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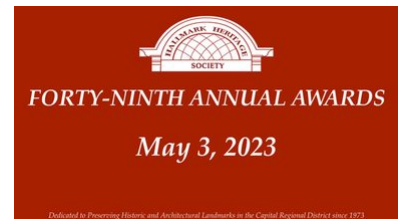
HALLMARK HERITAGE SOCIETY 49TH ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

On Wednesday, May 3rd, the Hallmark Heritage Society held its 49th Awards Night honouring the people and places that have worked so hard to ensure heritage preservation in Greater Victoria.

As this was the first “live” event coming out of COVID, the Society recognized Award winners from 2022 as well as those for 2023.

The evening commenced with an acknowledgement of those buildings which were recognized as having historic value and significance and were designated as heritage buildings by their municipal governments.

We then honoured two award winners from 2022; Charlotte Bowman for the rehabilitation of 1416 St. David Street and Dan Hagel, Chris Gower and Brian Kendrick for the rehabilitation of 1442 Elford Street.



1416 St David

deserved and started off with an Award of Merit to Tim Stemp and Harbinger Properties for the rehabilitation and construction of a sensitive addition to the house at 1139 Burdett Avenue.

1139 Burdett was designed by Architect John Gerhard Tiarks and built in 1892 for engineer Captain Arthur and Florence Scroggs. Owners from 1898 to 1908 were William and Annie Pinder. William, a civil engineer, surveyed for the CPR through BC and the E&N Railway for the Dunsmuir. The house underwent alterations and re-purposing prior to Tim Stemp acquiring it in 2018, converting the building to seven self-contained, 1-bedroom suites and restoring the exterior.



1442 Elford Street



1139 Burdett Avenue

An Award of Merit was presented to Jenny Nelson and Glenn Smith for the sensitive restoration of 1844 Hollywood Crescent.

Built in 1912 by E W Vinall this house was rented for \$15 per month from 1915 by Clifford and Margaret Bales who later purchased it. Clifford was an accountant. In 1925, their only child, Vivian, was born in the house. She continued to live here until 2013, when she went into care.

The roof, storm windows, seismic work and chimney restoration all received funding from the Victoria Heritage Foundation.



1844 Hollywood Crescent

An Award of Merit was presented to Bradley Cunnin for the sensitive rehabilitation of the house at 2251 Lydia Street.

The house was constructed in 1912 by builder Alfred Shaw and, for many years, was the home of University of Victoria librarian Jack O'Brien. Through Bradley's hard work, the

An Award of Merit was presented to Jim Lee and Murray Campbell for the citizen-led Robert Street Heritage Conservation Area.

After discussion with the City and Robert Street residents over several years, Jim Lee nominated a section of the street as a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). This makes external changes to existing house and new builds subject to certain criteria. The section contains 14 one-storey and 1½-storey houses. These include four homes built between 1888 and 1911 that are already designated heritage.

A number of others were built between 1939 and 1943, in minimal traditional style. Four of these agreed to accept registered heritage status. Six others, although included in the HCA, chose to not have heritage status.



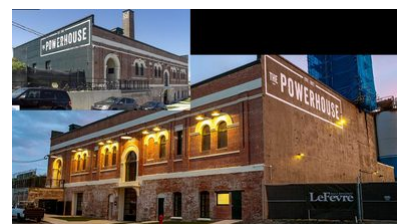
2251 Lydia Street



An Award of Merit was presented to Chris Le Fevre and the Le Fevre Group for the extensive restoration and repurposing of the Powerhouse - 2110 Store Street.

The Powerhouse was built in 1891 to the design of architect John Teague for the National Electric Tramway & Light Company. It was built to provide power to Victoria's streetcar system.

2110 Store Street received a Design Assistance Grant and Building Incentive Program as well as a Parapet Incentive Program Design Assistance Grant and Parapet Incentive Program funds from the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust.



2110 Store Street

An Award of Merit was presented to Chris Le Fevre and the Levre Group for the extensive restoration and repurposing of 502 Pe4mbroke Street.

Company, which was incorporated in 1860 and providing street lighting by 1862, the same year the City of Victoria was created.

The building was purchased from what was then BC Hydro in 2016 by Chris Le Fevre. Remediation began in 2021 and was completed in the Spring 2022.

502 Pembroke received a Design Assistance Grant and Building Incentive Program funds from the Victoria Civic Heritage Trust.



502 Pembroke Street

A Stewardship Award was presented to Dr. Stan Lee and all previous owners of 101-105 Menzies Street, “Menzies Apartments”, for their meticulous care and maintenance of this 1912 apartment building.

Designed by architect James Dahl of Seattle for James L. Jenks, proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel, the Menzies Apartments were built in 1912.

Each of the three front doors leads to four apartments, two up and two down, as they always have. Each apartment runs from the front of the building to the rear, with back porches.

A Communications award was presented to Bruce Davies, Curator and the Craigdarroch Castle historical Museum society for the detailed research and publication of “Craigdarroch Military Hospital; A Canadian War Story”.

This wonderfully detailed book began as research for development of a new third-floor gallery in the castle, highlighting its history as a military hospital 1919-20.

This book is dedicated to the patients and staff, men and women, of Canada’s military hospitals. The model developed for hospitals such



101 - 105 Menzies Street

government involvement. To date, no other publications on this subject have been produced by former Canadian military hospitals.



Craigdarroch Military Hospital- A Canadian War Story

A Hallmark Heritage Communication Award was awarded to Lotus Johnson for her enthusiastic research & Facebook Group “Victoria... Then”.

The term “dogged researcher” defines Lotus Johnson. She has access to many different archives on-line and finds the most amazing – sometimes peculiar – photos and articles about Victoria and area.

Her fascination and comprehension of local history and her ability as a speedy and accurate researcher has attracted over 6500 members to date. She answers requests from any and all, with long, detailed, and FAST responses. She is truly a font of local knowledge.



The coveted Mark Madoff Award was presented to Garth Mayhew, the last surviving founding member of the Hallmark Society, for a lifetime of dedication and advocacy for heritage preservation in Victoria.

In the early 1970s and from his living room of his heritage home on Fernwood Road, Garth has always been at the forefront of heritage preservation, being a tireless advocate and appearing before multiple Victoria Councils to urge the retention of historic buildings.

Garth has had a 50-year-long mission of heritage conservation that he continues to this day, serving on the Hallmark Board as recently as two years ago.



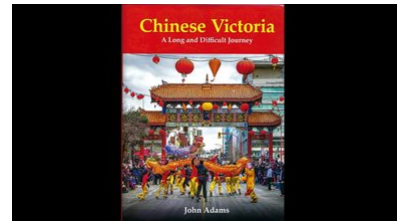
Garth Mayhew - A Life Membership

The final award of the evening, The Louis Award, with walnuts and brandy, was presented to John Adams for the monumental research, writing and production of “Chinese Victoria: A Long and Difficult Journey.”

from the gold-rush era to the present day. It describes how companies developed, the different types of commerce, and religious and fraternal organizations. Adams tells us about civic bylaws that had an impact on Chinatown's built environment and its social patterns, and racist federal and provincial taxes that restricted immigration and settlement.

One of the biggest features of John's book is that it is not just about the physical entity of Chinatown, it is about the people – their families and contribution to Greater Victoria.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL AWARDS NIGHT PRESENTATION](#)



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DO YOU DONATE TO HALLMARK?

Now is the time! Hallmark can win \$20,000 as part of a donation campaign. We get one entry for every \$1.00 pledged for pledges over \$10.00 during the month of June. Please click on the button to the left and show your support for Hallmark and heritage preservation.

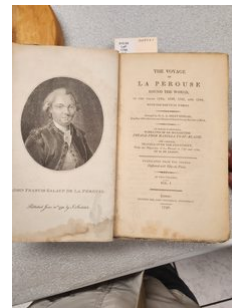
B.C. Collection.

I recently had the privilege of visiting the stored collection of the Maritime Museum of B.C. As we are all aware, while awaiting a more suitable space (the CPR Steamship Terminal), much of the museum's collection is in storage. From time to time the museum is conducting tours for members of this material which is stored deep in the basement of the building at 4100 Seymour Street in Saanich.

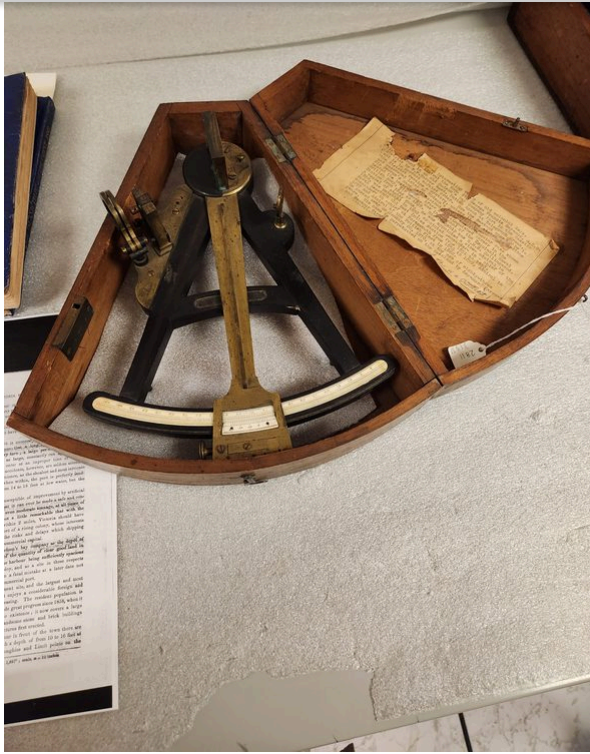
Last week I attended the tour and talk presented by Commodore Jan Drent. The Commodore showed copies of old diaries and spoke of their importance to researchers on the exploration of British Columbia, examples of charts and the work of the Royal Navy and Captain George Henry Richards. We saw navigation tools such as the quadrant and the sextant and, most interesting, a small globe called a "Star Globe" used to help locate the desired stars in the sky.



Commodore Jan Drent and tour at Maritime Museum storage facility



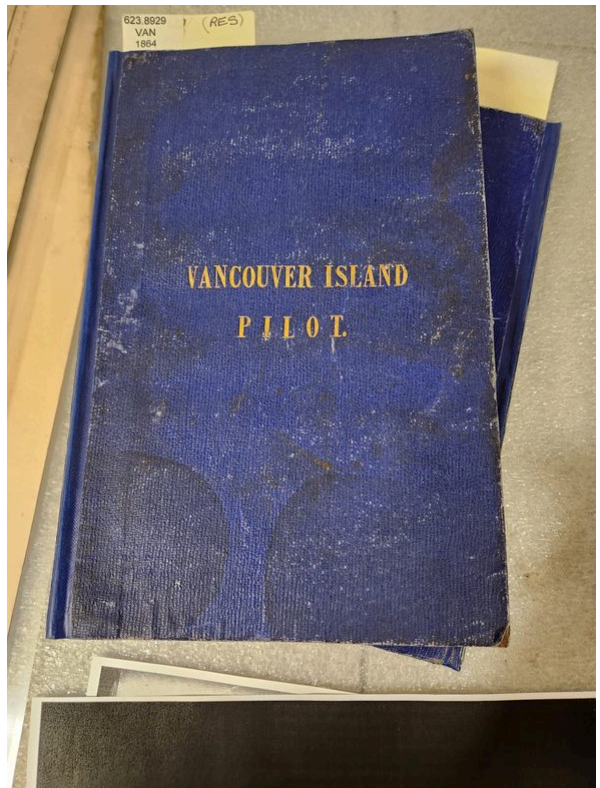
Copy of Historical Diary



Quadrant

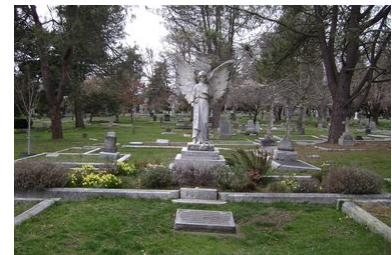


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SUMMERTIME DOINGS



**Starting on June 16th at
Wentworth Villa - the
John Di Castri
Retrospective -
Victoria's Mid-Century
Architect**

**Delight your visitors and
yourself. Take a tour
with John Adams. Learn
about the people and
places of early Victoria**

**Every Sunday afternoon -
an Old Cemetery Tour.
June 11: RBC.
United Empire Loyalist
(UEL) Descendants.
June 18: RBC.
Métis Connections.**

Di Castri
Retrospective

Discover the
Past

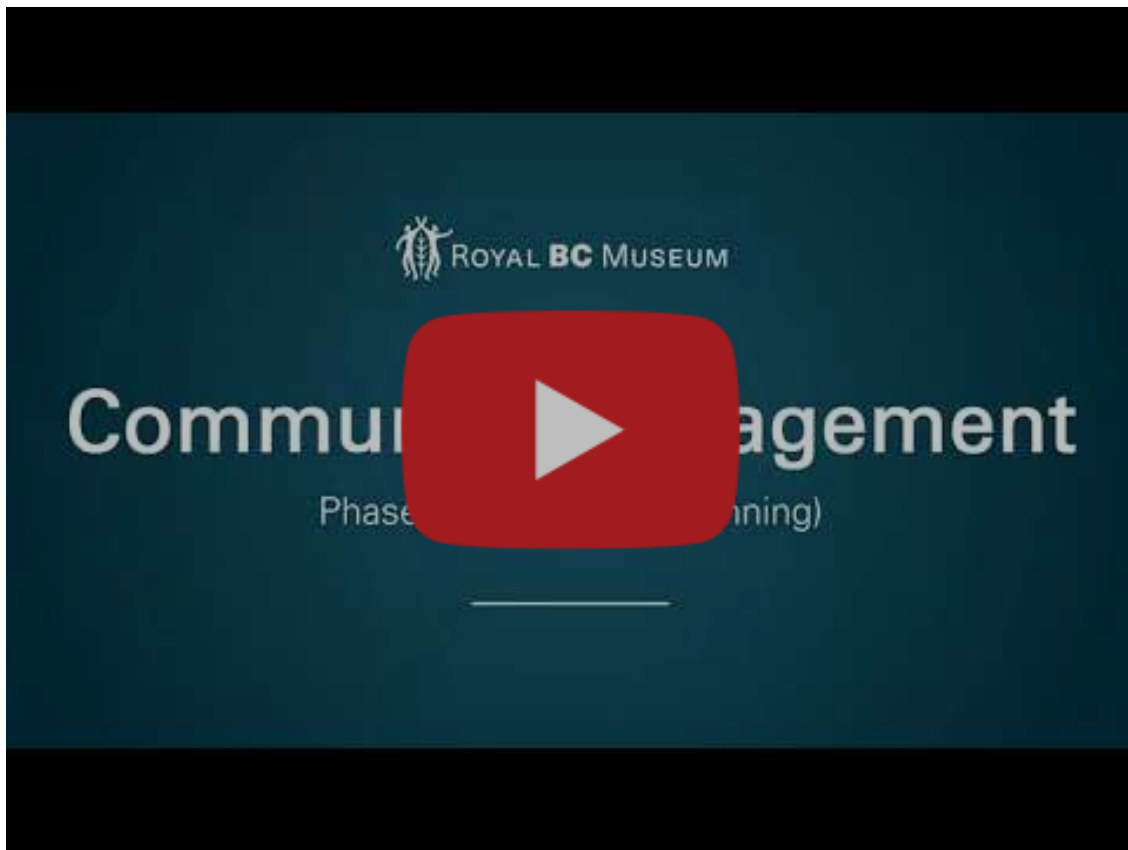
Old Cemetery
Society

ROYAL B.C. MUSEUM.

Wondering what's happening at the Royal B.C. Museum? The museum communications team has been touring the province and last week provided an update as to where they are in the

reopen on July 29th.

To view the YouTube video of last week's meeting click the button below.



Speaking of Old Town

Speaking of Old Town, we have the original right on our doorstep. The City of Victoria is deeply engaged in the planning process that will see significant changes to that stretch of Government Street from Humboldt Street, by the Empress and the new Customs Building, right up to Pandora where a new Chinatown Entrance Plaza is envisioned.

The process is one that is open to public input and, as we care about what frames the street, the historic buildings, we hope to have some future comments. In the meantime, spend an hour or so and listen to the Planning Department explain what the plan looks like. Check out the video from the morning meeting of May 18, 2023 Committee of the Whole. This [LINK](#) will take you to meeting. Fast forward to 1:23 (1 hour and 23 minutes) and the Government Street Refresh will begin.

developer. Is this building sympathetic to its surroundings? Does it meet the recommendations of the “[OLD TOWN DESIGN GUIDELINES](#)” for the design of new buildings in Old Town? If they construct a plaza below as an entrance to Chinatown, would this building be a complement? **Any suggestions?**



Proposed Building at 603 Pandora

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Is the Hallmark Heritage Society doing a good job advocating for heritage preservation in Greater Victoria?

Should the Society concentrate more on historic houses or on the historic buildings downtown? Where do you think the greatest risk lies?

Do you think we should be trying to influence the various municipal councils by going before them? By personal meetings with Council members? More letters to the Editors of the local press? More frequent communication with our membership and with those who, although they don't belong to Hallmark, share our values for heritage preservation?



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