



# THE HALLMARK SOCIETY

Dedicated to Preserving Historic and Architectural Landmarks

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## AWARDS NIGHT

On Monday, February 20, 1984, the Hallmark Society held the Annual Awards Night at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria where members and guests were warmly welcomed by Director of the Gallery, Patricia Bovey. We were very pleased to again hold Awards Night in the beautiful old Spencer mansion area of the Art Gallery. To Mrs. Bovey and her staff, many thanks for their generosity and cooperation. Special thanks to two members of the Gallery staff and their groups: Jenny Russell (organization of space and facilities) and Bea Wegren (catering), their cooperation and behind the scenes assistance made preparations for the evening almost easy.

Attendance at Awards Night totalled 221 persons--the largest group yet. City Hall officials and invited guests accounted for 97 (\$4.00 each paid by City Hall) and Hallmark Society guests (39) and paying members (85) accounted for the balance. All expenses for the evening were met--including some of the display costs, which will be a great help for future functions; the display panels, that is.

Hallmark Society President Diane Lupien opened the ceremonies, then introduced Don Wells, Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The first portion of the program was devoted to presentation of the City of Victoria Heritage Designation Plaques by His Worship Mayor Peter Pollen and Alderman Gretchen Brewin. Fifty plaques were presented to the proud recipients.

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Robert G. Rogers presented the Hallmark Society Awards to: Carl Rudolph--Special Award of Merit; Wakefield Construction for The Herald Building, 554 Herald Street--Commercial Award; St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish for the Bishop's Palace--Institutional Award; and Residential Awards to Grant Sheldrake for 1127 Fort Street; the Pollard Family for 1127 Fort Street; Deborah Greene and Humfrey Melling for 240 Memorial Crescent and Peter Walton for Trutch House, 601 Trutch Street.

## THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED

Thanks to Diane Lupien, Kerry Armour, Jennifer Barr and Colin Barr for general assistance with the displays; thanks to Philip Graham for the photographs of the Hallmark award winning buildings; Anne Tresize for calligraphy on awards certificates; Norm Spanos for his magnificent, well-organized displays; Anne-Marie Cibulak for research; Kerry Armour for photographs of buildings in the City of Victoria which have been designated since 1978; Miriam Litster for typing invitation letters and typing and producing the Programs; Rob Adams for liaison with the Lieutenant-Governor's office; Nickey Angus and Michael Halloran for calligraphy on name tags; Jim Lee, Marilyn Murphy and Bill Murphy for keeping the champagne flowing; Tom Pappajohn and Colin Barr for coat-checking services; Catherine Henderson, Miriam Litster, Katherine Bridge and Marie Letham for the sandwich and cake detail; Don Wells and Patti Newman for attending to the cash box and reservation list at the door; Catherine Henderson for flowers (arranged by Rob Adams); Members who donated such delectable goodies. (The surplus has been frozen and will re-appear at future General Meetings!) Thanks to the chief organizer of this event--Jennifer Barr, who kept track of a thousand and one details!

So much effort by so many people went into making this particular evening a great success, it is difficult to name them all, so to one and all a hearty "Thank You". Next year we hope to have less heat and more sound--p.a. system anyone?

## DISPLAYS AT CITY HALL

We are happy to announce that Norm Spanos's beautiful displays have been transferred to City Hall for display for the next several weeks, which will bring the name of THE HALLMARK SOCIETY and our endeavours to a wider section of the public. A special thanks to Brian Sikstrom and Marie Lethem of the City of Victoria City Hall staff for liaison in organizing the transfer of the displays.

Numerous compliments on the Awards Night displays were received. The displays featured photographs of the 1984 Awards Winners, photographs, drawings and research from several documentation projects, notably the Art Deco and Esquimalt Inventory projects. More of these displays are planned for the future. Anyone interested in helping out with display projects is invited to contact Norm Spanos at 595-7669 or 384-7176.

HERITAGE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

Current activities of this committee are to re-assess "A" and "B" listed houses on a neighbourhood by neighbourhood basis; recommend designation where justified; and present their recommendations to Victoria City Council who will advise the relevant owners when designation has been completed.

334 MICHIGAN ST.

This house was built in 1891 by J. L. Samford. It is suspected the architect was John Teague, a well-known architect of early Victoria. The present owners applied for a demolition permit in late February, 1984 but after representations from Hallmark Society and others, the City persuaded the owner to withdraw the application for demolition. The latest word is that the owners propose to relocate the house to Superior Street and convert it to a bed and breakfast facility. The Hallmark Society has strong reservations about relocating heritage houses--especially when the house is to face north instead of south. However, this may prove to be the only way of saving this very significant James Bay house.

WALKING TOURS

Rosemary James Cross, who has so successfully co-ordinated and conducted Hallmark walking tours for 4 years, will regrettably not be available this year. We urgently require a keen member to step into this position for the 1984 summer season. Please telephone as soon as possible if you could coordinate or assist in this very important Hallmark Society activity. A great round of applause for Rosemary! (Walking tours last year earned \$296.)

GENERAL MEETING

A very successful and well-attended General Meeting was held March 13, 1984. It was great to see so many new faces at this meeting--keep them coming!! John Cooper's slide presentation on the E & N Railway was enlightening and very much enjoyed by all.

E & N TOUR  
TO NANAIMO

There were nearly 60 Hallmark members and family that rose at the crack of dawn on Sunday to eat breakfast (at home) and then catch the 8 AM train to Nanaimo. Those who didn't rise at the crack of dawn caught the train too, but without breakfast! The Nanaimo Heritage Society, Mayor of Nanaimo Frank Ney, a representative of the Chamber of Commerce and their E & N Steering Committee met us at the station, welcomed us, and then architect David Spearing and another person gave us an abbreviated tour of Nanaimo's Old Town. We were the first group through the newly opened Hong Kong Alley, about half the width of Fan Tan Alley. The tour ended at Michel's Restaurant on the waterfront for a delightful lunch and dry-out (IT RAINED) and then on to the Bastion, and the Nanaimo Centennial Museum--which has very interesting displays of life in the area during the 1800's. An enjoyable tour, greatly enhanced by Trackside, the booklet on board the train that points out all the things to look for as the train travels the route.

COMMITTEE TO  
RESTRUCTURE  
H.S. EXECUTIVE

An emergency Committee to redesign the structure of the Hallmark Society Executive was struck at a regular Executive Meeting held February 28/84. Members Diane Lupien, Don Luxton, Miriam Litster and Tom Pappajohn met March 6 and drew up a revised Executive Officers' List redistributing duties. A concerted effort was made to allocate duties in a more realistic and manageable fashion. The Committee was gratified by the success The Hallmark Society has achieved in the last 2 years, but recognized that its very success generated a tremendous amount of work. It was felt the time had come to split the duties currently carried by the President. The President retains political and political action duties. Two Vice Presidents will be appointed--one for administrative functions, and one for professional and technical functions. The Committee unanimously recommended the revised Executive Officers' List to the Executive at their meeting on March 20, 1984.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently require members who are in a position to take an active part to step forward and assist Executive members where assistance is needed.

RECENT LOCAL  
PUBLICATIONS

Volume II of the Capital Regional District book on the Western Communities and Sooke's heritage buildings is now available from the CRD at 524 Yates St. Volumes I and II are \$3.00 each. The City of Victoria has revised This Old Town and it will be available shortly from The Hallmark Society.



RESIGNATIONS  
FROM  
EXECUTIVE

We regret to announce the resignation of two members of the Executive: Diane Lupien, President and Anne Marie Cibulak, Membership Chairman. The good news is that these two vital forces in our Society will be assisting in less demanding positions. We look forward to their continued support. Vice President Don Wells will carry out the duties of President and Tom Pappajohn has agreed to take on the Membership Chairman's duties.

NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING

The meeting will once again be held at the James Bay New Horizons Centre at 234 Menzies Street. Please come and bring interested friends to hear Dorothy Field who will give a talk and slide presentation on Esquimalt heritage buildings. Dorothy has been doing an inventory of Esquimalt heritage buildings for us, funded by a grant from B.C. Heritage Trust.

MONDAY MAY 7  
7:30 P.M.

FUTURE  
GEN. MEETING

We expect to have a general meeting at the end of June at which Terry Reksten will speak on the Dunsmuirs. We hope to follow this up with a tour of Hatley Park and Dola Dunsmuir's house.

FOR SALE  
FORMER  
PETER COTTON  
HOME

649 Admirals Road, built in 1898 and most recently owned by architect Peter Cotton is currently for sale at \$145,000. It has over 4500 sq. ft. and over 1/2 acre of land. It is in good condition with many original features intact, i.e. four fireplaces. For more information, please contact Carole Youds, Realty World, Fairfield, 383-2244.

998 HUMBOLDT

This building, once known as Genge House and Grant Place has been re-named Beaconsfield Inn and will be run as a bed and breakfast. An almost complete exterior restoration has been done according to the existing original plans. A formal opening is planned about May 15 although it will be open for business before that date.

ART DECO AND  
MODERNE SURVEY  
FINISHED

The Hallmark Art Deco and Moderne survey of the Capital Regional District sponsored by The B.C. Heritage Trust, is now complete. The information is now available in a booklet of 80 pages, with information on 240 buildings. A few photographs of some of the buildings are included as well as an architect's index and year-by-year index. Buildings are cross-referenced by municipality. Anyone interested in acquiring a copy, cost \$10.00 please call Jennifer Barr at 385-4408.

BOOKLET FOR  
SALE \$10.00

UPDATE  
RECENT LOCAL  
PUBLICATIONS

This Old Town price is now known--\$10.50 wherever you buy it so please buy it from The Hallmark Society. It will be available at the May 7 General Meeting. This book is an updated version of the City of Victoria Central Area Heritage Conservation Report. It is also expected that the Esquimalt survey may be available as well, but to date no price has been ascertained.

BAD NEWS--

For those who have not renewed their membership for 1984. This will be the last newsletter they receive. These members are asked to take a moment to review their membership in Hallmark. A list of membership dues follows.

Student/Senior \$4.00      Single \$7.50      Family \$10.00

We welcome and need your support. Please send a cheque renewing your membership to: The Hallmark Society, 207 Government St. Victoria, B.C. V8V 2K8. Make your cheque payable to The Hallmark Society, please.

-----MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM-----

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK)

Student/Senior \$4.00      Single \$7.50      Family \$10.00

I WISH TO BE  VERY ACTIVE  ACTIVE  SUPPORTING

ROSEMARY JAMES  
1984 WORK  
ON VIEW

APRIL 23-30  
Mon. to Sat.  
10 to 5

Watercolour floral paintings in a group show at Design Form Gallery, 1883 Oak Bay Ave., next to La Normandie Restaurant.

MAY 1-19  
Mon. to Sat.  
10 to 5

SITTING & ROCKING, a solo show of Rosemary's recent acrylic paintings and some watercolour sketches of interiors, porches and gardens. (Editor's note: I saw colour snaps of the acrylic interiors--they glow--don't miss getting into a good mood.)

JULY 1-22  
Daily  
9:30 to 7

KOOTENAY TRIP PAINTINGS, a solo show at Maples Gallery at the corner of W. Saanich and Benvenuto.

Some work is usually carried in the Bantley House Tearoom at 1127 Fort Street (up the hill from the corner of Fort and Cook St.) For appointment to view work at the studio call 384-2461. No obligation, or, terms can be arranged.

MARILYN POLLARD  
WELCOME YOU



OPEN  
11:30 - 4:30 Tues. - Sun.  
Closed Mon.  
Luncheon & Tea Menu

MARILYN POLLARD, Prop.

The Bantley House Tearoom  
1127 Fort Street  
Victoria 385-0008

This newsletter is the result of work by many people, and I do thank them for their efforts, especially Jennifer Barr and Miriam Litster. Although this issue of the newsletter took longer than anticipated to get out it is in part because there seems to be a lot of late-breaking news these days and because of the necessity of doing this sort of thing in the evenings after work. I hope members will be accomodating in this instance.