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Editor's Message

We're sporting a new look. After five years of wearing the same format, the Hallmark Society Newsletter is experimenting with many different ideas and suggestions - all to aid us in bringing you the most comprehensive "read" in Capital Region heritage news. This issue is a prototype incorporating the brainstorming of the newly-formed Editorial Board. Recycled paper is being utilized as a test to determine if the same high quality can be maintained without clearcutting so many trees.

Thank you to all those Hallmark members who provided the creative pool of inspiration for this Newsletter: Ken Sudhues, Pamela Madoff, Cyril Hume, Melinda Seyler, Stuart Stark, Kathleen O'Neill-White and Jennifer Nell Barr. Please let us know if you like the new layout - it's your Newsletter and can best reflect the Society's mandate by including your input.

Our Regional Heritage News, a regular feature, is possible due to reporters Sheila Colwill, Jo MacGregor and Jennifer Nell Barr.

To Stuart Stark and Pamela Madoff, kudos for the splendid articles submitted. The many hours required for desktop publishing the Newsletter were contributed by Ken Sudhues. The actual "look" of each Newsletter layout is courtesy of Pamela Madoff.

We appreciate the continuing support of our advertisers, who assist in providing income to help publish the Newsletter. Please contact the Editor if you would like to place an ad, contribute an article, have an idea for a feature, or . . . ???

The Newsletter is a team effort. Thanks team!!

Annual General Meeting

The Hallmark Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street, on Thursday, September 19, 1991, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The AGM will see the election of a new Society Executive for 1991/92, book and sweatshirt sales, a raffle, and an auction under the knowledgeable hammer of Mr. Bill Murphy. Items up for auction include a night's stay at Dashwood Manor Bed & Breakfast.

One of the main topics for discussion will be an increase in membership dues, and we would like to hear from you. This will be your last chance to renew memberships at the old rate. Don't miss out!

The feature presentation for the evening will be Jennifer Nell Barr's illustrated slide talk about the built heritage of Saanich, based on her 1991 Hallmark Award-winning book, "Saanich Heritage Structures: An Inventory".

As usual, coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mandate

The Hallmark Society was formed in 1973 to encourage and facilitate the preservation of heritage buildings and landscapes in the Capital Regional District. We encourage the preservation, restoration and conservation of important buildings and gardens. We are a registered non-profit society, financed principally by membership dues and members' contributions.

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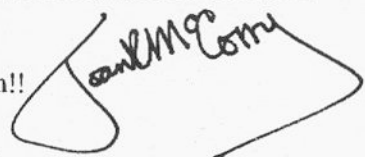
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Office open Thursday mornings and by appointment. Come and use our library and archives.



President's Message



My term as President is almost over. In preparing to write this missive, I was reading old messages from past Presidents stepping down. They all had one thing in common: the belief that the Hallmark Society would continue to grow and continue to be a viable forum for heritage preservation.

The Hallmark Society requires **your** help if we are to continue to grow and work to maintain Victoria's heritage. We have had one victory (albeit a temporary one): the reprieve for the Sussex Hotel. But this battle is not yet won. The Hallmark Society is **your** Society. But we need involvement, we need volunteers, we need fresh ideas, **WE NEED YOU!** As the Annual General Meeting and Election draws nearer, we need to know what the membership desires. Although an nominating committee is currently drawing up the slate of candidates, it is never too late to put your name in the ring. We all have something to contribute. Call the Society office and tell us if you're interested in standing for election.

It has been an interesting and educational year for me. I've learned a lot, met many people and come to know many people better. Thanks to all of you for your support and guidance.

1991 Award Winners

The Hallmark Society hosted its 17th Annual Heritage Awards ceremony at the Pacific Fleet Club on May 7, 1991. This event began as an informal gathering in a private residence 17 years ago and has evolved into a major occasion in the world of heritage preservation.

The municipalities of Esquimalt, Saanich, Oak Bay and Victoria presented heritage designation plaques to 29 buildings. Wilma Wood, President of the heritage Society of B.C. presented seven Awards of Merit. Pamela Madoff provided the awards commentary.

The Corporation of the District of Saanich was singled out for its Municipal Heritage Resource Inventory and Management Plan, which included the production of Jennifer Barr's fine book, Saanich Heritage Structures: An Inventory. Les and Mary Lane Anderson of 243 Kingston Street and Shelagh Hall of 1458 Begbie Street were honoured for the restoration of their homes. John and Helen Edwards received a service award for their many years on behalf of the Hallmark Society.

The Mark Madoff Award was bestowed for the first time. This award will be presented from time to time to an individual who has been recognized as demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to heritage preservation. Elida Peers was honoured this year for her many years of dedication and service to the heritage and history of Sooke. Elida has been the director of the Sooke Museum and instrumental in the success of the annual Fine Arts Show.

The President's Award was conferred upon the Victoria International Hostel at 516-518 Yates Street. The hostelling association transformed these two ugly ducklings into the beautiful Victorian swans they had originally been.

The awards ceremony was followed by a lively champagne reception that was heartily enjoyed by all.

Awards Night 1992 is planned for May 6, 1992. Mark it on your calendars!

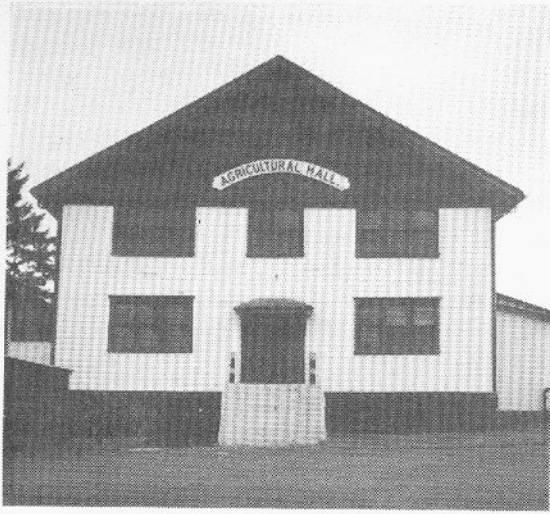


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Fairground Hall At Risk



The Old Saanich Agricultural Hall has been a Saanichton landmark for 80 years. It was built by the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society in 1911 at a cost of \$7500 and replaced a hall built on the same site in the 1870s. The hall was classed a "Landmark" building in Carole Bawlf's survey of the heritage buildings of Central Saanich.

The Agricultural Hall is a landmark and a symbol of the agricultural heritage of the Saanich Peninsula. It has been a centre both of the Agricultural Society and for the rest of the community. It has been cared for and repaired by generations of volunteers.

The building has undergone some relatively minor changes: the windows high up on the north side have been boarded up or removed and the interior side balconies have also been removed. The close-in surrounding buildings have been put up in the last 40 years.

The North and South Agricultural Society has just sold the site for housing in order to finance buildings on the new fairground site on Stelly's Crossroad, and only the Pioneer Society's log cabin museum is to be left standing, on just .4 hectares of land.

However, if there is sufficient public interest it might be possible to save the building from the bulldozer and preserve it in a park along with the Pioneer's log cabin. Preservation will also depend on raising sufficient funds to repair and maintain the building.

Heritage Society of B.C.

Moves to Victoria

As of September 1, the Heritage Society of B.C. office will be located in the Central Building at #316 - 620 View Street (tel: 384-4840) in Victoria. This Society is the non-profit provincial umbrella organization representing over 150 member groups which are involved with the preservation, development and promotion of heritage. Incorporated in 1981, the mission of the Heritage Society is to provide leadership and encouragement for heritage conservation in British Columbia. President of the Society is Wilma Wood, and Executive Director is Rick Goodacre. The Hallmark Society welcomes the Heritage Society of B.C. to Victoria!



Society Outing To Sooke

Join the heritage bus tour to Sooke on September 29th. This special tour will allow us to see the heritage highlights of the Sooke area. The bus will leave Victoria at 9 a.m. and return about 6 or 6:30 p.m. The tour is being organized and lunch will be supplied by the Sooke Region Museum. The cost for the day will be about \$25 which will cover the rental of the bus and the lunch. There will be only one heritage bus so book your seats early. Please call Colin Barr at 385-4408 to reserve a seat for this Hallmark outing.



We Love Our Volunteers!!

Hallmark relies completely on its volunteers to support the work of the Society. Whether members volunteer to work on the Executive, help in the office, research or clip articles, help conduct walking tours, help fold and address the newsletter, or lots of other small but important tasks; we all are helping to preserve the special heritage qualities of Greater Victoria. If you can help in any way, please give the office a ring - we can probably fit you in!!

THE VANCOUVER SUN

Trevor Lautens

June 27, 1991

Jolly good place

VICTORIA beats the ears off Vancouver. The island city that is half-dowager, half-disco dancer has pulled stunningly ahead of the much bigger upstart on the mainland.

With the exception of the Eaton Centre, whose threshold on principle I have never crossed, Victoria has made few mistakes. Its livability is enviable.

A Home for Hallmark

The Hallmark Society is looking for a permanent home, since the lease on Richard Carr House expires at the end of December and will not be renewed. We need a secure and permanent residence to better serve our ever-increasing membership and direct our activities as the voice for heritage preservation in the Capital region.

Please help us achieve our goal of a Home for Hallmark and the Mark Madoff Gallery with a tax-deductible donation to the Society. Your donation is an important step in our fundraising campaign and will contribute to something of real permanence and value. A donation form is printed below for your convenience. Thank you for your help.

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We Get Letters . . .

Dear Tea Hosts,

What a wonderful introduction to the Hallmark Society - having the privilege of touring your beautiful, interesting, historic home. (You are accomplishing wonders.)

The tea was delightful.

Thank you so much.

Most sincerely yours,

Vivian Mills

Victoria B.C



Tiarks Update

The fate of 1580 Beach Drive (built in 1899; J.G. Tiarks, architect) was decided by Oak Bay Council in June. Although Oak Bay's Heritage Advisory Committee had unanimously recommended that the house and garden be designated, Council decided to allow the demolition by a 4-3 vote. Mayor Butler and Councillors Irvine & Causton supported the designation bid. The house may indeed be moved like many other Oak Bay homes, but it will be lost from its prominent Beach Drive location forever. It is one of a very few homes in Oak Bay which pre-date the municipality's 1906 incorporation, and one of only a handful of Tiarks-designed homes left anywhere - the most intact of any of his designs. This is a regrettable decision for the historic Prospect Place neighbourhood, as it affects the garden of the 1912 Morris house (P.L. James, architect) next door, as the proposed replacement home will straddle the lot line and take in a large portion of the Morris garden.

To all those Society members who answered our request to write a letter to Oak Bay Council supporting heritage preservation in Oak Bay, thank you. It is important that council members realize that voters support heritage preservation policies, and want action as well.

Heritage Update

Heritage Designations from January 1991: - **Esquimalt:** 727 Lampson St. **Saanich:** 4366 Blenkinsop Rd, 1955 Saltair Cres (this designation includes the property as well as the residence). **Victoria:** 320 Linden Ave, 624 1/2 Fisgard St, 1508 Gladstone Ave, 652 Niagara St, 1400 Pembroke St, 149 Rendall St, 1790 Carrick St, 1244 Chapman St, 350/52 Wilson St, 1221 Yukon St, 2711 Fernwood Road, 3012 Quadra.

Saanich Municipal Council on May 27 unanimously adopted Saanich Heritage Resources: A Management Plan. The Plan was compiled and written by Neil Findlow of the Municipal Planning Department. The document establishes policies and guidelines for managing change in order to minimize its effect on the heritage resources of the community. The Management Plan is a companion document to Saanich Heritage Resources: An Inventory, researched and written by Jennifer Nell Barr and published by the Municipality earlier this year. The Inventory and Management Plan, sponsored by the Saanich Heritage Advisory and Archival Committee, were funded in part by grants from the B.C. Heritage Trust.

The Federal Post Office at the corner of Government St. and Yates St. is officially closed. The building, designed by Percy Leonard James in 1954, retail sales space is planned for the ground level.

Mr. Peter Daniel, erstwhile developer for the St. Ann's Academy site, recently wrote to the Victoria Times-Colonist about what a fabulous work he will be gifting the city with (as soon as he gets the money) and that his project has the support of many people in the community, *including a past-president of Hallmark*. He refers to Don Wells, who is also his brother-in-law, a fact which he fails to mention. The Society has responded to this letter, pointing out the relationship between the two, and stating quite plainly that we, as a Society, do not support the Academy Garden project in any way.

More Tiarks Research

During research prior to Council's decision, much more original research on architect Tiarks has been found. (See cover story in Spring 1991 Newsletter.) While in England on business, Stuart Stark was able to track down a family tree, finding out, among other things, that our local architect (1888-1901) was the great-grandfather of Mark Phillips, who married HRH Princess Anne! (Who said historical research was dull?) Further back in history, Tiarks' great-grandfather was chaplain to HRH the Duchess of Kent, Queen Victoria's mother. Stuart also met Tiarks' daughter-in-law, now in her 90s, who gave him the only known photograph of "Kelston Wood" (Tiarks' home on the Gorge), which stood next to where the Gorge Hospital is today. This research has made the few remaining Tiarks homes all the more valuable.



New on the Bookshelf

Saanich Heritage Structures: An Inventory. Jennifer Nell Barr. Victoria: The Corporation of the District of Saanich, 1991. 154 pp., photos, appendices, bibliography. \$19.95/Member's Price \$16.95

This handsomely laid out and exhaustively researched publication will be a most welcome addition to the libraries of readers interested in either architecture or local history. Ms. Barr, a longtime Hallmark Society executive member and recipient of a Society service award, has utilized her extraordinary research talents to produce a book that has set a new standard in the field of heritage inventories. Lavishly illustrated with both new and historic photos, this book will appeal not only to scholars, historians and planners, but also to those looking for new destinations to enjoy on a Sunday drive.

Lost (Stolen)

From 117 Oswego Street in late June: 2 stained-glass windows, approx. 12 x 24 inches. Diamond pattern in centre. All wood mullions; no lead. Reward. Mike: 385-1542/Melinda: 389-1598. Please leave a message.

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Saving the Sussex

By Pamela Madoff

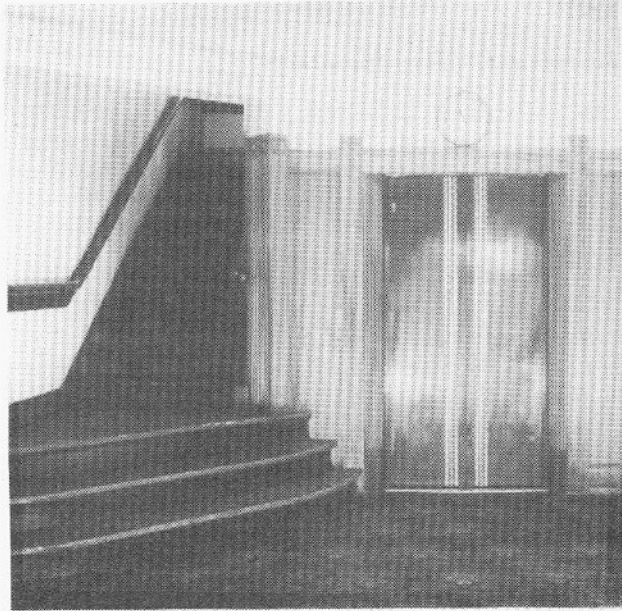
On Thursday July 11th, 1991, proponents of heritage preservation and appropriate community planning were victorious when Victoria city council voted against Princeton Development Ltd.'s proposal to demolish the Sussex Hotel and replace it with an office tower.

Victoria aldermen had voted on Thursday, September 27, 1990 to add the building to the city's heritage registry.

Hallmark Society President Jim Maurice made an eloquent presentation to council. His comments did not focus solely on the heritage issues, but also dealt with the very significant ways in which the proposal contravened not only the spirit but also the particular policies set down in the City of Victoria's Downtown Plan. For example, the project required an increase in density from the allowable 3:1 to 4.75:1. Density bonuses can be awarded by council, but in this case the consensus was that the concessions being offered to the city were not significant enough to warrant such a mammoth bonus.

The Society's presentation to council not only showed a clear understanding of the heritage issues but also, and perhaps most importantly, it demonstrated an in-depth understanding of the equally complex issues of community planning and zoning.

The Sussex Hotel is a significant heritage building and if its demolition had been permitted, another Victoria landmark would have been lost. Of even greater concern is that if it had been demolished to make way for Sussex Place our community plan would have been demolished along with it. The Downtown Victoria Plan (1990) clearly states the city's policies regarding development, and Princeton Development's proposal displayed a flagrant disregard for many of the key issues contained in the plan.

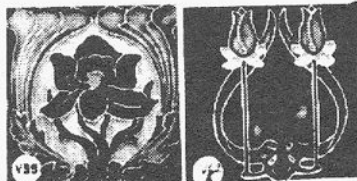


The Hallmark Society urged the developer to take the opportunity to preserve a heritage building and to also create a first class office building. Restoring the Sussex Hotel and including it in the development represented about 4% of the total anticipated cost of this venture.

The Society's position on this project was clearly not anti-development, but rather one of anti-inappropriate development.

Princeton Development Ltd.'s initial reaction to the failure of their development proposal was to threaten to leave the Sussex derelict until a new city council is elected in 2-and-a-half years; a comment that former Society President Stuart Stark likened to "corporate blackmail". It has recently become apparent that Princeton is still talking with the city, hopefully on ways in which the project can be modified to respect the Downtown Plan.

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H.S.B.C. Conference 1991

by John & Helen Edwards

The 13th Annual Conference of the Heritage Society of BC was held in Revelstoke from May 23-26, 1991. The theme of "Small Town Heritage" was particularly appropriate as the host city has a population of only 8500.

On Thursday we attended a Community Pride Heritage Homeowners Workshop. After a session in the Community Centre we were taken to view two local homes under renovation and restoration. Following an evening reception at the Revelstoke Museum we set up our portable display boards to acquaint others with the work we do in Victoria.

On Friday, Bob Broadland's keynote address was followed by the most lively session of the day - the "Burning Issues" forum, at which we discussed matters submitted by the Society's membership. A number of resolution proposals arose from this open discussion.

At the Annual General Meeting resolutions including designation of the Cascade powerhouse, preservation of railway heritage in BC and the preservation of the Princess Marguerite were passed. In fact, the meeting was so lively it had to be continued the following afternoon!

Following the meeting we made a 10-minute presentation on behalf of the Hallmark Society, in which we detailed the Society's history, our past year's activities, our fund-raising drive and the recent Awards Night. People were most interested in our heritage tea series and the news of threatened buildings.

On Saturday four speakers gave us a profile of the Revelstoke area. Projects described were the downtown redevelopment/restoration, the Ilacillawaet Greenbelt linear park, the proposed Revelstoke Railway Museum and the development of Mount Mackenzie as a year-round recreation area.

Following an afternoon walking tour of the downtown area, during which we were able to see firsthand the results of the revitalization project, we studied the new provincial legislation and learned how to prepare an inventory.

We are looking forward to the 1992 conference in Vernon.

Let Them Eat Cake

By Pamela Madoff

Let them eat cake and scones and lemon pudding and angel food cake dripping with brandied peaches. Let them drink tea and lemonade and punch. Let them tour gorgeous private heritage homes and admire fascinating private collections. Let them wander through peaceful gardens and admire unique plantings. Let them do all these things and you will meet with tremendous enthusiasm. The Hallmark Society invited its members to partake of such pleasant activities on a monthly basis as the Society hosted a series of fundraising teas in private homes. Word of mouth on the lavishness of the teas quickly spread and the entire series sold out almost immediately after the first tea was held in March.

Many members were disappointed that they were not able to obtain tickets and the Society was overwhelmed at the success of the tea series.

Ten additional tickets are now available for the Sunday, September 22 tour. This tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and guests will enjoy a sinful brunch. The featured home is a stunning 1903 Queen Anne with a tower, lavishly panelled interior and period furnishings. Truly one of the city's most spectacular Victorian homes.

We wish to thank our members for their support and remind you that this fundraising activity is in support of the "Home for Hallmark" and the Mark Madoff Gallery.

To reserve tickets for the September 22 tour and brunch, please call Pamela Madoff at 384-6971.



Cultural Resource Management Program '91

Upcoming courses in heritage conservation include: September 5-7 Heritage Cemeteries - non-credit course given by John Adams of the Old Cemeteries Society and Michael Trip of the UVic Geography Dept. September 25 - October 2 Evaluation of Historic Architecture - credit course given by Dr. Harold Kalman of Commonwealth Historic Resources Management Ltd. December 2-11 - Canadian Cultural Policy - credit course given by Robert Kennedy, former Canada Council Director. As well, education grants for local participants in the architectural conservation courses are available through the 1843 HERITAGE SOCIETY. Contact Joy Davis at 721-8462 or Jennifer Barr at 383-4546 for details and application forms.

Regional Heritage Committee News



REGIONAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE of the HALLMARK SOCIETY

Jennifer Barr 385-4408

The next meeting of the Regional Heritage Committee (RHC) will be Wednesday, September 4, at 6:55pm. This special event, sponsored and funded by CFB Esquimalt, will be a bus tour of Esquimalt military heritage sites and structures, followed by refreshments and a brief meeting. Groups interested in sending representatives please contact Mr. Douglas Yuill at 363-4004.

The RHC was formed in 1986 when local heritage groups requested the Hallmark Society to create an umbrella organization. The RHC promotes cooperation and coordination among the over 90 heritage-related groups in the Capital Region. Meetings are held three or four times a year at different sites or offices run by member groups. Representatives from any interested heritage groups are welcomed. Four individuals comprise the executive: Chairperson, Jennifer Barr; Secretary, Louise Ditmars; Newsgatherers, Sheila Colwill & Jo MacGregor. The following reports have been submitted by some of the member groups.

L'ASSOCIATION HISTORIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE VICTORIA

Laurette Agnew 656-5714

In October, the Association will publish a new book, A French Presence in Victoria, 1843 - 1991. It will be an adaptation and updating of the French edition of Presence Francophone a Victoria, 1843 - 1987. It details the participation of the Francophone in the founding and development of Victoria.

B.C. MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

David Spalding 387-3315

There will be a Regional Heritage Conference in Penticton from October 15 to 18, entitled "Cooperation". Keynote speaker will be Keith Kelly of the Canadian Conference of the Arts. There will be sessions on cultural tourism. The Conference is open to non-members. There will possibly be a post-Conference tour of significant museum heritage sites.

CANADIANA COSTUME MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES OF B.C.

Prue Rowe 477-4217

A display of garments of the 1860s continues at Craigflower Farmhouse during Sept., as well as garments of the 1911 period at Craigflower Schoolhouse. We are establishing a reference library at our Langford headquarters, behind the Goldstream Region Museum at 2 - 697 Goldstream Avenue.

DODD HOUSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Louise Hooper 477-2789; Nancy Griffin 477-4464

Dodd House has reacquired some of its original landscaping. The massive laurel hedge surrounding its original location at 1710 Kenmore was destroyed in June, but not before several seedlings were collected and successfully transferred to the house's present location in Lambrick Park. The Society would be pleased to receive any seeds, seedlings, cuttings, shrubs, etc. from other Gordon Head pioneer sites. Please contact 477-4464 for donations. Open House continues every second Sunday from Sept.8 to Oct.20, 2pm - 5pm. Private visits may also be arranged.

ESQUIMALT MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

Maureen Smith 385-2461

The new Municipal Archivist is Maureen Smith, who previously worked at the Maritime Museum. The 1991 Oral History Project, with funding from the B.C. Heritage Trust, is currently being conducted by Louise Ditmars. The Archives at 1149 Esquimalt Road are open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm.



GOLDSTREAM REGION MUSEUM SOCIETY

Carey Pallister 385-1572

The Goldstream Region Museum reopened on August 17, 1991. During a six-month closure, the Museum's exhibits were renovated: existing displays were improved, new ones added, and a new track-lighting system was installed. New displays include "Logging in the Western Communities" and "The Story of the E&N Railway". The history of Colwood Farm features recent donations of plans and specs of a barn designed by W. Ridgeway Wilson and built on the property in 1898. The museum, #2-697 Goldstream, is open Sundays 2-4pm, or phone for details.

THE HERITAGE TREE SOCIETY

Jo MacGregor 477-5026

Meetings recommence on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7:30pm, at the Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 Burnside Rd. W. Everyone welcome. Many new potential heritage trees have been reported during the summer.

OAK BAY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ald. Sherry Irvine 598-4478

Oak Bay had a very successful Community Pride Workshop in June. The Committee expects many follow-up projects will come from this as the year unfolds.

OLD CEMETERIES SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Inez Martin 384-0045

Highlights of upcoming Cemetery Walking Tours include: Sept. 1, 15, Oct. 6, 20 - Ross Bay Cemetery, on a variety of topics; Sept. 8 - Our Lady of the Assumption, 7742 West Saanich Rd; Sept. 22 - Saltspring Island; Sept. 29 - Brethour Family Cemetery, beside the Pat Bay Airport; Oct. 13 - Chinese Cemetery at Harling Point; Oct. 27 - Pioneer Square on Quadra St. For details of times and meeting points, as well as other tours, call number above.

ROYAL B.C. MUSEUM'S EDUCATION HISTORY PROJECT

Ray Wunderlich 592-0118

The objectives of this province-wide Project include scholarly research as well as exhibits. Some goals have been met and some are delayed by uncertainty of funding. The first of the exhibits was officially opened on June 19 by the Honourable Stanley B. Hagen, Minister of Education, in St. Ann's Pioneer Schoolhouse in the R.B.C.M. precinct. During the school term access will be by school classes as part of the R.B.C.M.'s field trip program. Museum staff have once again worked their "magic" on a quality exhibit which is perfectly housed in the small, but historically important, schoolhouse. Meanwhile, volunteers are continuing to inventory historic education materials throughout the region covered by the three school districts of South Vancouver Island, while others are beginning the oral history component of the Project.

S.D.#61 EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

Ray Wunderlich 592-0118

The SD61 E.H.A.M., located in S.J. Willis Education Centre at 923 Topaz, has once again had a set-back. Because of major changes in District administration, the Archives and Museum is now on the ground level adjacent to the Resource Centre. So, pack and unpack, modify the space, and finally get down to necessary documentation. Oh, well!

SAANICH HERITAGE ADVISORY AND ARCHIVAL COMMITTEE

Bob Prittie 381-8694

A bus tour of Saanich heritage buildings is planned for September 22, 1991. Tea and sweets will be served at the Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Ave, following the tour. Recent Saanich publications will also be available for purchase at this time. Tickets for the tour are available from Bev Morrison at the Hall, 386-2241. Seating is limited - book early to avoid disappointment.

Regional Heritage Committee News



SAANICH MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

Geoff Castle, Jack MacIntyre 386-2241, loc.320

Files pertaining to the 280 buildings and structures included in Saanich Heritage Structures: An Inventory, recently published by the Corporation of the District of Saanich, have been turned over to the Archives and are accessible for researchers and patrons. As well, there are files on another 1100 buildings surveyed but not included in the book. Hours are 9am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday, at 770 Vernon Ave. It is advisable to phone ahead.

SAANICH PIONEER SOCIETY

Jean Kennell 656-0778

Regular monthly meetings recommence on Monday, Sept. 16 at the Pioneer Museum, in the Log Cabin on the fairgrounds at 7910 East Saanich Road. The Society's museum and archives are open to the public, phone for times.

SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Laurette Agnew 656-5714

The next meeting of the Society will be Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30pm in St. Paul's United Church, 2410 Malaview in Sidney. Regular meetings are the third Thursday of the month, 11am, at the same location. News members are invited.

VICTORIA CITY ARCHIVES

Jim Burrows, Carey Pallister, Trevor Livelton 361-0375

As a result of a recent grant project, most of the available records from the Mayor/City Managers Department have been described. Another project currently underway will provide greater access to the maps and plans held by the Archives. As well, City Hall is hosting a display by the Goldstream Region Museum entitled "The Western Communities: Victoria's Playground". Included are photographs, documents and artifacts. The Hallmark Society display, "What a Lovely House—", has concluded a successful run at the Archives, thanks in no small part to the work of Melinda Seyler.

VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Geoff Castle 592-4161

The V.H.S.'s Historical Markers Committee is compiling a list of sites of former and existing buildings and structures of historic importance in the Victoria area, as well as places associated with significant events, for possible marking by plaques. Suggestions are welcomed. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies, recommencing Sept. 26, 1991.

VICTORIA REDISCOVERY SOCIETY

Roderick MacIssac 387-4697

Craigflower Farmhouse at 110 Island Hwy, Craigflower Schoolhouse at 2755 Admirals Rd. and Point Ellice House at 2616 Pleasant St. will be open Sundays in Sept. 10am to 5pm; Carr House at 207 Government St. and Helmcken House next to the Royal B.C. Museum will be open daily 10am to 5pm in September. The Colonial Harvest Festival, featuring the period garden, will be held at Craigflower Farmhouse Oct.11-13. Every 2nd Sunday from Sept.8 to Oct.20, Tod House at 2564 Heron Rd. in Oak Bay will be open noon to 4pm. Extensive school programs at all Victoria heritage sites run from October 1991 until May 1992.



Regional Heritage Committee News

BRITISH COLUMBIA HERITAGE TRUST

Neil Wilton 356-1435

The following grants for Vancouver Island projects were approved at the April & June meetings of the Trust: \$10,800 to Nanaimo Centennial Museum for a preliminary assessment of an intact remnant of the Departure Bay Midden site. \$12,585 to Koksilah School Historical Society for restoration of the exterior of the 1914 school as a historical school museum. \$6074 to University of Victoria History Department to research, compile and produce a directory of churches and religious organizations from 1850 to 1991. \$3500 to Esquimalt Municipal Archives for the 1991 oral history project. \$3075 to the District of North Saanich for a feasibility study for the restoration and preservation of the Deep Cove Community Hall. \$15,000 to the Village of Lake Cowichan for a contextual history and inventory of the Lake Cowichan District. \$5000 to Orca Books for the publication of A Forbidden Town Within Victoria by Dr. David Lai. \$1937 to the Esquimalt Heritage Advisory Committee to install 5 heritage markers in the municipality. \$20,000 to the B.C. Aviation Museum in Sidney for the compilation of a Historic Aircraft Wrecks Inventory.

MINISTRY LIBRARY

Anne Morgan, Romi Caspar 356-1440, 387-5015

The Ministry Library of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture is located on the ground floor of 800 Johnson St. The Library, which contains a wide selection of heritage and preservation literature, including a number of new titles, is open to the public from 8:30am to 4:30pm weekdays.

Heritage White Paper Released

On March 18, former Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, the Honourable Lyall Hansen made a brief statement in the Legislature officially releasing a White Paper on heritage legislation. This document, promised in the 1990 Throne Speech, includes both draft legislation and interpretive materials. The draft legislation, which incorporates a new Heritage Conservation Act and major amendments to the Municipal Act, seeks to provide a comprehensive and balanced tool kit to enable both Provincial and Community heritage conservation. As final legislation is expected to be introduced by Spring 1992, the White Paper represents the last opportunity for public review and input into the legislation development process. A copy of the Act may be obtained by contacting the Heritage Conservation Branch at 356-1434.

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Your Society at Work

Since the last Newsletter, Hallmark Society volunteers have been active on many fronts, including:

Jim Maurice presented a thoughtful submission at the public hearing at Victoria City Hall regarding the rezoning of the Sussex Hotel. The rezoning was defeated! Vice-President Pamela Madoff worked on the presentation with Jim. He has also represented the Society at functions both at City Hall and the university.

Corresponding Secretary Ken Sudhues has written letters on behalf of the Society to Victoria in favour of retaining the Sussex lobby and facade, while encouraging a sympathetic new development behind it. Other letters have gone to Oak Bay council supporting preservation of the 1899 Tiarks-designed house at 1580 Beach Drive; and a letter to Sidney Town Council appointing member-at-large Cyril Hume to the newly-formed Heritage Advisory Committee as Hallmark's representative. (The Sidney by-law states that a member of the HAC must be a Hallmark Society member.)

Melinda Seyler, member-at-large, coordinates Society walking tours. Seven groups have toured since May, bringing in \$515. Melinda also updates and coordinates the Hallmark Trades and Services List, 75 of which have been distributed since May.

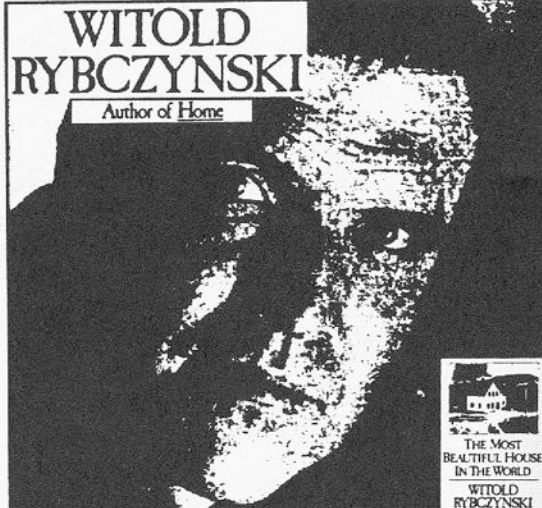
Helen Edwards, our volunteer Office Manager, has kept up her usual busy pace since Spring, dealing with 102 phone enquiries, 10 member visits, 30 executive visits; she's sent out 15 tax receipts and processed 141 remittances. Her current major project is computerizing all of the approximately 8000 property files for easier retrieval. The slide collection is being reorganized and numbered. Helen expects to have all this done by the end of September. Eleanor Kneffel has been helping out in the office, which is open most Thursdays (phone first!) from 10 - noon.

Society membership has grown by 71 since May. We welcome them all and thank them for their support. Jennifer and Colin Barr have been keeping the membership files together with their usual detailed organization. Jennifer wishes to mention that Miss Margaret Lowe, one of our long-time members, sadly has died.


Jim Maurice set up Hallmark's display "Heritage Assets of Greater Victoria" at the Crystal Gardens for the summer with the cooperation of the Provincial Capital Commission. Our other exhibit, "Oh, What a Lovely House! Yes, but It's Not There Anymore," has been on display in the window of the City Archives in Centennial Square. Thanks to Melinda Seyler for coordinating this display.

Stuart Stark, Melinda Seyler, Pamela Madoff and Ken Sudhues will welcome representatives of the Heritage Committee of the Vancouver Community Arts Council to Victoria for a tour of Old Town, house visits and tea on September 28.

Hallmark members have been invited back to Vancouver for the day on November 9. There will be tours of Shaughnessy 3 (41st & Granville), either south downtown or the West End, and afternoon tea at the Roedde House, an 1893 Rattenbury on Barclay Street. As well, there will be a tour of the Arts Council Museum's exhibit on the vanishing rural architecture of the Fraser Valley. If you wish to join in the fun on November 9, you may sign up at the Annual General Meeting.



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Notice of Motion of Dues Increase

Dues for the Hallmark Society have remained the same for the last five years, while costs have steadily increased. GST, the large increase in postage and the prospect of having to pay rent for our office space all contributed to the decision that dues have to be increased. It has recently been learned that if there are no substantial advantages or benefits from membership that Hallmark membership dues can be considered a tax deductible donation and tax receipts can be issued. This tax advantage would help offset the increased cost of membership.

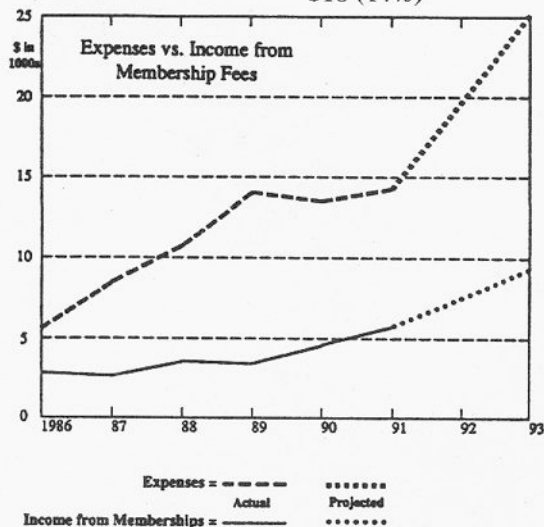
It will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting on September 19, that the following dues structure be accepted. The figures after the proposed dues are the actual cost when the tax benefits are considered.

	Proposed dues for 1991/92	True Cost if total charitable donation is \$250 or less	True Cost if total charitable donation is more than \$250
Senior/Student	\$15	\$11 (57%)	\$8 (14%)
Single	\$20	\$15 (50%)	\$11 (10%)
Family	\$30	\$22 (57%)	\$16 (14%)
Affiliated Group	\$50		

New categories are: Supporter \$100; Sustainer \$250; and Philanthropist \$500.

The Life membership will no longer be sold.

The line graph at right shows how memberships have generally made up approximately 50% of outgoing expenses; usually covering the cost of producing the Society Newsletter. Production costs have been rising, and now Canada Post insists that we pay the full \$.80 postage for the Newsletter. This brings the cost of each Newsletter to over \$1.25 to produce and mail. Most of the proposed new dues will for this one vital item.



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