: Gustav Stickley and the Craftsman Workshops" with David Cathers and "Stickley Reproduction Furniture" with Michael Puhalski - Tickets US\$20. non-members
Tickets and info: (206) 622-6952

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Sunday, November 9, 9-5 pm
"The New Spirit" Symposium

Robson Square, Judge MacGill Theatre
A full slate of guest speakers, including Phyllis Lambert, Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe and Sherry McKay

For information and tickets, call the VAG: 662 4717
cost \$40.-/\$20.- seniors, students and underwaged.

3 Saturdays: November 8, 15 & 29
10 am

"The New Spirit" tours with HV:
"Sacred Spaces" bus tours:

November 8, North Shore with Don Luxton
November 15, 1948 Fagel twin coach, Vancouver sites with Don Luxton

November 29, UBC Campus with Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe and Sherry McKay in 1948 Trolley bus

All tours, \$40.-, (includes tour of exhibition and brown bag lunch) starting at 10 am
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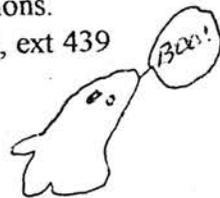
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Hallowe'en Bus Tours.
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departing nightly at 7 pm and 9 pm.

Twice nightly, from the Vancouver Museum, with new favourite hauntings and surprises, ghosted together by Maurice Guibord,. For further information, please call the Vancouver Museum at 736 4431, ext. 390.

HV fund raiser. Please help Maurice on the buses navigating or guiding. Call him at: **253 9311**



Upcoming at Council:

Mole Hill goes to Council Tuesday October 7th at 2 pm
This is an important decision which we are all awaiting.

The Community Column

This space is reserved for members of the community who wish to express concerns or viewpoints regarding heritage. This month, we welcome John Olifant and Christopher Millward on the topic of the demolition of three and four storey walk-ups in South Granville. This has been of concern to many of us for some time.

Two character/heritage buildings containing 27 affordable rental accommodation suites in the South Granville area are presently slated for demolition and replacement with a 12 storey condominium tower. Residents of the buildings are protesting the loss of yet more character buildings in Vancouver.

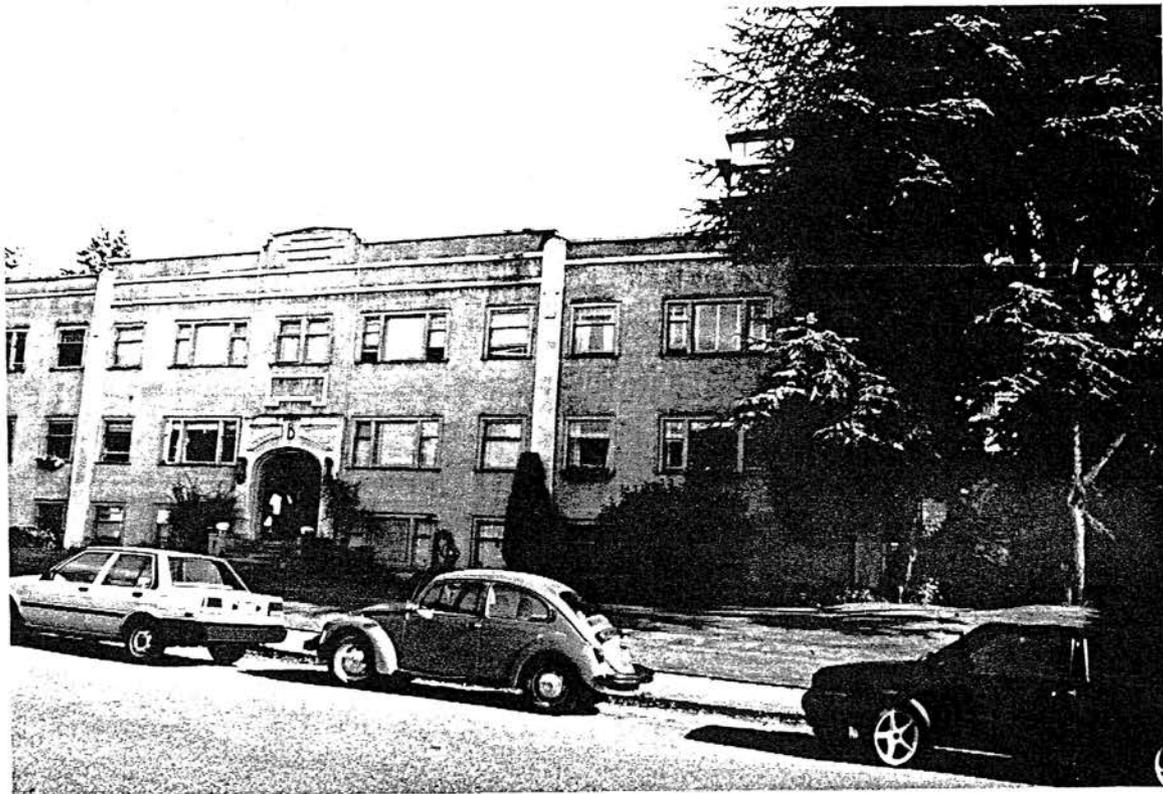
The Banfield, at 1316 West 11th avenue (11th and Birch), a three storey art Deco apartment block, was constructed in 1938 and is named after Vancouver pioneer John Joseph Banfield. The Rose

Court apartment house next door at 1336 West 11th was built in 1912.

The developer's planning proposal is now before the city's Planning Department and a decision is imminent. If you have an interest in preserving these two character buildings, are concerned with what a 12 storey tower will do to a city block composed entirely of three storey walk-ups and the continuing "towerization" of South Granville, you are encouraged to write a letter to

John Greer,
Plan Checking Technician
Planning Department
City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V5Y 1V4

Fax no: 873-7060.



PANEL DISCUSSION

**HERITAGE
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LIONS GATE BRIDGE: rusty relic or civic symbol?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1997

12:00 NOON TO 2:00 PM

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY AT HARBOUR CENTRE
515 WEST HASTINGS, VANCOUVER

FOR INFORMATION, call JAN THOMAS (HSBC) at (604) 582-1332

Panel members include Pat Boname, Mayor West Vancouver; Arthur Erikson, & Don Luxton .
Admission fee is \$25. A light lunch will be served. Seating is limited.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

* On Tuesday, October 28th, Council's decision on **Mole Hill** included saving all listed houses: (no demolition or moving), reflecting the huge change in attitude which has taken place over the past five years. Mole Hill now moves on to the next planning stage. Creative alternatives must be found to Council's proposal to allow change, movement and demolition (of two) of the other houses; *In-fill* for the lanes will need very careful supervision. Council has given strong support to generating money from this block; the *mixed community* was discussed at length. Present tenants will continue to be accommodated on site, though in different suites as *renovations* proceed. HV has concerns about original interior features, presently unprotected, and the level of exterior restoration and protection to these buildings.

* I am pleased to note **Duncan Wilson** quickly agreed to attend the business portion of HV's November meeting. Here's an opportunity for you to discuss heritage buildings on Vancouver Park Board land, with an elected official, who campaigned on a heritage platform.

*At HV's AGM, a new slate of directors were elected. (Please see page 4). I wish to publicly thank retiring board members **Denise and Ray Baynes, Maurice Guibord and Jim Lowe** for their tireless efforts. Jim continues to work on membership and Maurice is working twenty hour days at this moment: Hallowe'en tours are in full swing.

***Hastings Mill** held their annual tea in October. The Native Daughters expend energy (+ money) to produce tea but scant publicity puts patronage back to the Native Daughters. The Friends of Hastings Mill must revitalize for the future of this museum. Call HV or Susanna Houwen if you would like to help.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Susanne Osmond has a baby boy Oliver, born October 3rd 1997
*This month's newsletter is prepared by
Dominique Pilon and Jo Scott-B*

SPEAKERS PROGRAM 19 NOVEMBER

Please note that **Duncan Wilson**, Chair of the Vancouver Park Board, has accepted an invitation to attend our 7:30 pm business meeting. We shall talk about the Food Building (see page 3).

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21 JANUARY

Robert Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, and stained glass expert, will speak about stained glass in Vancouver and Canada



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Modern Architecture in Vancouver, 1938-1963

OPENING RECEPTION

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Each tour: \$40 (includes bus ride, church interiors, entrance to *The New Spirit* exhibition and brown bag lunch) starting at 10:00 am. Please book through VAG at 662-4700, ext.439

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Upcoming events

Friday, November 7, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, the Heritage Society of British Columbia presents *From Hedgerows to Highrises*, a day long conference to explore some current issues in heritage conservation. As part of the day, Heritage Vancouver is putting on the lunch time presentation *Lions Gate Bridge: Rusty Relic or Civic Symbol*. (See page 4 for lunchtime details). Full registration is \$55 for the day. For information call 582-1332

- **The Vancouver Historical Society:**

Wednesday, November 26, 7:30 pm
Peter Trower speaking on *1950's life in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver*. Poet, novelist and ex-logger, Peter Trower will share his gritty stories about the inner city jungle.

Wednesday, January 28, 7:30 pm

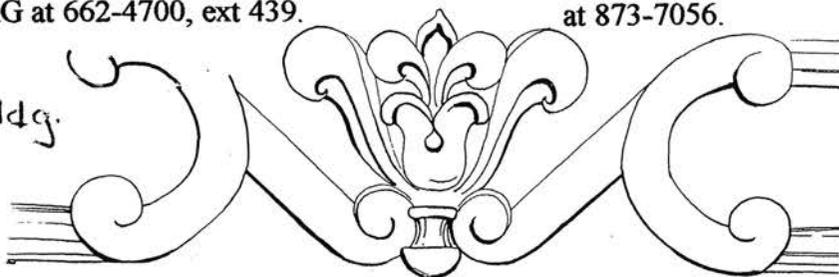
John Cherrington speaking on his recent book: *Vancouver at the Dawn: A Turn-of-the Century Portrait*, a compelling account of daily life in Vancouver, circa 1900.

Vancouver Historical Society meetings are held in the Whittick Lounge, Vancouver Museum, 1100 Chestnut St. Admission is free

Monday, January 12, 1998, 2:00 pm - As a follow-up to last month's **Community Column**, John Oliphant informs us that the Banfield - a three storey Art Deco apartment block - will be reviewed by the Development Permit Board of the City of Vancouver. Speakers can register at City Hall or call John Oliphant: 732 5600 or Chris Millward: 738 4436 .

Mid-January 1998 - Deadline for the 1998 City of Vancouver Heritage Award nominations.. It is time acknowledge and celebrate heritage restorations, new development involving heritage, favorite crafts people and advocates. Call HV at 254-9411 or Heritage Planner Marco D'Agostini at 873-7056.

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THE PURE FOOD BUILDING H.H. SIMMONDS, ARCHITECT, 1931 VANCOUVER HERITAGE REGISTER - B-LISTED

The controversy over the redevelopment of Hastings Park continues. The Parks Board has shown little sensitivity to the heritage issues at this site. Hastings Park has a long and illustrious history, dating back to 1888, when 160 acres of dense forest was granted to the City. The land was cleared for use as athletic grounds, and in 1909, the Exhibition Building, the first permanent building on the site, was opened. In the 1920s and 1930s the original wooden buildings on the site were gradually replaced with fireproof concrete structures in a consistent Streamline Moderne style, which remain today as the main architectural legacy of the Fair - one of Western Canada's finest and most consistent groupings of buildings of this style.

Following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour, a decision is made to evacuate citizens of Japanese descent from the Canadian coast. Hastings Park was chosen as the Processing Centre, and during the summer of 1942 over 8,000 Japanese-Canadians were interned in the Livestock Building (The Women and Children's Dormitory) and the Food Building (The Men's

Dormitory). Once the evacuation was complete, the Federal Government retained control of the site, and used it for military purposes for the rest of the war.

There are four buildings on the site listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register - and one of these four, the Food Building, is slated for demolition.

There is no apparent reason for this demolition, other than to clear the site for some future, unknown use! The Board of Parks & Recreation seems determined to destroy this building.

The Canadian Art Deco Society and Heritage Vancouver support the retention and adaptive re-use of the Food Building at the Pacific National Exhibition site because:

The Pure Food Building is:

- * Listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register;
- * An excellent example of the Art Deco style;
- * One of a similar group of buildings that survive the era between the two World Wars;
- * Provides a significant legacy of the military use of the site during wartime;
- * Provides a natural buffer from the heavy traffic at the perimeter of the site;
- * A concrete building with a steel truss roof that can be easily adapted to another use.

There is no apparent need to demolish this building -

please write in support of its preservation to:
Mayor Philip Owen and Vancouver City Council
453 West 12th Avenue
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- * Support the conservation of the heritage that we have inherited
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- * Collect document and preserve records of heritage structures landscapes and urban design

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THE SECOND LOWER MAINLAND REGIONAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE
AT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY AT HARBOUR CENTRE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997



The *Heritage Society of British Columbia* with the participation of the *City Program at SFU* and *Heritage Vancouver* presents a day long conference to explore some current issues in heritage conservation.

The Program

- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**
- 9:15 - 10:30 **How are we going to sustain the city if there ain't no food?**
Herb Barbolet of Farm Folk City Folk looks at what happens if our farmland disappears.
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Zoning as a DesignTool?**
The regulations can be written but how will they be used? Bob McGillvray from the City of Vancouver Planning Department looks at the recent RS-5/RS-6 zoning and the buildings built so far.
- 12:00 - 2:00 **Special Lunchtime presentation:**
Lions Gate Bridge: Rusty Relic of Civic Symbol
Join Arthur Erickson, West Vancouver Mayor Pat Boname, and Don Luxton of the Canadian Art Deco Society for a lively discussion over the future of the bridge.
- 2:00 - 3:30 **Preserving the Modern Movement**
Modern architecture is worth preserving. Take a look at Vancouver's Recent Landmarks and the international efforts of DOCOMOMO.
The Vancouver Art Gallery's new show *The New Spirit: Modern Architecture in Vancouver 1938-1963* opens this evening. Invitations are included with the registration package.
- 3:30 - 3:45 **Closing Remarks**

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Full registration \$55.00

Lunch only \$25.00

Please send cheque or money order to:
Heritage Society of BC
660 Michigan Street, Victoria, BC,
V8V 4Y7

For more information call:
(604) 582-1332 or (250) 384-4840.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*When Duncan Wilson changed the date of his meeting with HV from November to January (because of conflicting engagements), I was unaware **the demolition permit application for the Food Building**, submitted on November 12 by the Park Board, would have been due to be issued by early January. However, the demolition is not yet a done deal. Stay tuned. On December 1, the VHC meeting resolved that the demolition of a listed Heritage building must be justified by a replacement being of greater value than the heritage building being lost. This position, now being taken with private developers, must be followed by the City with its own heritage buildings.

*We regret **the loss of the Canron building** on the south shore of False Creek. Soil contamination was cited as the main reason for removing this spectacular industrial heritage building which was unlisted. Soil tests revealed extensive contamination which once discovered had to be quickly removed. The site is on the 1998 Indy Track (construction starts April 30). **Please let us revisit the heritage register.** As plans move forward for the South False Creek industrial lands we are once again faced with loss of significant structures because they are not listed. When the inventory was done in the mid 80s, industrial buildings were not surveyed in depth, but we now recognize their significance.

*Congratulations to the owners of the **Queen Charlotte Apartments**, on Nicola Street in the West End, for designating their building.

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Jo Scott-B

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1575 Alma Street
Speakers Program begins at 8:30 p.m.
Non-members are welcome by donation.

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SPEAKERS PROGRAM

17 DECEMBER

OPEN SLIDE PROJECTOR

Bring up to ten slides of your favourite topic or issue and please join us for a relaxed evening. This is a chance to tell us about yourself and meet fellow members. Past sessions have led to some interesting new discoveries. An evening not to be missed.

21 JANUARY - Commissioner

DUNCAN WILSON, Chair of the **Vancouver Park Board**, during the Business Section of this meeting at 7.30 pm, to discuss the **Pure Food Building** on the Hastings Park site. At 8:30 pm, **TAMMIE TUPECHKA** of the **Institute for Humanities** at SFU will speak about the project *Stories of Our Own Backyard*, which is recording and mapping the Grandview Woodlands area. There will be copies of the book for sale.

(Please note that contrary to previous scheduling, **Robert Watt**, Chief Herald of Canada, is unable to attend the January meeting due to a conflict. He will be speaking later in the year.)

18 FEBRUARY

SHANE O'DAE from **Heritage Canada** visits Vancouver. We are delighted to welcome this speaker, who lives in Retreat Cottage in Newfoundland, to entertain us with his special brand of humour and heritage.

The Community Column

This space is reserved for members of the community who wish to express concerns or viewpoints regarding heritage. This month, we reprint a letter from Jo Scott-B to the Vancouver Courier, about the Shaw House article on November 5th 1997. The house is one of the oldest in the area (Seventh and Ash) will be moved around the corner as part of a 12 storey mixed use development. The following letter reflects the position of the Board of Heritage Vancouver.

Dilapidated Shaw House to Become Heritage Icon? We Don't Think So!

On behalf of the membership of Heritage Vancouver, I am responding to the article "Landmark Gets New Lease on Life".

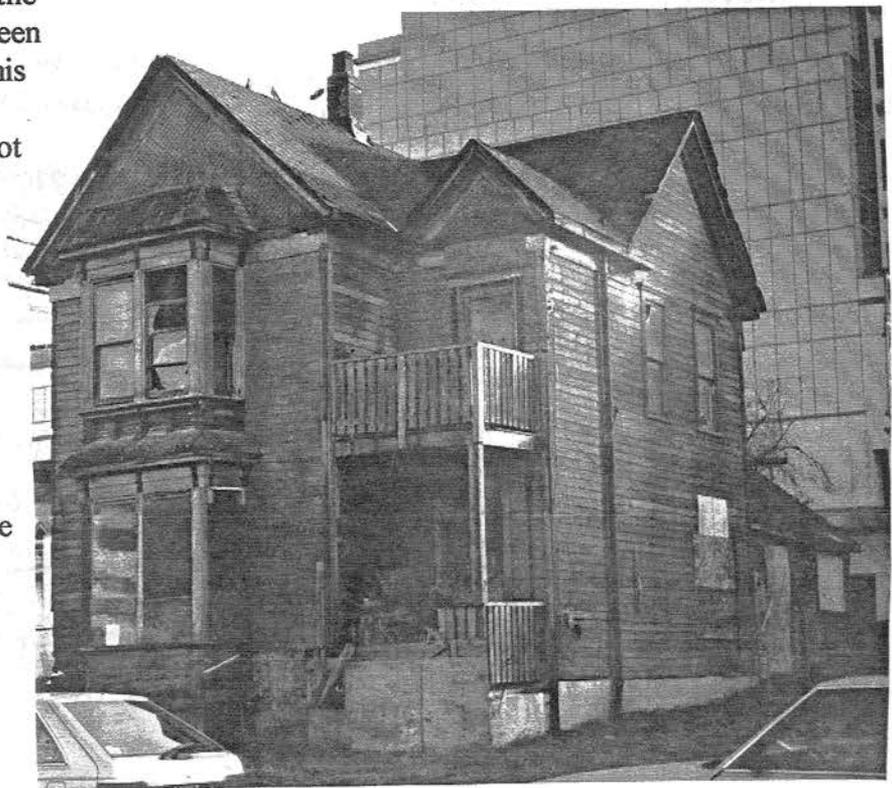
"Heritage" is a trendy word these days, and one that is constantly used out of context. Property developers use heritage as a marketing tool, conjuring up traditional values for their brand new projects. Much of this is laudable, as the development community has firmly embraced the value of heritage, and many of our significant historic buildings, which not so long ago would have been bulldozed, are now being incorporated sensitively into new developments.

In general, Heritage Vancouver supports the efforts of the development community in their attempts to preserve heritage buildings. The Shaw House development is one example where we did not.

Market-driven renovations, although well-intentioned, still need to be sensitive to issues of accuracy and authenticity. All too often, we have seen projects where heritage buildings have been stripped of all original material, and rebuilt in the name of "bringing them up to code". Many of the heritage projects in Kitsilano and Fairview have involved relocation, removal of all original material, and rebuilding with new products, often retaining only the stud walls and the original form of the structure.

The result is ersatz heritage - not a heritage icon which we can pass on to future generations. The Shaw House will be just one more example of the compromise of a historic building - there has been considerable debate as to the value of saving this building at all, as already it has been so compromised. Retention of this building will not involve authentic restoration. Heritage Vancouver did not support this project.

We need to recognize the importance to our community of careful, accurate heritage restoration. Our historic buildings are not just handy marketing tools, to be moved around if they are in the way, and rebuilt to become virtually brand-new structures. It is not good enough to save just a few sticks. This is not the meaning of "heritage".



HERITAGE VANCOUVER FUNDRAISER: 1998 CALENDARS

Upcoming events

Friday, January 9, 1998 - Deadline for nominations for the 1998 City of Vancouver Heritage Awards. It is time to acknowledge and celebrate heritage restorations, new development involving heritage, favorite crafts people and advocates. Call HV at 254-9411 or Heritage Planner Marco D'Agostini at 873-7056.

Monday, January 12, 1998, 2:00 pm - As a follow-up to the October Community Column, John Oliphant informs us that the Banfield - a three storey Art Deco apartment block - will be reviewed by the Development Permit Board of the City of Vancouver. Speakers can register at City Hall or call John Oliphant: 732-5600 or Chris Millward: 738-4436.

Wednesday, January 28, 7:30 pm
The Vancouver Historical Society
John Cherrington speaking on his recent book: *Vancouver at the Dawn: A Turn-of-the Century Portrait*, a compelling account of daily life in Vancouver, circa 1900. Vancouver Historical Society meetings are held in the Whittick Lounge, Vancouver Museum, 1100 Chestnut St. Admission is free.

Monday, February 16, 1998, 6:00 pm - **City of Vancouver Heritage Awards** at the Hotel Vancouver. Michael Kluckner is the keynote speaker.

August 1998. 50th anniversary of the start of **trolley bus** services in Vancouver. The Museum of Transportation and BC Transit are planning events with the 1947 and 1948 trolley buses. Stay tuned.

October 1-3, 1998. Heritage in the Big City. Heritage conference co-hosted by Heritage Canada, Heritage Society of British Columbia and the City of Vancouver.

Calendars feature paintings of heritage houses from Jo Scott-B's exhibitions. Calendars are \$5 and can be purchased at our monthly meeting, the Templeton Restaurant, 1087 Granville Street or, if you require 10 or more, we can deliver within the Vancouver area.



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PANEL DISCUSSION

LIONS GATE BRIDGE: rusty relic or civic symbol?

Thursday February 26th - 7 pm to 8.30 pm
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY AT HARBOUR CENTRE
515 WEST HASTINGS, VANCOUVER

Panel includes Pat Boname, Mayor West Vancouver; Arthur Erikson, & Don Luxton .
Admission is free. Seating is limited so please call to reserve.

Heritage Vancouver is a non-profit advocacy society whose mandate is to:

- * Encourage the study and understanding of heritage preservation with a local and regional perspective
- * Support the conservation of the heritage that we have inherited
- * Promote public awareness of heritage preservation through lectures, publications tours & newsletters
- * Collect document and preserve records of heritage structures landscapes and urban design

The officers of the Society are:

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