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# THE HALLMARK SOCIETY

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## HERITAGE AWARDS

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1584 MILLSTREAM



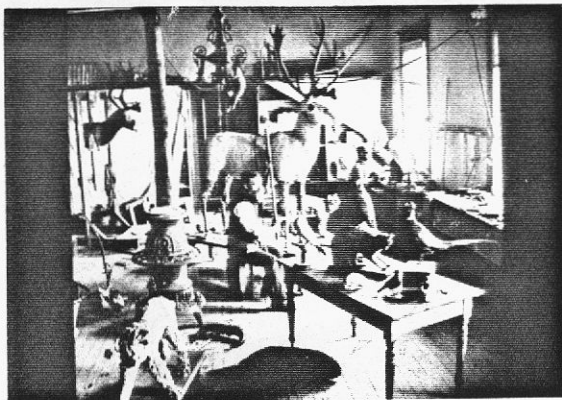
522 QUADRA



203 RAYNOR



1140 CURRIE LANE



B.C. PROV. MUSEUM



B.KING & G.CASTLE

PRESIDENTS'S  
MESSAGE

It was a smashing success! Over 400 heritage buffs attended our Annual Awards Night and the reviews were sensational from all levels of government. Thanks to all those Hallmark members, executive and membership, who volunteered the many hours that were necessary to make our most important function a resounding success.

As reported in the previous newsletter, members of your executive are taking part in discussions involving a regional liason group. That is still going on and in fact a steering committee meeting as well as a regional meeting are scheduled for the very near future.

We have initiated HERITAGE WATCH. We hope to be able to report to you every general meeting (with a slide show) about heritage buildings that are in jeopardy. Members of the executive will gather information on a specific house or building and stay with it until the matter has been resolved. A lot is happening very quickly around Victoria, the Parliament Buildings proposed renovation, the Crystal Gardens, the paintings of whales on the side of heritage buildings (Chandlers), the Pizza Hut tiles at 533 Yates- a renovation without a permit, Fan Tan Alley, the Legislative precinct, and on and on it goes. Are heritage concious individuals and groups the only ones who care? Do the politicians care? The builders and contractors? What would downtown Victoria look like without the Empress, Crystal Garden, the Parliament Buildings, the C.P. Ticket Office.

Surely, Heritage must mean more than just lip service?

HERITAGE  
UPDATE

- just when we think we have the support of our politicians they unanimously vote to approve the proposal to cover one side of a designated building (McQuades 1244 Store St.) with a mural. This decision was against the advise of their Heritage Advisory Committee and the Hallmark Society!
- the Battery St. enclave of Heritage houses is once again under threat of developers. It seems more than market value is being offered by the owner of the nearby extended care facility for a house in the heart of this grouping. This house is listed on the registry of heritage houses and has been recommended for designation by the H.A. Committee.
- work has started on the alterations to the main entrance to the Crystal Gardens. The watered down changes now include for the preservation and relocation of the existing doors and windows.
- the filling in of the upper floor of the east wing of the Parliament Building is proceeding inspite of protests from many directions. Even their own Heritage Conservation Branch was not made aware of the proposal. The only good part is that Alan Hodgson, the architect who was incharge of the building in the 1970's has been put in charge of this project.
- an alarm system has been installed in Carr House (to our great relief as all our files and reference material are stored there) next the downstairs is to be restored.
- the Registry building at 548 Pandora (adjacent Fan Tan Alley) has undergone major work (rebuilt not restored). After work started it was found the front wall had major structural problems so it was completely torn down and rebuilt with little regard to the original design. At last report City Hall plans no action.
- the lower level of the front of 533 Yates (Old British Fish & Chips-now a Pizza joint) has been desecrated with an inappropriate awning, aluminum windows and red tiles! We are told all or part of this was done without permits so we are asking Council to take action on this dangerous precedent. This building was a Hallmark award winner in 1978!
- it seems most of the news these days is not good, but it does make us realize the battle is far from over. We must be ever vigilant and make our feelings known to the authorities.

AWARDS  
NIGHT  
1986

This year's awards night on Monday February 17th at the Newcombe Auditorium was a great success. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Barry Kelsey from the office of the Provincial Secretary. The evening began with an informal mingling period in the Provincial Museum foyer, wine and hors d'oeuvres were provided by the Museum.

We then moved into the Auditorium for the evening's program. Alderman Suzanne Hansen, on behalf of the City of Victoria, presented heritage plaques to recently designated buildings. She was followed by Martin Segger on behalf of the Victoria Heritage Foundation, who introduced the film "Here Today", an informative look at Canadian heritage awareness.

Then it was Hallmark's turn. Don Luxton came over from Vancouver to host our ceremonies and their Honours the Lt. Governor R. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers presented the awards to the recipients. This year's Award of Merit plaques were presented to:

Stuart Start and Margaret Graham-Bell for 1936 Hampshire Road "Jolimont" (the first restoration award ever in Oak Bay!)

Clifford Whitehead and Marjorie Parsons for "Henderson House" 522 Quadra Street (now a home bed and breakfast establishment)

George Radford and Bruce Gibson-Bean for "Bankview" 203 Raynor Ave. (the owners are presently creating their own Victorian Garden)

Highland Heritage Park Society for the Caleb Pike log farmhouse at 1584 Millstream Road. (for which a new technique was developed to replace rotten logs)

A new category, the President's Award was created for:

Martin Whitehead and Hugh Peet for "Maplewood" 1140 Arthur Currie Lane (which was an absolute mess and required massive rebuilding and restoration)

The Communication Award was presented to Barry King, artist and Geoffrey Castle, historian, for their contributions to local heritage awareness through their weekly illustrated articles in the Times-Colonist and their recently published book Victoria Landmarks.

The Louis Award was given this year to the B.C. Provincial Museum for 100 years of service in the heritage field.

The Hallmark Society would like to thank Rob Adams for all his hard work as coordinator of this year's event. We would also like to thank Frank Fish who made dozens of slides for us which contributed so much to the evening's success, and a big thanks to Ann Tresize who once again did the Calligraphy on the certificates. And to all the rest of you-----THANKS

#### HERITAGE FAIR

Heritage Week in February was also celebrated with a Heritage Fair at Tillicum Mall. This year's event was organized by the Saanich Heritage Foundation. The Hallmark Society set up displays and a bookstall which was manned by volunteers from the membership. Thank you to every one that contributed their time. We gained 21 new members and sold \$300.00 worth of books. Special thanks to Jim Stiven for organizing the volunteers and to Frank Fish who provided the display photos of this year's award winners. Also thanks to Jennifer Barr and Heather Swanson for organizing the displays and general "gophering".

RECENT  
DESIGNATIONS  
IN THE  
CITY OF  
VICTORIA  
  
SINCE  
JAN. 1985

534 St. Charles St.  
2130 Ridge Rd.  
806 Linden Ave.  
1127 Catherine St.  
1032 McGregor  
1001 Terrace Ave.  
1320 Rockland Ave.  
1201-03 Yukon St.  
340 Wilson St.  
1569 Pembroke

116 South Turner St.  
122 South Turner St.  
670 Battery St.  
266 Empire St.  
120 Douglas St.  
811 St. Charles St.  
1706-08 Fernwood Rd.  
1785-Carrick St.  
934 A Foul Bay Rd.

PROGRAMME  
REPORT  
MARCH

PROGRAMME REPORT

A very interesting presentation was made by Mr. Jim Hicke on the restoration of the Wilkinson Road jail. This is a project which must be seen. If you would like a closer look call Jim at 479-1621 and he will be happy to show you around (the exterior).

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

APRIL 15  
7 P.M.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS TOUR back by popular demand. Mr. Alan Hodgson will give a personal tour of all the areas not on the tourist tour (including the top of the dome if you are brave enough). The tour is limited to 30 so please reserve your space by phoning Doreen at 385-3713 (9-1)  
Sorry no children. Priority will be given to those members who did not make the tour last year.

MAY 10  
10 A.M.  
at Gate

So you wanted to see inside and around some of those mysterious buildings and alleys in CHINATOWN. This tour organized by our own Tom Pappajohn who has done considerable research into the subject will answer all your questions and guide you safely through this most interesting part of town.  
A DIM SUM lunch planned for those interested (\$6-\$7) will take place after the tour.

JUNE  
(tentative)

Lecture of early Police history in Victoria (illustrated)

JULY  
(tentative)

Tour of many historical and well preserved Victorian buildings in Naden.

AUGUST  
(tentative)

Bicycle tour or Car Rally of Heritage Victoria

SEPTEMBER  
(tentative)

Lecture on the restoration of Craigdarroch Castle.

CONFERENCES

British Columbia Historical Federation 1986 Annual Conference will be held in the Gage Conference Centre, University of B.C. May 8, 9, 10. P.O. Box 35326 Station E Vancouver, B.C.

Heritage Society of B.C. 8th Annual Heritage Society of B.C. Conference May 29th to June 1st 1986, will be held at the International Plaza Hotel. 1999 Marine Drive. North Vancouver. The Theme this year is "Heritage in Motion."  
P.O. Box 520 Postal Station A, Vancouver B.C. V6C 2N3

The Canadian Museums Association is holding its Annual Convention this year at the Empress Hotel.  
May 20-24

ROSEMARY JAMES  
CROSS- SHOWING

Rosemary James Cross invites interested Hallmark members to view her show of NEW WORK. Features will be a tryptych of the 100 year old Stairway and Entrance Hall at the Admiral's House, and views of other old Royal Navy buildings still in use. The opening is at the Potters Wheel Gallery, Nootka Court, 633 Courtney Street on Sunday, April 20th from 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. The show will continue daily, except Sundays, 10-5:30 P.M. until May 3rd.

U.VIC  
EXTENSION

The University of Victoria is offering a three week course on "The Introduction to the Conservation of Cultural Property" June 9-27. This is another in the series in Advanced Studies in Cultural Resource Management. The June course will be presented by Sir Bernard Fielden from Britain. For further information please phone Joy Davis at the U. Vic Extension Department at 721-8462

THANK-YOU

Thank-you to Jean Conway for donating an original copy of PALLISERS DESIGN BOOK circa 1890. It is a great addition to our library.

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to help out with our library. Please call 382-4755 if you are interested.

HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL  
LECTURE  
SERIES

April 7

Bill Barkley: "The British Columbia Provincial Museum, Past and Future".  
Special Tour: "May it please Your Honour" opening in the History Gallery of the B.C.P.M.

JAMES BALL  
ROOM

APRIL 21

Vignette: Martin Segger of Preserving City Walls  
Gregory Evens: "History of Victoria's 5th Artillery"  
Allan Hedgeson; "Restoration of Parliament Buildings and Preservation of the Precinct."

7:30 p.m.  
Mondays

\$2.50 per  
event

MAY 5

Vignette: Peter Bannet on World Heritage Sites  
Terry Reksten: "The Dunsmuir's"  
Jack Rippingale: "In Search of the Disappearing Gun"

Tickets are available at the door . If you require any further information please phone either Martin Segger At 721-8298 or Victoria Heritage Foundation At 383-4546

HERITAGE  
ON THE  
HOOF

All Starting times will be 2:00 p.m.

APRIL 6 Heritage in Stone: Ross Bay Cemetery.

Starts in front of Pizza Peman, Fairfield Plaza.  
Three separate tours through different parts of the cemetery will include something for all interests, for first time visitors, or those who know the cemetery well. Learn how to find a "missing" grave; hear fascinating histories of those buried there; find out about conservation work being planned. Tea and Coffee.

APRIL 20 ST. ANN'S SURPRISE

Starts in front of St. Ann's Academy.  
St. Ann's itself and the immediate vicinity are full of fascinating heritage buildings and sites. Bed and Breakfasts, churches and the former convent will all be included in this tour that is sure to have something for everyone. Tea and coffee

MAY 4 BAY STREET ARMOURIES


Starts at the Bay Street entrance.  
Tour this brick landmark and see some of the areas usually not viewed by the public. Visit the regimental museum and have tea and coffee in the Officers Mess.

JUNE 1 HATLEY PARK

Starts in front of Hatley Castle (Royal Roads Military College).  
Tour the inside of Samuel Maclure's home for James Dunsmuir and view the grounds and formal gardens designed by Brett and Hall.  
Tea and coffee.

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Wilson  
Richard & Shirley Harper  
Drew Waveryn  
Tom & Celia Hughes  
Edna Thomas  
Walter & Yvonne Brilek  
A.E. Farrel  
Sharon Garden  
Robert Prettie  
Pamela Ellis  
E. & K. Karkut  
Prue Cunningham  
Robert Ashton  
Ruth Davies  
Mark Joslin  
Ron Berod  
Arnold Wolff



## WANTED



### LARGE PRE-1920 CHARACTER HOME

**DESCRIPTION**

- 3000 to 5000 sq. ft. excluding basement
- unremuddled - no "inlaw suites" or duplexing
- 4 bedrooms minimum
- double or large lot
- prefer original condition with interior woodwork left unpainted
- can pay to \$160,000 cash, and more if we sell our present home

**PLEASE CALL 595-4768  
DON & KAREN MAYER**