



# THE HALLMARK SOCIETY

Dedicated to Preserving Historic and Architectural Landmarks

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Hall, James Bay New Horizons, 234 Menzies Street. Our guest speaker, Terry Rekston, invites you to spend an evening with "The Dunsmuirs"--a fascinating family. For the uninitiated: Robert Dunsmuir arrived in B.C. in 1851, and over the next 38 years created a vast coal mining and industrial empire. Robert died a few months before Craigdarroch Castle (designed by Samuel Maclure) was completed in 1889. His son James, built Burleith in 1892 (architect John Teague) and Ashnola, for his daughter, in 1901. Both these residences are long gone. Fortunately, Hatley Castle, designed by Maclure for James, and built in 1907 remains today well preserved as "Royal Roads Military College."

## HARBOUR TOUR

Sunday June 10

For our next event, we have booked the Harbour Cruise Boat (capacity 60 persons) for Sunday, June 10. We leave at 8:45 a.m. from the Inner Harbour Wharf, fronting the Empress Hotel, for a 2-hour cruise into Victoria's Waterfront History. We will have expert commentary on some of our very earliest buildings viewed from the water side--a different perspective. Tickets (\$5.00 per person) may be purchased from Don Wells, 648 Fisgard St.--just below Douglas.

## DUNSMUIR TOUR

Sunday June 24

To compliment Terry Rekston's lecture of June 19, we have planned a tour of two Dunsmuir residences for Sunday, June 24. We will meet at Fort Rodd Hill National Historic Park, parking lot at 1:00 p.m., proceed to 'Journey's End' Dola Cavendish' home, for a brief viewing of the exterior of what is now a Fort Rodd Hill H.Q. building, then drive the short distance to Hatley Park. Unfortunately we have not been able to arrange for entrance to the Castle. However, for those who have not seen Hatley Park Grounds at this time of year the tour should prove interesting. Any changes to the foregoing will be announced at the General Meeting, June 19. (Provide your own transportation.)

## WALKING TOURS

June

Sat. 9th - 2:30  
Thurs. 14 - 7:30  
Wed. 20 - 7:30  
Sun. 24 - 2:30

An inexpensive, pleasant outdoor activity, both entertaining and educational, Walking Tours are in great demand. They are an important means of fulfilling our mandate to raise public awareness of our historical and architectural heritage. Rob Adams is scheduling a meeting for late June to organize a committee to co-ordinate and conduct walking tours of various areas of the City. Rob will contact members who have indicated they are interested--any others who would like to participate please call Rob at 592-2663.

John Adams will be conducting a tour of the area -- 20, 24, 28 Douglas Street -- starting at Mile "0" on the dates shown opposite. Duration of tour - 1½ hours. If you wish further information call John at 384-2895. (Free)

July

Mon. 9 - 7:30  
Mon. 16 - 7:30

John Adams, who has written a fascinating book "Historical Guide to Ross Bay Cemetery" (\$4.95) will conduct tours of Ross Bay Cemetery on the dates shown opposite. Tours start at the Fairfield Plaza--Pizza Pieman. (Free)

## JACKSON HOUSE

The Heritage Building Foundation (an arm of the Hallmark Society) has decided to put their Heritage house on the market. The house which has been restored and converted to four suites is located at 427 Parry Street behind the Parliament Buildings. The price is \$179,000, an excellent value for this 1901 Victorian residence which was so painstakingly restored by Hallmark members.

## B.C. HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The 1984 Heritage Conference was held May 25, 26, 27, in Nanaimo. Representatives from Heritage groups from around the Province meet each year to exchange information and attend seminars. Don Luxton, Member-at-Large, attended this year's Conference as the Hallmark Society representative.

## LEGISLATIVE PRECINCT

A "For Sale" sign has been posted on several heritage houses presently located behind the Parliament Buildings. Most require a great deal of work--but if you are looking for a house to restore, here is an opportunity.

## HERITAGE UPDATE

A brief report on goings-on in our area:

649 Admirals Road -- Peter Cotton's House -- SOLD  
310 Huntington -- John Keay's House -- SOLD

Beaconsfield Bed & Breakfast (Genge House) A nicely restored Maclure at the corner of Humboldt and Vancouver is open for business. Congratulations!

Carnegie Library (Yates and Blanshard Streets) Westcoast Savings recently held their official open house at this excellent restoration. Pop in for a look.

HERITAGE UPDATE

(cont'd) 20, 24, 28 Douglas Street The proposed development has passed through the Design, Advisory Planning, and Heritage Advisory Committees at City Hall. A campaign is being mounted to oppose this development, mainly on the grounds it will set an undesirable precedent for the area. Members who wish to get involved or would like further information should call John Adams (our man in James Bay) at 384-2895. Better still join a walking tour of the area with John--see June dates on Page 1.

Gossett House (Corrugated Iron Building) (1860's vintage) This very rare example of prefabricated iron has been moved from the Legislative Precinct to the Saanich Historical Artifacts property at Saanichton where it will be restored and open for viewing. Good luck to this energetic group.

552 Quadra Street This wonderful Queen Anne house has been purchased by a firm of lawyers and is to be restored. Any information on this house would be appreciated. Leave a message at 382-4755.

Maplewood (1133 Catherine Street) (Godfeldt property) This property has been subdivided by the City and the house (1890 vintage) will soon be made available to the public.

Pooley House (1182 Old Esquimalt Road) Property has been sold and the developer is looking for a buyer for the house.

Pinehurst (617 Battery Street) The proposed restoration and redevelopment has been temporarily stalled for financial reasons.

NEW DESIGNATIONS

The Victoria Heritage Advisory Committee has been reassessing the listed heritage houses within the City to determine if any should be elevated from A or B listing to full designation. The H.A.C. is in contact with several owners who are considering their position. Recently, the following houses have been added to the list of Victoria's designated houses:

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| 1115 Catherine Street | 810 Linden Avenue |
| 1127 Catherine Street | 215 Raynor Street |
| 2667 Empire Street    | 215 Wilson Street |

Please keep your copy of "This Old House" up to date by adding these houses. If you own a house which you feel qualifies for designation write a letter to:

Heritage Advisory Committee,  
City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, B. C. V8W 1P6

There is a nominal fee of \$1.00 and in return you qualify for grants under the Victoria Heritage Foundation by-law.

HERITAGE FAIR

This year Tillicum Mall will be hosting the Heritage Fair for the period September 19 to 22 incl. The Hallmark Society display of Heritage Homes in the Capital Regional District should prove a pleasant diversion for the passing crowd--we rely on such activities to enlist new members. Members are asked to volunteer to man the booth for a shift or two (2 hours per shift) during the Fair. Phone Don Wells for details at 385-3713 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

LYTTON RESEARCH

We have received a request for a volunteer to help with some archival research, to be carried out at the Provincial Archives, on the Lytton area. If you are interested in helping out, contact Graham Everett, Lytton Heritage Society, Lytton, B. C. V0K 1Z0.

THANKS TO

DOROTHY FIELDS

Many thanks to Dorothy Fields for the excellent presentation on the Esquimalt Area at the last General Meeting which was much enjoyed by a good turnout of enthusiastic members. A surprising amount of new information has come to light, and will be published shortly. You will be kept advised.

YOUR INPUT  
NEEDED

As you can see there is a great deal going on in the heritage field these days. You can help by alerting us to anything you may notice which pertains to Heritage in the Victoria area (good and bad!). Leave a message on our tape 382-4755. We will check it out or get back to you - whatever.

EDITORS:  
PAST & FUTURE

A great big thanks to Alexandra for all her efforts in getting out the Newsletter over the past several years--now we know how much work it is! A big welcome to Paul Convey, our new Newsletter Editor. - it's all yours!

REMINDERS:

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| Harbour Tour    | June 10 |
| General Meeting | June 19 |
| Dunsmuir Tour   | June 24 |

NOTE:

Regents Park is again open for the summer months - 1-6 p.m.