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## GENERAL MEETING



### "MIAMI BEACH: THE SPLENDOR OF TROPICAL ART DECO"

Don Luxton and Valda Vidners, principals of the Foundation Group in Vancouver, recently attended the "First World Congress on Art Deco" in Miami Beach, Florida. The Hallmark Society is excited to be able to experience the Art Deco heritage of Miami Beach through the eyes of Don and Valda and the slides they took on their recent trip.

The Hallmark Bookstore will be open to tempt you with many book bargains on local heritage and a chance to try on an infamous Hallmark sweatshirt before purchasing one for only \$28.00!!!

Many members' memberships are overdue . . . this is your opportunity to renew and chat with our new membership chairman, Colin Barr.

The Auction has come to Hallmark! For all those skilled at bidding for deals on heritage treasures, here is your chance to prove your expertise. Come and bid on items donated by Hallmark members and walk away with a bargain. The Auction is a great way to help fill our "Home for Hallmark" coffers.

Bulk up for bidding by sampling heritage sweets made by the Morgan family's multitude of busy bakers!

Beat the Easter Holiday rush and relax at the Hallmark General Meeting - Thursday, March 21, 1991,

7:30 p.m. at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The July/August 1988 newsletter cover picture was of the Sussex Hotel. In the President's Message, Mark Madoff wrote, "Politically, we remain in the wasteland; it is hard to find signs of enlightenment and shared purpose among our elected leaders."

Two years later, the Sussex has closed its doors, and the city thus far has placed it on the Heritage Registry, but has not actually granted it a heritage designation. St. Ann's sits in limbo with liens against it and an uncertain future. The Princess Marguerite will soon be gone. And now, ten years after saving the Crystal Gardens, the Provincial Capital Commission is asking for "expressions of interest" in redeveloping the site - in essence this means privatization.

The PCC held a Public Hearing January 23rd as to the fate of the Crystal. Attendance was primarily centred in the camp of Bob Wright and his native Indian "Disneyland". This is the same Bob Wright who ten years ago wanted to demolish the Crystal. Once again I was struck by the power of the developer to sway opinion in his favour with a well-prepared campaign, organized to alter the truth and minimize the significance of history and heritage.

When the Cadillac-Fairview controversy began our membership was less than a third of our current 1300. We were able to arouse the citizens of the city to the threat of unchecked carte blanche given to developers. It is time once again to alert Victoria to another serious challenge to the survival of downtown's built heritage.

It is apparent that the PCC, under the stewardship of Ken Hill, will shortly decide to privatize the Crystal Gardens and turn it over to a private developer to alter and plasticize. We must alert the public that not only the Crystal is at risk, but every heritage building in Victoria.

## HERITAGE FAIR 1991

It's time for heritage preservationists to show their stuff! The Saanich Heritage Foundation is pleased to extend a special invitation to all Hallmark members to join them in celebrating Heritage Week 1991 by attending this year's fair. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and Hillside Centre, this 6th annual event will be as big and enthusiastic as ever, with over 20 local groups scheduled to take part. Come and chat with old friends, and check out the new booths and displays!

Why not visit the Heritage Fair and see how our colleagues from other organizations are promoting the unique heritage of Greater Victoria. And, whatever you do, don't miss the Hallmark booth for book sales, sweatshirts and the wonderful new-display boards!

For more information about the fair, contact Bjorn Simonsen (479-1147) or Brian Seymour (380-7782).

AND... if you'd like to help out by giving a few hours of your time by helping staff the Hallmark booth, please call Cyril Hume (656-1834). This promises to be the best Heritage Fair yet. Don't miss it!!!

**FOR SALE:** Fairfield Classic Edwardian. Wainscoting, stained glass, oak floors. Main has central hall, LR, DR, den kitchen, laundry, half bath. Upstairs 2 BR, jacuzzi, plus master with ensuite, sunporch and sea views. 2300 square feet, plus 7' basement, 1/4 acre. Wiring, plumbing, roof updated 1987. Asking \$269,000. Call 598-5865 to view.

# THE CRYSTAL GARDEN — NEXT TO GO?



*Good, when the day's hot!*

## Crystal Garden Tea Room and Soda Fountain

It is our wish to give you the best of service at all times.

Wm. H. YOULDEN

*Times, June 25, 1925.*

The Provincial Capital Commission (PCC), owner of the Crystal Garden, "feels" that the Crystal might be competing with private enterprise and that the Garden might not be paying for itself. The Commission has decided, therefore, to call for "expressions of interest" for the future use of the site. Although Chairman Ken Hill states that no decision has been made, he also readily acknowledges that, as the owner, the PCC can do what it pleases.

On January 23rd, the PCC held a public input session. Members of Hallmark were there, but it was obvious that Bob Wright and the Oak Bay Marine Group were out in full battle readiness. The majority of speakers were in favour of Wright's proposal. Although they all claimed to be non-partisan, it was apparent that they were employed by none other than Mr. Wright.

The most frightening aspect of the evening was, when asked if the PCC really needed to call for input before asking for any proposals, Ken Hill admitted that the Commission could make any decision it wanted — without input and without a call for proposals.

### Text of Hallmark's Presentation to the PCC, Concerning the Future of the Crystal Garden

Just over ten years ago the Crystal Garden was derelict and threatened with demolition. Through the efforts of the Hallmark Society and the Crystal Garden Preservation Society, the Crystal Garden was reborn.

Hallmark applauds the Provincial Capital Commission for this opportunity for public input into decisions which will affect the citizens of the Capital region. But we question the method by which this input has been requested. The effect of this process is to allow for all to speak to this issue before any decisions are made. However, it appears that some decisions may already have been made.

We compliment the Oak Bay Marine Group for its organized frontal assault on any prospective opposition. Their ability to present their package and publicize this event brought these proceedings from back page to front page.

Hallmark does not oppose growth and development. Rather, we oppose the wholesale demolition of our culture, our heritage and historically significant buildings such as the Crystal. But, past experience has unfortunately demonstrated that public opinion and input mean little when challenging demolition and development.

Many generations have struggled to create the Victoria that we know and cherish. Victoria does not belong to just this generation of developers, but to the developers of our future. What we have inherited is a responsibility and a moral obligation to preserve and pass on.

Our use of a structure may change, but the character, the essence, and the energy that went into the creation of that structure transcends time and transports our heritage from one generation to the succeeding generations. This the essence of a culture; the ability to create and to communicate a common dream and to achieve a sense of place.

## Presentation to the PCC, continued

Whatever purpose the PCC decides should be the fate of the Crystal, (and let us not deceive ourselves, it will be their decision) Hallmark reminds the PCC and City Council of the restrictive covenant upon this property; that it is to be kept for public enjoyment and recreation. It is acknowledged that the addition of the street-level commercial, private enterprises was necessary to finance the restoration and to preserve the public aspect of the Crystal. That function is being met.

Often financial returns are measured in the short term and the true costs are ignored or supplanted to support individual enterprise at the expense of the public good.

Hallmark asks the PCC to consider carefully the significance of the interior of the Gardens. What will become of the great canopy of glass if the interior is turned into a cacophony of tiny black boxes and artificial light shows? Surely the PCC recognizes that this building was already saved barely ten years ago by groups such as the Crystal Garden Preservation Society and Hallmark. And in those ten years, our membership and public awareness of heritage issues have grown. We will not accept arbitrary decisions to be made by one or two individuals and/or private concerns. It is time for public decision, not private decree.

## Decorative Details — The Jessie Woollett Photo Contest

This is to remind all members and friends that it is time to be taking photos for this year's competition. We have been disappointed that few member have entered the competition recently. Everyone is urged to search out their favourite building details and get those cameras clicking.

The entries this year can be any size print, in colour or black and white. Entries must be received by April 30, 1991 and the winner will be announced at the 17th Annual Hallmark Awards Night on May 7th. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$50.00. For more details, call 385-4408.

*Remember — "Beautiful Bits of Buildings"*

### Classifieds:

**For Sale** - 2 small cedar sideboard doors, with decorative brass hinges and pulls. Circa 1912.  
Call Heather Lehman - 598-8686

**For Sale** - 2 firescreens. One new brass and black, one older black scoop style. \$50 each o.b.o.  
Box of miscellaneous electrical boxes, plugs, etc. and ceiling lights with shades. All for \$100 o.b.o.  
Older bathtub, 4'6" long. \$200 o.b.o. Call Melinda Seyler - 389-1598.



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# DINE OUT AND SHOP FOR ST. ANN'S



On Wednesday, February 13, the St. Ann's Rescue Coalition will hold a fundraising dinner to help defray legal costs. The dinner will be held at the Golden City Restaurant, 721 Fisgard Street and will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by singer Sharon Hazelwood, and there will be a presentation to Pamela Madoff and the late Mark Madoff. There'll be door prizes too!! Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple, available at Ecology House in Market Square and the Queen Victoria Inn, Douglas at Blanshard. Call 388-5854 for more information.

The Coalition is holding its 2nd Annual Giant Garage Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 1991. Volunteers are needed to assist with pick-up, sorting, pricing and selling at this event. A great success last year, this one promises to be even better!

Items for sale can be dropped off at the Cridge Hall of the Church of Our Lord (corner of Blanshard and Humboldt) on March 1st, from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call Mary at 388-4046 or leave a message at 388-5854.

## AWARDS NIGHT #17



Do you know of a building that deserves a Hallmark Award? If so, the Awards Committee would like to know.

The 17th Annual Hallmark Awards Night is coming up on Tuesday, May 7, 1991, and once again the ceremony will be held in the Pacific Fleet Club at CFB Esquimalt. We have some ideas for awards, but we would like your input, too. Nominations can be accepted up until February 28th only, so let us know soon!

Categories for awards include:

- preservation or restoration of commercial, institutional and residential heritage buildings or landmarks;
- restoration or preservation of the interiors of commercial buildings;
- preservation or restoration of landscape or period gardens;
- outstanding adaptive re-use of heritage buildings;
- publications or educational programs about heritage issues; or,
- outstanding individual or group activities in support of heritage conservation.

If you have any suggestions, please call Jennifer Barr (385-4408) or Pamela Madoff (384-6971).

This year's program will have a number of new items added. We look forward to seeing you all there. Watch for complete details on Awards Night #17 in the next newsletter!

### *February Discount*

10% off all woodturning for Hallmark members. We can turn everything from the smallest wooden knob to finials, newel posts, furniture pieces, porch posts, columns, bungs, fence post tops, balusters, head blocks, pedestals, and even giant six foot baseball bats. Come and see us because this happens but once a year.



Jim Stiven Woodturning  
408 Alpha Terrace  
Victoria, B.C.  
386-5354

# HERITAGE UPDATE



The BC Heritage Trust has recently awarded two grants for building restoration and community heritage development. The Saltspring Island Community Society of Ganges received \$60,000 to restore the Lady Minto Hospital complex, which includes three buildings, for use as a community centre. The Cumberland and District Historical Society received \$8000 to compile historical documentation, including photos and oral interpretations, into a manual covering the history of the Canadian Colliers Ltd. Railways.

Two more Peninsula municipal governments have been making great progress on the preservation front. The Municipality of Central Saanich has passed a new heritage designation by-law and recently appointed the five members of its Heritage Advisory Committee. Thanks to Carole Bawlf for her work to support the framing of the by-law. The Town of Sidney has also voiced an interest in drafting similar legislation. Town council has contacted Hallmark for suggestions, and we are more than pleased to assist in any way we can. It's great to see more levels of government getting involved with preserving the built heritage of the region.

## COURSES

This semester's courses in the Cultural Resource Management Program at the University of Victoria include:

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT	February 13 - 22
MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	February 26 - March 1
HERITAGE PRESERVATION PLANNING	March 13 - 22
FUNDRAISING FOR MUSEUMS IN THE 90S	March 25 - 27
ADMINISTRATION OF MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES	April 15 - 24
CONSERVATION: INTEGRATED USE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE	May 6 - 11

For more information, contact Joy Davis at the UVic Extension Office, call 721-8451.

## HALLMARK ADVERTISING POLICY

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- ~the ad must be of interest to members of the Hallmark Society

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# HEDDA FINDS CHARM ON I-5



For shoppers who are tired of antique malls and small-town streetscapes arraying a deafening combination of tarted-up historic buildings, ersatz heritage construction and a plethora of vendors purveying stuffed calico ducks, blown-glass hummingbirds, salt-water taffy and waffle-cones, it is heartening to know that there is an alternative.

Many of the small American towns that we hurtle by on the freeway in our frenzy to get to La Conner, Coupeville, Snohomish, etc., offer a welcome respite from the over-developed, over-priced and overcrowded popular tourist destinations.

Mount Vernon, about 25 miles south of Bellingham, is one such town. A town for people, not just tourists. A variety of architectural styles are in evidence; Classical Greek Revival, Victorian and Edwardian commercial buildings dripping in handsome terra-cotta. A particular favourite was a California Arts and Crafts "airplane" bungalow in fine shape. The town boasts an interesting collection of movie palaces, including the Lincoln Theater (circa 1920) which is being restored and preserved under the auspices of the Historic Theaters Preservation Program, established by the Washington State Legislature through the Department of Community Development. The project will include painting the interior to regain the architectural impact of the 1920 design. (Perhaps this might serve as inspiration to the custodians of our Royal Theatre — rumour has it that the original murals are still extant under the wallpaper.)

If architecture is not enough of a draw to get you to Mount Vernon, there are shopping opportunities to be explored. There are several antique shops, including Bridgeside Antiques, which is housed in two small Victorian frame cottages at 506 W. Division. Another shop worth visiting is Scott's Bookstore, which carries more than 35,000 titles and is considered one of the best bookshops in the Northwest. The Longfellow Cafe, which shares the large brick building with the bookstore has been rated the Best New Restaurant in Western Washington by Pacific Northwest Magazine.

Do yourself a favour. Take a break from the tourist traps and see the wonderful things that small-town America has to offer. It's more than worth the effort.

*Hedda J. Hoppe*

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE



We have 1294 members as of January 28, 1991. However, there are 125 members who are overdue on paying their fees, so the total might drop if people don't pay their money soon. The more members we have, the more our voice will be listened to when we approach politicians in various levels of government to present our viewpoint on heritage concerns. Your membership is important. Please remit your membership dues today.

New members from late 1990 include:

John & Rhoda Maurice and family, Trish & Brodie Waddell, M. Joy Williams, Ronald & Pam Taylor  
Mary Jane Teachman, Meg Herweier & Anne Marie Moro, Bob Peart, Margaret Hutchison, Elaine Phillips,  
Julianne Henry, Wilma Wood, Denise Markin, AND two new additions to family memberships . . .

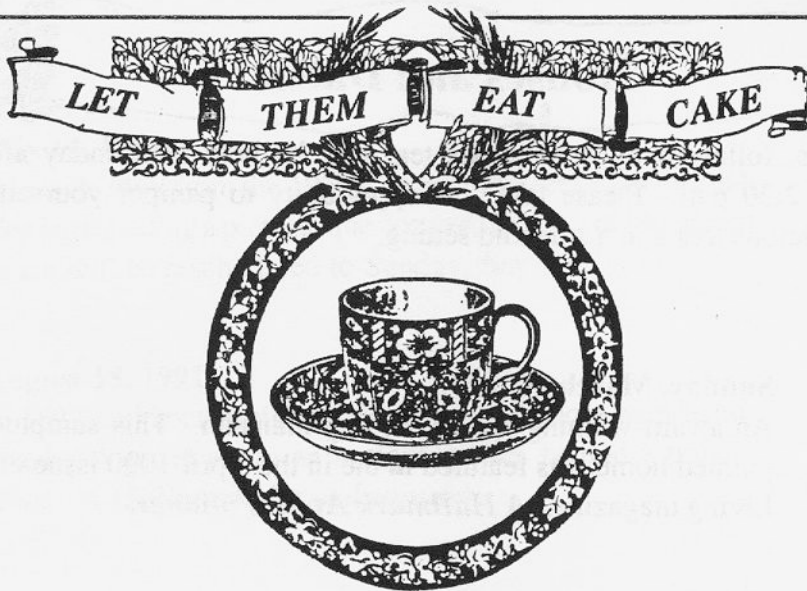
Congratulations and welcome to autumn babies Katria Stark and Rachel Murphy. Proud parents are Stuart Stark & Maggie Graham-Bell, and Bill & Marilyn Murphy.

## MEMBERSHIP



FAMILY	\$ 14.00
SINGLE	\$ 10.00
SENIOR CITIZEN/STUDENT	\$ 7.00
AFFILIATED GROUP/COMPANY	\$ 25.00
LIFETIME INDIVIDUAL	\$150.00





### *JOIN US FOR TEA*

In less than ten months the Hallmark Society will be forced to vacate the office it has occupied in Richard Carr House for the past ten years.

Efforts are already underway to raise the funds necessary to move to a permanent location.

Rather than being despondent over the loss of our lease we have decided to "Let Them Eat Cake".

Beginning in March of 1991 the Society will be offering a series of intimate and sumptuous high teas in exclusive heritage homes. Most of these residences have never before been open to the public. Admission is limited to Hallmark members and their guests.

Guests in each home will be limited to a small number to ensure a relaxing tea and a personalized tour of a beautiful house.

### THE HALLMARK SOCIETY

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## Houses and Dates

The house tours, followed by a delicious tea, will be held on Sunday afternoons, commencing at 2:30 p.m. Please take this opportunity to pamper yourself with an afternoon of delicious treats in a splendid setting.



### Sunday, March 10, 1991

An award-winning 1892 Oak Bay mansion. This sumptuously appointed home was featured in the in the April 1990 issue of Western Living magazine. *A Hallmark Award winner.*



### Sunday, April 7, 1991

An intriguing afternoon featuring two adjoining 1890s James Bay cottages. One features a completely panelled period living room (including the ceiling!). The other, in the process of restoration, sports over-the-top plasterwork detailing.



### Sunday, May 19, 1991

A gracious and elegant late Craftsman style home in a fine residential area, with beamed ceilings, built-in buffet, stained glass and an expansive porch. This house represents Fairfield at its very best.



### Sunday, June 16, 1991

A special treat for Arts and Crafts enthusiasts, this house features wood panelling, a collonade and superb light fixtures. Period Arts and Crafts furnishings complete the setting. This architect-designed home was once used as a set for a motion picture.

**Sunday, July 14, 1991**

Escape to a seaside idyll from the 1930s. Tea will be served in the lush period garden surrounding a picturesque cottage. (In case of inclement weather the tea will be rescheduled to Sunday, July 21.)



**Sunday, August 18, 1991**

A romantic 1893 architect-designed Victorian bungalow with bandstand verandah. A jewel set in an antique garden behind a traffic-stopping fence. *A Hallmark Award winner.*



**Sunday, September 22, 1991**

A stunning 1903 Queen Anne with a tower, lavishly panelled interior and period furnishings. A rare opportunity to visit one of the city's most spectacular Victorian homes. *A Hallmark Award winner.*



**Sunday, October 13, 1991**

A charming and beautifully appointed 1892 two-storey Italianate with a wraparound porch, this was once in the heart of rural farmland. *A Hallmark Award winner.*



**Sunday, November 10, 1991**

A 1913 Maclure-designed shingle mansion. Meticulously restored and sympathetically decorated, this home is set amid oak trees on a rocky outcrop overlooking the city. Both the house and garden are designated. *A Hallmark Award winner.*





## Tickets

Tickets are \$20 per person per tea and tour. A series pass is available for \$150 per person.

All proceeds will go towards funding a new home for the Hallmark Society and the Mark Madoff Gallery. (Information on charitable donation receipts available on request.)

## Reservations

For ticket information and reservations, please contact Melinda Seyler, The Whyte House, 389-1598.

### Please Note

- \* Tickets must be purchased a minimum of 7 days prior to each scheduled tea
- \* Seating is limited
- \* Not suitable for children under the age of fifteen
- \* Please, no high-heeled shoes
- \* No photographs
- \* If stair climbing is a problem, please enquire as to accessibility.



# A HOME FOR HALLMARK



This is a phrase we'll all be hearing a lot more of over the next year and beyond. Hallmark, as you know, is looking for a new and permanent home, both for the Society and the new Mark Madoff Gallery. To help achieve this goal, a Domicile Committee was struck last fall to develop ways and means for finding a suitable place for Hallmark to settle. Our campaign for funds began with the last newsletter, and we would like to gratefully acknowledge the forty donations received so far, bringing in a total of \$3055. We look forward to hearing from more of our members, as we must all work together to achieve our goal of \$150,000.



Our first series of events designed to help us find **A Home for Hallmark** is a wonderful series of "Heritage High Teas", announced elsewhere in the newsletter. One look at the schedule of selected settings for an elegant afternoon tea and you will want to reserve a place for you and your guests as soon as possible. What a lovely way to spend an afternoon, enjoying a sumptuous tea and knowing that you are helping us find a home to call our own.

Other funding sources are being researched, and it is already clear that it is easier to secure this other funding if we can demonstrate strong support from the entire membership. Various levels of government and private corporations have been more than forthcoming with assistance when they know their efforts are helping a cause with popular support.

We are now clear what our needs are in terms of office, meeting, archival storage and exhibition space, and we have begun to follow some leads for possible properties. If you know of any that might be suitable, please let us know.

However, fundraising remains the primary effort for the Domicile Committee, for what money we raise will ultimately determine the kind of building that becomes **A Home for Hallmark**. If you have any fundraising ideas, expertise or time to share, please contact us. After all, this is about a home for all of us who are the Hallmark Society, and there are ways that everyone can help.

If you would like to know more about **A Home for Hallmark**, or would like to help out, please call Cyril Hume at 656-1834. We'd love to hear from you.

	<p><b>FAIRFIELD STAINED GLASS ASSOCIATES</b> Artists/Craftspeople in New Architectural Stained Glass and Heritage Glass Restoration</p>	
	<p>Edward Shaefer</p>	<p>370-1344</p>

# MEMBERS BOOKSTORE



The following books are available at all of our General Meetings. They may also be purchased at any time by contacting Pamela Madoff at 384-6971.

Buildings of Samuel Maclure - Martin Segger	Regular Price: \$39.95	Members Price: \$32.00
Built Heritage in Esquimalt - Dorothy Field	Regular Price: \$10.00	Members Price: \$ 8.00
By Our Owns Hands: Heritage Buildings in Metchosin - Dauncey and Griffiths	Regular Price: \$10.00	Members Price: \$ 9.50
Cadboro: A Ship, A Bay, A Sea Monster - Ursula Jupp	Regular Price: \$12.00	Members Price: \$10.00
Chinatown: Towns Within Cities - David Lai	Regular Price: \$28.00	Members Price: \$25.00
Come Give A Cheer: 100 Years of Victoria High School - Peter Smith	Regular Price: \$ 5.00	Members Price: \$ 4.00
Craigdarroch: The Story of Dunsmuir Castle - Terry Reksten	Regular Price: \$12.95	Members Price: \$10.50
Early Indian Village Churches - Veillette and White	Regular Price: \$14.95	Members Price: \$10.95
E & N Railway - Baird	Regular Price: \$ 4.95	Members Price: \$ 4.00
Fernwood Files - Ellis	Regular Price: \$12.95	Members Price: \$ 10.00
First Water Tigers - Dave Parker	Regular Price: \$34.95	Members Price: \$28.00
History of North and South Saanich Pioneers and District Island Heritage Buildings - Thomas Ovanin	Regular Price: \$ 6.00 Regular Price: \$18.00	Members Price: \$ 5.00 Members Price: \$14.50
More English Than The English - Terry Reksten	Regular Price: \$11.50	Members Price: \$ 9.50
More Victoria Landmarks - Castle and King Price: \$15.95	Regular Price: \$19.95	Members Price: \$ 9.50
Oak Bay's Heritage Buildings - Stuart Stark	Regular Price: \$12.00	Members Price: \$10.00
101 Historical Buildings of Sooke Region	Regular Price: \$10.95	Members Price: \$10.00
Parliament Buildings - Martin Segger	Regular Price: \$ 5.00	Members Price: \$ 1.50
Presence Francophone a Victoria, C.B. 1843-1987	Regular Price: \$16.00	Members Price: \$14.00
Rattenbury - Terry Reksten	Regular Price: \$10.95	Members Price: \$ 9.00
Ross Bay Cemetery - John Adams	Regular Price \$ 4.95	Members Price: \$ 4.00
Saanich - Geoff Castle	Regular Price: \$19.95	Members Price: \$16.00
Samuel Maclure, Architect - Janet Bingham	Regular Price: \$ 9.95	Members Price: \$ 8.00
Trees of Greater Victoria: A Heritage	Regular Price: \$14.95	Members Price: \$14.95
Urban Archaeology	Regular Price: \$12.95	Members Price: \$11.50
Vice-Regal Mansions	Regular Price: \$ 5.95	Members Price: \$ 2.00
West Coast Victorians - Ken Naversen	Regular Price: \$32.00	Members Price: \$28.00
Greeting Cards by Rosemary James Cross	Regular Price: \$ 2.50	Members Price: \$ 2.00



# REGIONAL HERITAGE NEWS

## THE HERITAGE TREE SOCIETY

The first Charter meeting of the new Society will be held on February 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 West Burnside Road. Come and sign up as a member. We look forward to see you at the Heritage Fair at Hillside Mall.

## CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE SOCIETY

A series of lectures which link the Dunsmuirs to the early social, economic and architectural history of Victoria begins on **February 20**, with Terry Reksten speaking on "The Dunsmuir Women, Part II". **March 6** is tentatively booked for a feature on Stained Glass. **March 20** will see Pamela Madoff's slide presentation on "Lost Victoria", featuring many of the lost homes of early Victoria. On **April 10** Patricia Kidd will present slides and a lecture on Victorian furnishings, with special focus on Craigdarroch.

## OLD CEMETERIES SOCIETY

Cemetery tours will now alternate on first and third Sundays between Ross Bay and other cemeteries. Tours start at the cemetery of choice at 2:00 p.m.

February 17 Ross Bay - Scout and Guide Week Tour

February 24 Pioneer Square

March 3 Ross Bay - Victorian attitudes towards death

March 10 Blanshard Day Tour - starts at the site of Governor Blanshard's house at Yates and Government. Examination of Fort Victoria site, then on to the Johnson Street Burial Ground and proceeding to Pioneer Square.

March 17 Ross Bay - Irish Columbia. Tour leader Michael Halleran.

March 24 Mortimers Monumental Works, 709 Kings Road. See how headstones are made.

March 31 St. Stephen's Church, Saanichton

April 7 Ross Bay - Floral Symbolism

April 14 St. Mary the Virgin, Metchosin

April 21 Ross Bay - In the Wake of the Whalers

April 28 St. Peter's, Quamichan. For tour information, call 384-0045.

## ESQUIMALT HERITAGE PRIDE FOUNDATION

For Heritage Week the Esquimalt Heritage Pride Foundation will be mounting a display of maps from 1865 to 1989, accompanied by historical and modern photos of buildings and streetscapes in Esquimalt. This will be supplemented by children's colouring from local schools and photos which represent Esquimalt's military heritage.

## VICTORIA REDISCOVERY SOCIETY

A full school program is underway at Point Ellice House, Richard Carr House, Craigflower Farm and Helmcken House. All of these sites will re-open to the public on May 16, 1991.

## CANADIANA COSTUME SOCIETY

During Heritage Week, the society will be having a fashion show at the Hillside Centre on Saturday afternoon, February 23rd. The show will highlight such shoulder coverings as shawls, mantles, capes, etc. The current display at Victoria City Hall is "Fancy Dress," through March 31st.

# REGIONAL HERITAGE NEWS



## SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is looking forward very much to Heritage Week 1991. The Heritage Fair promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. Come on out to Hillside Centre and see what's happening. Details elsewhere in the newsletter.

## SAANICH HERITAGE ADVISORY AND ARCHIVAL COMMITTEE

The Committee is pleased to report that the new heritage building inventory by Jennifer Barr is at the publisher's and will be released to the public in mid-February. Jennifer has put a great amount of effort into this new inventory and, judging from the proofs, it is very readable and most informative. Thank you, Jennifer!!!

As in other years, SHAAC is participating in Heritage Fair at Hillside Mall. See you there!

## DODD HOUSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have a new Chairman, Louise Hooper (phone 477-2789).

The first OPEN HOUSE of 1991 will be April 7th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please call Nancy Griffin (477-4464) for group appointments. We continue to collect any articles to do with the history of Gordon Head - photos, letters, artifacts, etc. If you have something you would like to donate, please call us.

## L'ASSOCIATION HISTORIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE VICTORIA

At the Christmas banquet, 140 persons attended. The next regular meeting will be held on February 20th at 3:00 p.m. at 307 Richmond Avenue. There will be a social gathering on the occasion of the General Meeting on March 16th at 2:00 p.m., also at 307 Richmond. Francophones and Francophiles alike are invited to come, get acquainted and talk about "*l'histoire*". For information, call 656-5714 or 658-8501.

## SAANICH PIONEER SOCIETY

The Saanich Pioneer Society celebrated the close of 1990 with a most enjoyable pot-luck luncheon and Christmas party in December. Regular monthly meetings re-commenced on January 20, and the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the log cabin on the Saanichton Fairgrounds.

We will again be taking part in Heritage Fair at Hillside Mall, from February 18 - 23, and look forward to meeting many new friends. You do not have to be a member of a pioneer family to join the Society; just interested in the history of the Saanich Peninsula. Why not come along to the log cabin any Monday, between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and see what we are doing? We are sure you'll be intrigued.

## VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Here is a list of featured topics at our meetings through June 1991.

February 28 Dr. Pat Roy, UVic historian, will speak on cartoonists' views of Asians in BC.

March 28 Mrs. Kyoshi Shimizu, born at Kingcome Inlet and interned during WWII, and Tomoko Okada, born in Tokyo and now living in Victoria, will share the evening, speaking about Japanese families in Victoria before the war.

April 23 Robin Skelton, UVic professor, writer and poet, will speak on ghosts.

May 23 David Parker, Royal BC Museum historian, will speak on the Victoria Fire Department.

June 27 George Newell, former vice-president of the Society and former employee of the Provincial Archives, will speak on the geography and history of Northern BC.

For more information about these talks or the Society, call Pam Odgers at 592-0359.



# REGIONAL HERITAGE NEWS



## SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society holds its regular monthly meetings at 11:00 a.m. at 2410 Malaview in Sidney. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 20th. Come and learn more about the history of the area. Everyone welcome. For information, call 656-5458 or 658-5714.

## ESQUIMALT HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee is undertaking a project to place markers at various historic sites around the Municipality. The sixth such marker will be dedicated February 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in the Municipal Park adjacent to 507 Head Street (the Capt. Jacobson house). Previous markers have placed at Saxe Point, High Rock Cairn Park, Kinsmen Gorge Park, Memorial Park and the Gorge Reversing Falls. More markers will be dedicated through 1991 and beyond.

1990 saw the following heritage buildings designated in Esquimalt:

670 Lampson Street - Lampson Street School

622 Head Street - "Trafalgar"

727 Lampson Street - Morgan residence.

During Heritage Week, Esquimalt council will be awarding heritage designation certificates and presenting copies of the Esquimalt anniversary booklet.

## FRIENDS OF HATLEY CASTLE

The Historical Committee of the Friends of Hatley Castle is compiling a history of the estate during the Dunsmuir years, and would like to hear from anyone with direct or indirect knowledge of any aspect of the functioning of the estate prior to its sale to the federal government in 1940. Please contact Geoffrey Castle, Chairman of the committee at 592-4161.

## VICTORIA HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee has become aware of the fact that many people, including those who own buildings of some heritage interest, are confused about the terms "heritage designation" and "heritage registry". Designation means that the council would likely not allow demolition, as designation is an official, legal by-law under the provincial Heritage Conservation Act. The heritage registry flags a building for further examination in the event of proposed exterior alterations or proposed demolition, but the registry carries no legal restrictions.

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## MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

The Ministry has recently relocated to a new, centralized location at 800 Johnson Street. The Heritage Conservation Branch, the BC Heritage Trust and the ministry library have all now settled into their new surroundings and look forward to serving you better.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT #61

The District has received a grant from the BC Archives and Records Service, under the new Community Archives Assistance Program. We will begin microfilming the minutes of the School Boards which existed prior to amalgamation in 1946, and of District #61 from 1946 to 1977. Watch for the opening of the new location of the District archives and museum at S.J. Willis School.

## VICTORIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Guidelines and application forms for the VHF's 1991 House Grants Program have been distributed to the 168 eligible homeowners in the City of Victoria. The homeowners have also been invited to take part in the 1991 VHF Restoration Workshop, coming up on March 16th. This "how-to" workshop is co-sponsored by the the BC Community Pride Program and the BC Heritage Trust.

## REGIONAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Committee's first meeting of 1991 was held on February 6th at Dodd House in Gordon Head. Thank you to the Dodd House Historical Society for hosting the meeting and for telling us about their site.

The Regional Heritage Committee, made up of about 60 local historical groups, is perhaps unique in BC. This loose affiliation meets three times a year to exchange ideas and plan events. Many of our member groups will be participating in the Heritage Fair, February 18 - 23 at Hillside Mall. See you there!

## NEW TITLES IN THE HALLMARK BOOKSTORE

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