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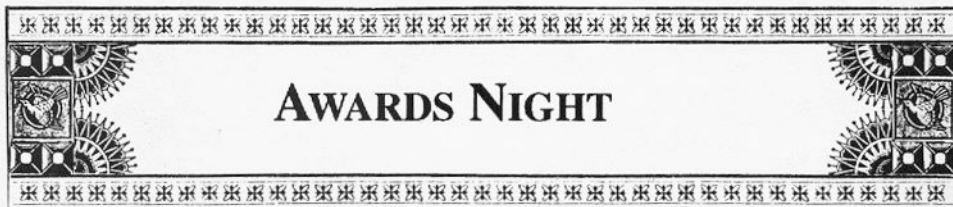
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The 17th Annual Awards Night is fast approaching!

From a lengthy list of nominations, six groups or individuals have been selected as worthy of receiving Awards of Merit, which will be presented at the Hallmark Society's Annual Awards Night, Tuesday, May 7, 1991, at the CFB Esquimalt Fleet Club. There may even be a President's or Louie Award! This prestigious evening is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of many Victorians.

Hallmark members are invited to attend the festive ceremonies, beginning at 7:30 p.m., followed by the traditional champagne reception. The Pacific Fleet Club is located at the end of Lyall Street, just outside the gates of CFB Esquimalt.

Members and invited guests are asked to call 385-4408 to reserve seats, by Tuesday April 30, 1991. Your name and number of seats will automatically be added to the list. Please note that that your message will not be returned. We look forward to seeing you May 7th.

Although this is a no-charge event, the Hallmark Society, in its fundraising efforts to find a new home, will have a donation box, with a suggested donation of \$3.00 - \$5.00.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being the President does have its advantages. But I am not sure what they are. I remember being told that it really wouldn't take up that much of my spare time, "maybe just an hour or two, here and there". Getting rid of all my sparetime is an advantage.

The other thing that might be an advantage is that I get to start off the Newsletter with some "juicy tidbit", something to whet your whistle.

So here goes: What if the most beautiful city in the world didn't know it was beautiful? What if it believed another city close by was more beautiful and the only thing to do was to become like that city? An so the beautiful city began to tear down its ugly buildings and put up new and bigger buildings ( and lots of them). And everyone in the city felt good about the growth and the good times. But then one day, someone noticed that the things that had made the city what is was were gone and it was too late. Suddenly the most beautiful city in the world was only a reflection of something that was a reflection of still something else. And the city stopped being beautiful and its citizens stopped caring and the city started to die.

It's only a story. Remember, I said being the President has its advantages. One of them is that I can be abstract and try to use analogies to draw your attention to something important: The Hallmark Society needs **your** help if we are to survive and continue to grow, and to continue to work to save Victoria's heritage. Your Society is trying to raise money to find a home. But more than money: we need involvement, we need volunteers, we need fresh ideas, **we need you!** Call the Hallmark office at 382-4755 and tell us you'll help.

*Jim Hume*

## GENERAL MEETING



### "IMAGES OF NEW FRANCE -1535 -1760"

Dennis Minaker, a longtime Hallmark member, is going to take us along on his bicycle trip through Quebec by providing us with a thumbnail sketch of the surviving achitecture of eastern Canada through an illustrated lecture. Will Victoria's achitecture ever reach old age?

Yes !!!...the second Hallmark Auction returns, with infamous auctioneer Bill Murphy auctioning off more treasures, which can be yours...catch the bidding spirit and help fill our "Home For Hallmark Coffers". Items to hit the block will include both glass and wooden door handles, a Victorian planter, a gift certificate for Bed and Breakfast at The Captain's Palace, heritage plants for your heritage garden and homebaked bread!!! If you have items to donate to this or any subsequent auction please contact Cyril Hume at 656-1834 or Joan McCorry at 382-5476. Remember, you don't have to let the moths out of your wallet at the auction, Hallmark can invoice you!

For those of you that like to deal in loonies, our usual Raffle will tempt you with a surprise to test your luck!

The Hallmark Bookstore will be open...buy a book to read while lounging in your garden sipping a long cool drink . Of course the Hallmark Heritage Bakers will be putting out the usual spread of goodies to provide the energy for all that brisk bidding during the auction.

Colin Barr, Membership Chairman will be delighted to see all of you with overdue memberships - renew!!!

Spend a fresh summer evening by the sea at 234 Menzies Street - the James Bay New Horizons Centre, by attending the Hallmark General Meeting at 7:30 p.m, Thursday, June 6, 1991.



### HAPPY TEA DRINKERS AT JOLIMONT

The necessity to raise funds to finance the Hallmark Society's move to a new home is the number one priority of the Society in 1991.

Maggie Graham-Bell and Pamela Madoff suggested that a series of lavish high teas served in private heritage homes might provide both an opportunity for fundraising and the chance for members to spend a leisurely Sunday afternoon touring a home and enjoying a sinfully rich tea.

The first tea which took place in a turn-of-the-century mansion in Oak Bay was a tremendous success. Guests worked up an appetite touring the house and discussing the process of restoration. Tea was served in the dining room on a table beautifully set with fine china, linen and silverware. The tea menu was comprised of fresh scones with jam and Devonshire cream, a variety of tea sandwiches, lemon sponge with fresh fruit, an apricot jelly roll and a beautifully decorated Williamsburg Sherry-Orange cake (liberally laced with cointreau and sherry). The tea itself, which met with much favourable comment, was a blend of the hostesses own creation.

Guests were heartily sincere in their praise of the afternoon's events and the volunteers very satisfied with a job that was obviously well done and much appreciated.

We have been overwhelmed by the interest our members have shown in the teas. The entire series is now completely sold out. Every effort will be made to accomodate people who are on our waiting list but we regret we cannot accept any more names. Thank you very much for your support.





Actually there wasn't enough time or money available to travel to sunny California but Hedda and our newsletter editor were sighted cruising through the Hollywood neighbourhood in lovely Portland, Oregon.

It was a long-weekend stuffed to bursting with power shopping, architectural cruising and, of course, eating. Accommodation for the weekend was found in the Pearl Historic District. This area of warehouses and commercial buildings which borders the river is undergoing a rehabilitation in which heritage buildings are being adapted for use as studios, galleries and living space.

The quest for antiques was satisfied by forays into the Multnomah and Sellwood neighbourhoods. A new antique mall in Sellwood featured particularly fine American art pottery and Arts and Crafts furniture. Lunch was partaken at Huber's, the oldest restaurant in the city. The establishment features a triple vaulted stained glass ceiling, wooden booths and a terazzo floor - all little changed since the late 1800's.

A pleasant walk through the Park Blocks, a much enjoyed oasis in the heart of the city, leads to The Portland Building designed by Michael Graves. Graves is considered by many to be the most important post-modern architect practicing in America and The Portland Building has received much attention. The exceptional sculpture of Portlandia which is installed on the front facade of the building was rendered in the same repousse style as the Statue of Liberty. It is the largest sculpture of its kind ever executed in America and is second only to the Statue of Liberty which was executed in France.

The next stop was the Nike Corporation's flagship shop known as Nike Town where the futuristic Bladerunner-like interior has been carefully fitted inside a heritage building.

A downtown highlight located on Broadway is the meticulously restored movie palace, The Portland Theatre. Now used for concerts, etc., it is part of a new complex which includes the architecturally inspired, state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre.

A full city block is occupied by a handsome terra-cotta-clad former department store which is now divided into a lively mix of shops and restaurants. The business is operated by the Naito family who have purchased and developed dozens of heritage buildings in the city. Directly across the street is the down-at-the-heels Governor Hotel which boasts some of the finest terra cotta work in the city. It is currently undergoing an \$8.5 million restoration and redevelopment.

A delicious Lebanese dinner was enjoyed at El Amir which is housed in a former ecclesiastical manse which is perhaps the city's finest example of turn-of-the-century Gothic Revival architecture.

Downtown Portland bustles with shoppers and one of the most popular destinations is the new Pioneer Place mall. Developed by the Rouse Corporation, this project was developed in a sensitive way that respects the scale and heritage of the buildings which surround it. It is like an illuminated jewel-box with display windows that entice shoppers and enliven the streetscape. As a salute to the City of Roses these flowers are acid etched on windows and building hardware.

Easter Sunday found us brunching at Paisley's, a delightful restaurant located in an Edwardian house at 1204 N.W. 21st Avenue. A Sunday afternoon drive took us through some intriguing neighbourhoods in the West Hills and then on to the tulip fields which are located in the midst of picturesque countryside only minutes from town. Nestled into this charming landscape was a lovely, early Victorian board- and-batten church.

Hedda's battlecry of "Anything for a hatbox" resulted in the purchase of a smart chapeau at Saks Fifth Avenue. As the happy, tired travellers headed north they noted that Portland is a city that continues to trailblaze in many ways.

*Hedda Hopper*

# HERITAGE UPDATE



City Council's decision to send the issue of the demolition of the Sussex Hotel to a public hearing is positive news. The Advisory Planning Commission approved the increased density for the site and virtually the entire Planning Department has been supportive of the proposal for development. The proposal must still come before the Advisory Design Panel. Hallmark addressed the APC with our concerns but it is solely mandated to look at land use and does not deal with the heritage issue. It may require a public outcry to convince our elected representatives that this building should be saved.

John and Helen Edwards will be representing The Hallmark Society at this year's Heritage Society of B.C. Conference in Revelstoke in May. Helen will make a presentation on the activities of Hallmark during the past year.

## UNIQUE HERITAGE HOME RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

**WANTED:** A tenant for Tod House, British Columbia's oldest house, located in Oak Bay. The ideal tenant will be interested in heritage, will have antique furnishings compatible with the character of the house, and be willing to perform basic heritage garden maintenance. Public tours of portions of the house will be held approximately every second Sunday, (not to be conducted by the tenant), and by special arrangement at other times. Smoking is strictly forbidden in the house. Date of occupancy: July 1. Rent negotiable. Please send letters of interest by May 1 to John Adams, Heritage Properties Branch, 5th Floor, 800, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. References will be required.

## HERITAGE FAIR 1991

Many thanks to all the Hallmark volunteers who manned our booth at this year's Heritage Fair. The much admired display boards which were unveiled at the Heritage Fair were the result of a grant from the B.C. Heritage Trust coupled with hundreds of volunteer hours by Hallmark Society members. We gained a number of new members through our appearance at the fair.

## MEMBERSHIP

A number of members are still owing their renewals from 1990. Please send your renewal in soon to Colin Barr.

Membership rates are:

FAMILY	\$ 14.00
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## COVER STORY:





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**1587/1595 York Place**  
**The Charles Hibbert Tupper Home**  
**Built 1897-1898**

## The Builders of Victoria: John Gerhard Tiarks, Architect

British-born John G. Tiarks' arrival in Victoria in 1888 was the culmination of a long journey by steamer and train which had begun in Liverpool, England. His arrival neatly coincided with the start of the great economic boom which lasted until the recession of 1893, and which would provide ample opportunity for him to practice his chosen profession of architecture. He felt that architecturally the condition of the city was pitiable but was excited by recent construction which he found to be wonderfully ahead, both in external appearance and design and interior arrangement. He noted that Ashnola, the Dunsmuir home on the Gorge, was a particularly fine Elizabethan-styled home. In short order, Tiarks found employment with L. Buttress Trimen, the prominent architect responsible for Ashnola. He lived in architect Thomas Sorby's (the Laurels, Weiler Building, Hotel Vancouver) home on Michigan Street and later moved to a rooming house for architects on Menzies Street, which included Samuel Maclure and his brother as tenants.

Tiarks quickly became a significant force in architectural circles in Victoria. He designed "Clovelly", a massive home on the Vic West waterfront which featured 24 light stained-glass windows and an octagonal, cedar-lined smoking room. Many other commissions were undertaken in James Bay, Esquimalt, Rockland and Oak Bay. His homes rarely displayed the fussiness of detail commonly associated with homes of the 1890s. Bold exterior detailing featuring shallow Tudor arches and broad verandahs were his hallmarks. Many of his homes could easily have been taken as examples of British Colonial architecture in India. His interiors often included cedar panelling, more Tudor arches and whimsical details like sea-shell fireplace tiles in his beachfront cottages. An innovative architect, Tiarks designed homes that were sensitively placed to take maximum advantage of views. Kitchens were often placed facing the street in order to allow the main reception rooms at the rear of the structure to open up to spectacular water views.

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

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In 1898 Tiarks went into partnership with F.M.Rattenbury. The two young architects, both only 31, purchased 15 acres of land in what is now the Prospect Place neighbourhood of Oak Bay. Rattenbury immediately acquired waterfront property on which to construct his own home (now the municipally-heritage-designated Glenlyon-Norfolk School) and then the rest of the property was opened up to tasteful development overseen by both partners. Samuel Maclure and P.L. James, as well as Tiarks and Rattenbury, designed homes in the area and the result was a unique enclave of architect-designed homes ranging from cottages to mansions.

Tragically, J. Gerhard Tiarks brilliant career came to an end in 1901. On a Sunday afternoon in August he fell from his bicycle on Gorge Road near his residence "Kelston Wood", and died of a concussion two days later.

With Edwardian prosperity just around the corner we can only guess what influence Tiarks would have had on the architectural scene of the new century when both Maclure and Rattenbury reached their career peaks. We can look upon his few remaining buildings as a special legacy to be enjoyed by both owners and passersby and recognize the important part they play in creating the indefinable character of Victoria.

Two of Tiarks' homes have been given heritage designation: Sandhurst at 1512 Beach Drive in Oak Bay and Winford at 657 Lampson Street in Esquimalt.

Eastholme, at 1580 Beach Drive, built in 1899, and the most intact of all his houses, is currently threatened with demolition. It is hoped that Oak Bay Council will follow the recommendation of its own Heritage Advisory Committee and grant the bulding heritage designation. If it doesn't, a jewel will be snatched from the Oak Bay waterfront. Oak Bay Council will make a final decision later in April.

## Help Save Eastholme



If you are concerned that a significant heritage building may be demolished, please take the time to call or write to Oak Bay's mayor and councillors. Your concern can make a difference. Let it be known that you feel the loss of a significant heritage building in the Municipality of Oak Bay is not acceptable.



## MEMBERSHIP

As reported at our last General Meeting, Hallmark now has over 1450 members. We have had more than 150 members join since the Heritage Fair. Congratulations to John and Susan Bodnar, who are the parents of Hallmark's newest and youngest member, Emma Rosemary Bodnar, born in March.

As reported at the March 21 General Meeting your Executive is studing the need to increase membership dues. The increase reflects the reality that Hallmark will have to leave its rent free accomodation. The amount of this increase is under discussion and we welcome comments and suggestions from you, the members. The proposed increase will be presented for ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Hallmark Society, a non-profit society, is completely dependant on volunteer support. Please contact Cecelia Quaal, Volunteer Coordinator at 598-9099 if you would like to assist on the phone committee, assist at special events such as awards night or.....????? HELP!

## AUCTION



The Hallmark Society held its first auction at the March General Meeting. The idea of holding an auction to raise money for the Domicile Committee was the brainchild of Vintage Woodworks co-owner Bill Murphy. Bill served as auctioneer for the event which proved to be lively, profitable and entertaining. The bidding began with a spirited contest over a large piggy bank hand-decorated by prominent local artist Brian Seymour. Three large turn-of-the-century porch posts donated by Jim and Jim (Maurice and Stiven) eventually became the property of Pamela Madoff as did a charming watercolour by Sarah Pendray (original occupant of The Captain's Palace) which was donated by Bill Murphy. Vintage Woodworks also donated \$200.00 toward the fabrication of a custom wooden screen door which brought bids from many Society members and eventually was purchased by Jennifer Barr. The auction raised \$285.00 to be put toward "A Home for Hallmark" and the Mark Madoff Gallery.

## QUILT RAFFLE



A beautiful double quilt made by local craftsperson Marilyn Strongitharm was recently donated to the society by members Mr. and Mrs. Minaker. The quilt was displayed at the annual Heritage Fair at the Hillside Mall and hundreds of raffle tickets were sold with the winning ticket drawn at the March General Meeting. Mrs. R. Wong, ticket number 631 was the happy winner. The raffle raised \$490.00 for the Domicile coffers.

Many thanks to Jane Waddell, who donated a box of luscious Belgian chocolates which provided a consolation prize.

## HALLMARK JOINS THE COMPUTER AGE



We have the volunteers and now we have the technology. The Society recently purchased a Macintosh Classic Personal Computer and a QMS 410 Printer. This will allow us to continue producing our newsletter and special events information using desktop publishing. It will also enable us to use word processing to keep track of our bookkeeping, archives and library.

Information in our files is available at no cost to our members. Please call the office at 382-4755 and leave a message if you wish to come in at any time. As the office is staffed by volunteers, please phone to make an appointment.

## HERITAGE BUS TOUR OF SOOKE

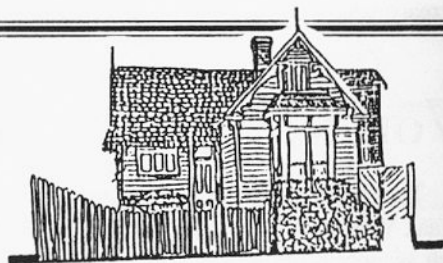


A tour by bus to and around heritage sites in Sooke is in the planning stages. The tour will be conducted one weekend in September. Watch the next Newsletter for more details of this exciting opportunity to discover hard to find heritage locales in Sooke!!!

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# HERITAGE ASSETS OF GREATER VICTORIA

Our display boards have been completed!

The Hallmark Society recognized the need to further the cause of heritage preservation and promote, educate and increase the credibility of the heritage movement in the Victoria area.

The Society's aim for this exhibit was to increase public awareness of the rich legacy of heritage assets in the Greater Victoria area, the need for preserving them, and the community benefits in doing so. In addition, the Society wished to raise the calibre of its exhibit material to professional standards, making them more suitable for a wider range and schedule of exhibitions in the region including schools and municipal installations.

The display boards are indeed spectacular, and the Society could not have done it without the tremendous efforts of many Hallmark volunteers. In particular, Jennifer Nell Barr, Pamela Madoff, Stuart Stark, Al Fry, Ken Sudhues, Colin Barr, Suzanne Bulmer, Sheila Colwill, and Richard White, - our sincere appreciation goes out to all of you. Mark Madoff had worked very hard during the early stages of this project to make it a reality.

The Hallmark Society is also grateful for the financial assistance of the B.C. Heritage Trust, who granted an award of \$8,000. The total cost of the display boards, including the Trust award and donations of materials, time and labour "in kind" was almost \$23,000.!

Hallmark Members can view this incredible exhibit at the Awards Night Ceremony, Tuesday, May 7, at the Esquimalt Fleet Club.

## RECENT BRITISH COLUMBIA HERITAGE TRUST GRANTS

Grants awarded in February 1991 to organizations in the area.

**Courtenay and District Museum and Archives** - for Comox Elasmosaur Excavation - \$5070.

**Underwater Archaeological Society of B. C.** - for Montaque Harbour Underwater Heritage - Year 2 - \$23,050.

**Horsdal and Schubart Publishers Ltd.** - for "Homesteads, Snug Harbours, The Gulf Islands", by Peter Murray - \$1,500.

**University of Victoria** - for Osteometric Analysis of Prehistoric Dogs - \$3,700.

**James Bay United Church** - for PAP Ediface Complex - "Poor Man's Purse, A Century of Dreams" by Matthew Kynaston - \$1,500.

### JESSIE WOOLLETT MEMORIAL PHOTO COMPETITION

*A reminder that all entries for the Jessie Woollett Memorial Photo Competition have to be in by April 30. Any size print in colour or black and white will be accepted. Remember this year the contest theme is "Heritage Details" and the prize is \$50.00!!! Phone Colin Barr at 385-4408 for more information.*



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# REGIONAL HERITAGE NEWS



## REGIONAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at Craigdarroch Castle, 1050 Joan Crescent, sponsored by the Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society. At the meeting Bruce Davies will discuss the fire and safety precautions of a large historical structure that has so many public visitors. If you have any questions, please call the chairperson of the RHC, Jennifer Nell Barr at 385-4408.

## VICTORIA REDISCOVERY SOCIETY

Heritage on the Hoof - May 3, 4 and 5, 1991

On Friday May 3 Richard Carr House and Helmcken House will be open. There will be tours by costumed interpreters. Information will be provided by curatorial staff about behind the scenes restoration. A brief walking tour will focus on the two houses and how they are related in history.

On Saturday May 4 Craigflower Farmhouse will have tours offered by costumed interpreters, piano music, cooking and singing. At 1:00 p.m. a presentation will be made concerning the new vegetable garden project underway.

On Sunday, May 5 tours will be offered at Point Ellice House by curatorial staff; piano music will be provided.

The seasonal opening for Richard Carr House and Helmcken House is May 16 until the end of June. These houses are open Thursday to Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Craigflower and Point Ellice will open May 19 and May 20, and then Sundays only until June 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and thereafter five days a week as for Carr and Helmcken houses. In July and August all four sites are open daily.

During "Heritage on the Hoof" week all sites have free admission, all other times an admission is charged.

Raffle tickets are available at all sites; May 1 to May 20 - first prize is a Victorian Dinner for eight at Richard Carr House by costumed servers; entertainment included. Tickets are \$1.00. For more details call 387-4697.

## OAK BAY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Oak Bay will be presenting heritage plaques to five designated buildings at the Hallmark Awards Night, Tuesday, May 7, 1991.

## SAANICH ARCHIVES

The Archives has an interesting new acquisition. It comprises a quantity of material, correspondence and other documents created through the office of former Saanich Mayor, Hugh A. Curtis, 1964 -73. As time and funding permit the collection will be sorted, arranged, and sorted in acid free cases. Ultimately a finding aid will be produced to assist researchers and to preserve materials, much of which is original.

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## OLD CEMETERIES SOCIETY

Walking Tour Schedule:

April 28 - St. Peter's Quamichan (east of downtown Duncan on Tzouhalem Road) "Tour of Church and Churchyard". Pastoral beauty and wildflowers in an oak forest make this a special place.

May 3,4,5 - "Heritage on the Hoof" - as part of this heritage weekend in Victoria, numerous tours will be offered:

Friday, May 3 - 11:00 a.m. - Pioneer Square; 1:00p.m. - Ross Bay Cemetery (RBC).

Saturday, May 4 - 11:00a.m. Pioneer Square; 1:00p.m. RBC; 2:30p.m. Chinese Cemetery.

Sunday, May 5 - noon - Pioneer Square; 2:00p.m. RBC; 3:30p.m. Jewish Cemetery.

May 12 - Chinese Cemetery - (Crescent Road at Harling Point) Discover the heritage of this unique sea-side enclave.

May 19 - RBC - "Point Ellice Bridge Disaster" An annual tour that tells the stories of those who died in North America's worst street car accident.

May 26 - Royal Oak Burial Park - (Main Gates, 4673 Falaise drive) This 1923 cemetery contains graves of many famous people and interesting stories in a beautiful setting.

A full 1991 schedule is available, please call 384-0045 for more information and details.

## L'ASSOCIATION HISTORIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE VICTORIA

The Association held their General Annual Meeting on March 16. There was a proposal to hold members meetings on Saturday afternoons at 2:00p.m. instead of Wednesday afternoons. Special events will be chosen for the meetings. A few publications are being prepared and should be published in the near future. For information on the Association

and the date of the next meeting, please call the President, Laurette Agnew at 656-5714 or the Treasurer, Marie Robillard, at 658-8501. We would like to know you.

## SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society holds regular monthly meetings at 2410 Malaview in Sidney. For those unable to attend during the day, the Society organizes evening meetings at 7:30p.m. This year, the town of Sidney celebrates its 100th anniversary and many activities are planned. The newspaper will publish the dates of these events from time to time. The next evening meeting will be May 22. Please call 656-5714 to get more information.



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## VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Upcoming speakers are: May 23, David Parker will speak on the history of the Victoria Fire Department; June 27, George Newell, former vice-president of this Society will speak on the Geography and History of Northern B.C. All meetings are held at 7:45p.m. at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street. Plans are being made for two excursions - to Esquimalt in June and to Nanaimo in July or August. For further information, phone 592-0359.

## SAANICH HERITAGE ADVISORY AND ARCHIVAL COMMITTEE

There has been a successful launching of the publication Saanich Heritage Structures- An Inventory by Jennifer Nell Barr. The book is available through various bookstores as well as the Hallmark bookstore and Saanich Municipal Hall. With the great support of Neil Findlow of the Saanich Planning Department, a management plan for the municipality is nearing completion.

## ESQUIMALT HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Good news for Esquimalt! The Lampson Street School, designated a heritage building in February 1990, has an anticipated occupancy date of Sept. 1992. The school board is renovating the building which will be used as a school again. Possible funding sources to be approached for the restoration of the Max Maynard murals in the auditorium area which are presently painted over.

## THE HERITAGE TREE SOCIETY

The Society has received many calls from owners wishing their trees to be designated as heritage. This means that a tree must be identified and measured by three members, then brought up for designation at a Society meeting. Size, specimen, rare or unique growth, historical, group, area and landmark are headings used. For more information please phone 479-3279, 595-4803 or 477-5026.

## SAANICH PIONEER SOCIETY

The Society's regular meetings for May, June, September and October will be held on the third Monday of the month at the Pioneers' Log Cabin on the Saanich fairgrounds. For further information call 656-0778.

## B.C. COMMUNITY PRIDE

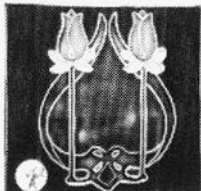
"Let's Get Technical Heritage Homeowners Workshop", June 21 and 22 at the Cowichan-Chemamus Valley Eco Museum Society. Contact Wilma Wood, 746-1611.



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## WHAT KEEPS THE HALLMARK SOCIETY GOING?

The driving force behind the work of the Society over the last 18 years is aptly summed up in the following quotation by Sir John Smith, founder of The Landmark Trust in England:

"Those who care about our surroundings fight under a handicap. When a fine building is demolished, or a fine place spoilt, that is the end of the matter; whereas the destroyer, if foiled, can always try again. To win at all we have to win every time, whereas the forces of destruction need only win once. We are inevitably on the defensive, appearing indeed to fight a rearguard action only, and it is all too easy for those who destroy to represent those who care as backward-looking and obstructive. But the reverse is the truth. Material progress has at least meant that we are no longer obliged to foul our surroundings in order to survive. Indeed it now seems that we cannot survive if we do. It is those who still preach cheapness at any price who are beginning to look old-fashioned; while those who preach against waste, whether of buildings or other resources, are modern. Far from being something restrictive, preservation is now constructive, and creative as well, and those who care about the environment are in fact in the vanguard of progress."



## HERITAGE PRESERVATIONISTS NEVER SLEEP

A diary of recent activities of Hallmark members:

\*Pamela Madoff appeared in a news interview with Howard Markson discussing the fate of the Sussex Hotel.

\*Pamela Madoff participated on a panel at UVic convened discussing heritage preservation and planning issues. Other panelists included Oak Bay Mayor Diana Butler, Alderman Sherry Irvine, City of Victoria Planner Len Vopenfjord and developer Michael Williams.

\*Pamela Madoff presented an illustrated slide show on "Lost Victoria" to a sell-out crowd at Craigdarroch Castle.

\*The Hallmark Society was the subject of a substantial illustrated article in the Times-Colonist on the Domicile Committee's series of fundraising teas.

\*Cyril Hume, Ken Sudhues and Pamela Madoff made a presentation at the request of Sidney's town council discussing the benefits of heritage conservation and planning.

\*Pamela Madoff represented The Hallmark Society at a reception hosted by the Honourable Lyall Hanson to mark the release of the new white paper on provincial heritage legislation.

\*Colin and Jennifer Barr hosted a Community Pride workshop for heritage homeowners.

\*Stuart Stark was a facilitator for Community Pride workshops in Vernon, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver.