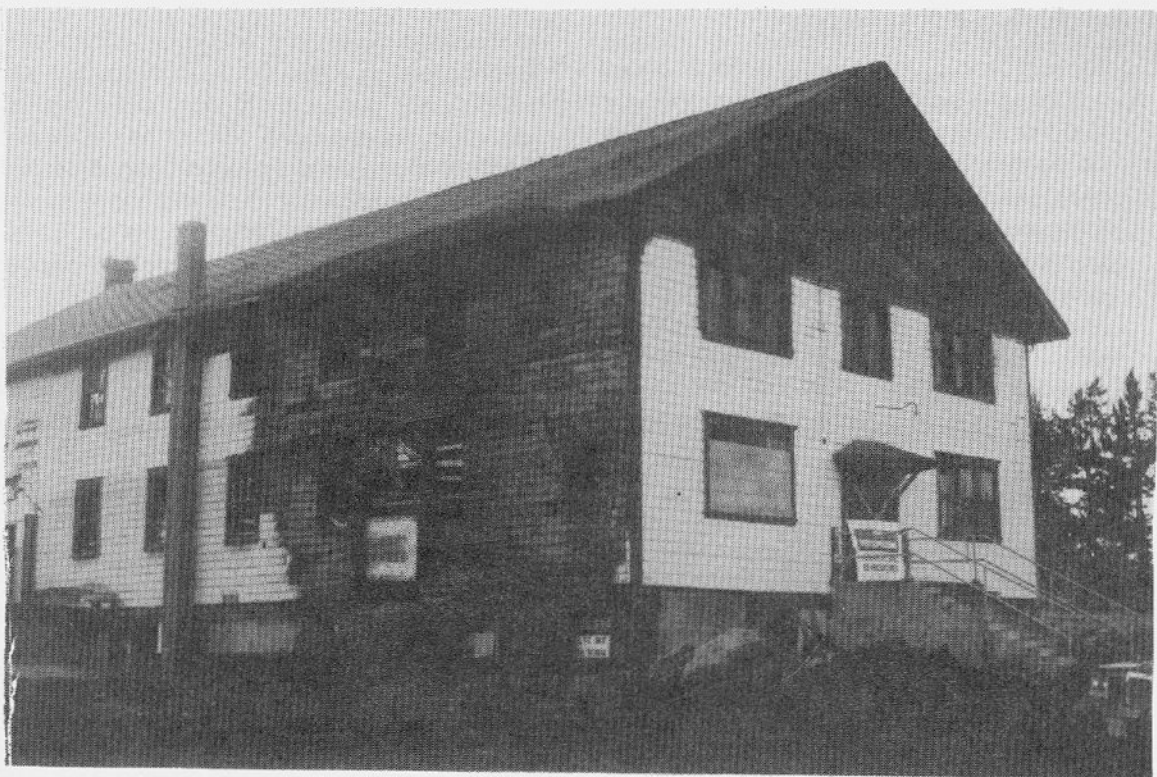


**THE HALLMARK SOCIETY**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**Dedicated to Preserving Historic and Architectural Landmarks**



**Since 1973, your voice in heritage preservation in the Capital Region**



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#### **Mandate**

The Hallmark Society was formed in 1973. Our mandate is to encourage the preservation of structural, natural, cultural and horticultural heritage within the Capital Regional District (CRD). We accomplish these goals through education, public speaking, advocacy, tours, exhibitions, and our annual Awards Night. We are a registered non-profit society, financed principally by membership dues and members' contributions.

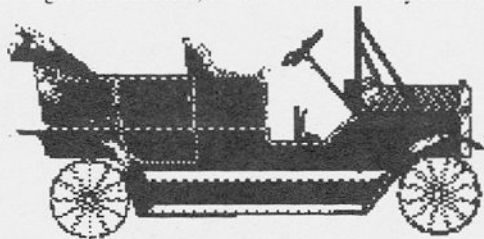
## **Notice of Meeting**

The next General Meeting of the Hallmark Society will be held on Thursday, June 9, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street.

On the agenda will be Heritage Updates, ratification of new Executive officers, and committee reports. There will be four guest speakers, including Mr. Bevan Gore-Langton, who will discuss vintage motorcycles, and Tim Lomas of the Roundhouse Museum Project. The evening's theme will be Transportation. We urge you to attend and participate in the Society's business.

## **Cover photo**

Saanich Agricultural Hall, Saanichton. Photo by Helen Edwards.



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## President's Message

What do I get for my membership?

It seems this is the question I am most frequently asked when discussing the Hallmark Society with members and non-members alike. One answer is that you get out of it what you put into it, but that in itself is too simplistic.

People join the Society for various reasons. I joined because I was living in a 1904 house and was interested in heritage research. Over the years, I have learned a great deal about architecture and history and have become deeply involved in the heritage preservation field.

Perhaps the best reason to become a member is to support the work of the Hallmark Society in its never ending task of educating the political establishment and the general public about the value of heritage and the need to preserve it. However we might not want to admit it, numbers do talk and if we can say we represent over 1,000 citizens, people will listen to us.

Another benefit of membership is free access to the Hallmark Society library and archives. These files contain information on over 8,000 buildings in the Capital Regional District, and our slide collection contains some material which is contained nowhere else. In addition, members receive a discount on most purchases from the members' book store - a selection of titles carefully chosen to be of interest to the membership.

Hallmark Society meetings feature interesting guest speakers who are willing to share their knowledge with us. At meetings, you can also meet other members who share your problems or can offer solutions to others you may have.

Members are entitled to one copy per year of the Trades, Services and Products List which contains listings on many categories of tradesmen, suppliers and services which are of enormous benefit to those who are restoring their homes, furniture, artwork, jewellery, etc. This list has recently been updated and expanded to 24 pages.

Members receive at least four newsletters per year which give more detail on heritage issues than is possible at meetings. We hope that you find these issues interesting and informative.

Involvement in the Hallmark Society executive or committees, although hard work, is not without benefits. We are able to have a real say in the management of heritage resources in the Capital Regional District and make contacts which would never be possible in our daily lives.

My favourite reason for being a member is Awards Night. I really enjoy dressing up and coming out to see who will be the winners each year. This is also a great way to meet fellow members and people active in the heritage community. The social setting allows for a more casual dialogue than is usually possible. Please join me on May 3, 1994 for this year's Awards Night! It should be a good one.

Anyone who thinks that heritage advocates are dull, dry, building-huggers has obviously never been to a Hallmark Society party. We serve the best food anywhere and enjoy ourselves thoroughly. This year, we are continuing the tradition of fun social activities and hope to announce a special event open to members only in the near future.

*C. Helen*

# Sir James Douglas School

by Helen Edwards

On February 28, 1994, the Greater Victoria School Board unanimously passed the motion "That the design development for the Sir James Douglas School site proceed based on a complete new facility...". This means that the original 1909 building, designed by J.C.M. Keith, will be demolished.

This was a decision based solely on dollars and cents, and preservation of the original building was never a real consideration. The facilities committee were given a two page summary of costs and expected to make an intelligent decision on the future of the building. No definite costs on demolition and disposal of material in the landfill were given, nor was any value placed upon salvageable material. No breakdown of individual costs were given - merely a total. No opportunity was given to dispute any amounts. The cost of portable classrooms was also included in the cost of retention. This is certainly creative bookkeeping.

What concerns us most is the precedent which is set by the loss of this building. It will almost always be more costly to seismically upgrade existing structures, particularly when the cost of alternate accommodation is included.

Unfortunately, some members of the public have misinterpreted our position. No one is advocating preservation at the cost of public safety. As shown by last year's restoration of the historic Lampson Street School, it is possible to make old buildings safe at a reasonable cost.

Serious questions have been raised about this entire process. The lack of funding from the Ministry of Education for the seismic upgrading of existing structures doomed this school from the start. Your Society has written to the Minister of Education expressing our concerns and requested that funding be made available. We have also written to the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture regarding the drastic reduction in funding for heritage projects.

# Name the Building

The Federal Building at 1230 Government Street in Victoria needs a name, and members of the public are being asked to submit suggestions before May 31st. A wonderful name with heritage significance would be a move in a very pleasant direction, and a part of downtown lore for years to come.

An ad appeared in the Times-Colonist on March 12th, inviting individuals and groups to come up with the perfect name, keeping three things in mind: (1) the name should be significant to the city of Victoria, (2) the name of a person may be submitted, if that person made a contribution to the well-being of Canada or the community and is no longer living, and (3) the names of places or events may be suggested if they are of some historical significance.

Mail your suggestion and your reasons for choosing it, plus your name, address, phone number, and group affiliation (if submitting the suggestion as a group) to: Ms. Leanne Caskey, Communications Branch, Public Works and Government Services Canada, #701-1166 Alberni Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 3W5. Hon. David Dingwall, Minister of Public Works and Government Services will make the final choice later this summer.

# Thank You, Volunteers!

We are especially thankful to Rob Adams for his support and expertise in organizing this year's Awards Night. We are also very appreciative of the following people for their time and energy devoted to the nominations house tour on March 12th: Tibby and Rob Adams, Jennifer Barr, Rolly Beauregard, Elizabeth Brown, Pamela Copley, Helen and John Edwards, Joan Peggs, Ellie Tims and Camilla Turner. Joining in for the potluck supper (excellent food as always!) and discussion afterwards were, Mark and Kathie Aitken, Ken Sudhues, George Ball, Jim Lee and Colin Barr.

## Interim Treasurer's Report

by John Edwards

We started off September 1, 1993 with only \$324.12 in the bank and as of March 31, 1994, we have a balance of \$3,072.07, after paying \$1,070 in rent. Thanks to all the hard work at Heritage Fair by the volunteers, the gross receipts were \$1,216.61, the second highest ever. At this Fair, sixty-nine books were sold.

At present, we have received funds from fourteen businesses to sponsor Awards Night. Also, charging for advertising in our Trades and Services List has produced positive results. Thanks for this idea from Jim Lee and Melinda Seyler.

Some comparisons are:

	<u><i>This Year</i></u>	<u><i>Last Year</i></u>
	Mar 31/94	Mar 31/93
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Memberships	\$3958.00	\$4075.00
Book Sales	\$1598.00	\$1098.00
Sweatshirts	\$160.00	\$665.00
Trades List		
advertising	\$1100.00	Nil
sales	\$100.00	\$30.00
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Newsletters	\$1135.00	\$1380.00
Rent	\$1070.00	Nil

## Style Guide Coming

The B.C. Heritage Trust and Heritage Conservation Branch are working on a guide to historical architecture in British Columbia. Spearheaded by Alastair Kerr, it examines the development and application of styles, forms, function and the relationships to B.C.'s history. Written by Hal Kalman, Valda Vidners, and Don Luxton, illustrated by Nicholas Bawlf, the Trust is hoping to publish this work in the near future.

## Heritage Fair

Heritage Fair 1994 was held at Hillside Mall from February 21 to February 26, 1994. Attendance was up from last year and we did well financially. Our volunteers fielded many questions and our display boards were much admired.

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who manned our booth - we couldn't have done it without you!

Take a bow - MARY AND BERT NELL, CAMILLA TURNER, PAM COPLEY, JOAN PEGGS, VIRGINIA GAREAU, AUDREY AIKINS, POLLY HIGGINS, MARION CUMMING, MARY WARRINGTON, LISA BUTCHART, JEFFREY COUSENS, SHEILA HUNTER, AL AND LOUISE FRY, ROLLY BEAUREGARD, JANE RENAUD, JULIE KING, SUZANNE BULMER, MELINDA SEYLER, PEN BROWN, ELLIE TIMS, MARK AND KATHIE AITKEN, and JENNIFER BARR. Special thanks to those who did more than one shift, especially JOHN EDWARDS who did four. Thank-you to Rick Goodacre who helped to set up our display boards. We would have not had them up without his help! If you would be interested in participating in this fun event next year, please let us know. We always pair an experienced worker with a rookie, so you are not on your own.

## Scrounging!!!

Basements are wonderful places that hold things for "just in case". Our new office needs an old coat rack, a "dummy" to display our Society's sweatshirts, a set of bookshelves, and a light table to view slides. If you have such treasures, or if you know someone who has, could you please arrange to bring them to the office. These items would be very useful to us and much appreciated.

## Heritage Updates

### Porter House

The original owner of this house built in 1896 was Robert J Porter, a butcher and a partner in the firm of R. Porter and Sons who had a retail and wholesale butcher shop on Douglas and Government Streets. Porter served as an Alderman for Victoria and as Mayor from 1919 to 1921.

Designed in the classical cottage idiom, it was one of Samuel Maclure's earliest works in Victoria. It sits on a double lot and the remnants of the tennis courts can still be seen. As Mr. Porter's surviving daughter is now deceased, there is considerable pressure to sell the property for development. The owners of commercial establishments on both sides of the dwelling are eager to acquire the land only for enlargement of their businesses.

The Hallmark Society has expressed its interest in the property and also our concern that this little gem not be demolished. We will keep you posted on developments.

### Royal Roads

The closure of Royal Roads Military College was recently announced by the Federal Government as part of a general cutback in Defence spending. The general feeling seems to be that the property must be preserved and a new use found for it. A proposal has been made that the University of Victoria obtain the property and use it as a satellite campus. The estimated capacity is 800 students. Other proposals include a film centre, exclusive holiday accommodation and a private garden tourist attraction.

It is vital that the buildings and grounds not be destroyed in any way. The suggestion that the property be subdivided and sold to pay down the national debt is ludicrous. This is indeed a national treasure and echoes a bygone era. We will never see the likes of Hatley Park again. The gardens themselves are valuable as are the outbuildings which have been recently restored. If you have not taken a tour of the grounds, please do so.

### The Latch ("Miraloma")

The proposed development has gone to the Sidney APC which has made a cautious recommendation for redevelopment. The Heritage Advisory Committee has made its recommendations which include the preservation of the building exterior and interior as well as significant portions of the landscape. Continued access is also desirable.

The HAC recommendations were presented to Sidney Council on March 14 along with a copy of the article on the Latch which appeared in our latest newsletter. The HAC expresses its gratitude for coverage of the subject of this provincially important building and seeks our support in their battle to preserve it. A motion by Councillor John Calder to have council reject the entire proposal was tabled. Councillor Peter Wainwright said, "The Latch has a value that goes well beyond the town, one of even perhaps national significance". Heritage Vancouver has joined the fight to save this building and will add its voice to our local heritage groups. We will be watching the debate on this issue with great interest.

### Pair Up

The buddy system works when you're swimming in lakes — and when you're wondering if you really have the energy to get to Hallmark Society general meetings and special events. Invite a friend to join, or two friends, or three, and get together at our events. Michael Kluckner's slides of his watercolours at our March meeting made a great evening out. June's roster will be just as interesting, and there are plans afoot for special Hallmark daytime events. You don't need to use an official membership to join or give a membership as a welcome gift to someone who's new in town; a short letter and your cheque will do nicely. There's membership information in every newsletter.

## March General Meeting

At the General Meeting on March 10, 1994, Ellie Tims was confirmed as our Corresponding Secretary. Camilla Turner gave an update on new books offered for sale (see reviews elsewhere in this newsletter). Heritage updates were given on Deep Cove Community Hall, Sir James Douglas School, Central Saanich Agricultural Hall, Robert J. Porter house, Royal Roads, the Latch and the Victoria Accord. Our guest speaker, Michael Kluckner, gave a wonderful slide show of many of his watercolours of various regions of B.C. and the Mediterranean. Slides were interspersed with comments on changing cultural landscapes which, unfortunately, do not attract public support like environmental issues. This presentation was not to be missed.

## New Heritage Department

by Camilla Turner

The June 1993 reorganization of federal government departments created a new Canadian heritage portfolio. The process of blending the pieces is still underway. Many ongoing programs from former departments are still carrying on, although nobody seems to have the right business cards yet. The segment of the new department closest in line with the Hallmark Society's aims is what's called "Cultural Development and Heritage".

A fact sheet from Canadian Heritage in Vancouver notes that the new portfolio combines many elements: arts, heritage, cultural and broadcasting from the Department of Communications; official languages, Canadian studies, native programs, and State Ceremonial from Secretary of State; multiculturalism programs from the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship; amateur sport from Health and Welfare Canada; Parks Canada and Historic Sites from the Department of the Environment; fifteen agencies and crown corporations carrying out related functions (including CBC, National Archives, National Film Board, etc.) Contact numbers for B.C. and Yukon are (604) 666-2885 and (819) 997-0055.

## Awards Night 1994

by Rob Adams, Awards Night Coordinator

This is a reminder that Awards Night 1994 will be held at Lampson Street School at 670 Lampson Street in Esquimalt on Tuesday, May 3, 1994. Please make a reservation by phoning the Hallmark office at 382-4755 and leaving your name and the number of seats you require on the answering machine.

There are 11 Hallmark Awards this year to pay tribute to restoration work on specific buildings or to individuals who have made major achievements in heritage preservation. In addition, Greater Victoria municipalities will be presenting plaques to owners of buildings that have obtained heritage designations this year.

Come and celebrate with us the tremendous achievements of these award winners. There will be a short presentation with slides illustrating their work and displays that can be viewed afterward.

From 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm, there will be tours to view the restoration of Lampson Street School.

The award ceremonies will commence at 7:30 pm. Light refreshments and viewing of displays will be at approximately 9:00 pm.

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations. It is encouraging to see so many new awards candidates each year.

## South Park Centennial

South Park School marks its first hundred years on May 27, 28 and 29. A ceremony for alumni will be held in the school on Saturday, the 28th, from noon until 5:00. A special ceremony will also take place at the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park at 2:30. Watch for posted advertisements or call Trish at 384-8485 or Barb at 595-5674.

## Executive Vacancy

As we go to press we still have one opening for a Member-at-Large. We count on volunteers, so if you can give a few hours a month, please call Helen Edwards at 386-6598 or 382-4755.

## Cover Story — Saanich Agricultural Hall

“Bag the Ag” could best sum up the feelings of a majority of people who attended a special public meeting at the Central Saanich Municipal Hall on March 24, 1994. The meeting was called by the municipality to discuss the future of the Agricultural Hall which is located on the old Saanichton Fairgrounds. The cost of repairing the hall was given as \$291,000 with another \$73,000 to repair the damage caused by the March 9 fire on the site. The building, although damaged by the fire, is still structurally sound and could quite easily be saved.

The current Agricultural Hall built in 1912 is the second on the 5 acre portion of the fair grounds originally purchased from Henry Simpson. It is a very large, austere building; its only decorative feature is the arched nameplate bearing the name AGRICULTURAL HALL.

The North and South Saanich Agricultural Society, representing 200 farmers and residents, sold the land on which the Hall sits for \$2 million in August, 1991 to Polo Park Developments Ltd. The company planned to construct mixed housing on the site, subject to rezoning. A spokesman said that a historic wood cabin and about .4 hectare of land would be turned over the municipality for a park. The log cabin which houses the Saanich Pioneer Museum, is the oldest museum in the Province as a museum and still serving the same function. It was built by volunteer labour. The two pointed Gothic windows are reputed to have been brought from England in 1858 by the Royal Engineers.

In September, 1991 the Saanich Pioneers' Society moved to establish “a Planning Committee for the future development of the Society's Premises.” The committee which was formed had three members who are representative of the descendants of the original 10 founders of the North and South Saanich

Agricultural Society. This committee made a proposal to the Central Saanich Council in which they stated that the most significant historical value was in the original 5 acres. As well as the log cabin and Agricultural Hall, this area would encompass the stone gates which were presented to Central Saanich to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Saanich Municipality in 1966. Their plan would have also included some of the old animal sheds which although not attractive do contain boards

from the original home of Angus McPhail, the first white man to come to Saanich. The development of a heritage park could serve many needs of the community.

The sole purpose of this committee was to “preserve

and protect the history of the Saanich Peninsula in its various forms. We do this by honouring our Pioneers for their accomplishments, by preserving elements of their lifestyle, and by documenting all aspects of their settlement of this area for the interest and education of future generations. The Saanich Peninsula was settled and developed on a base of agricultural, the Saanich Fair was the showcase of the development of the agricultural lifestyle, and we feel that the original location and essence of the Fair is worthy of our best efforts for preservation.”

This desire for a Heritage Park has been the proverbial political football since 1991.

Norma Sealey, Chairman of the Saanich Pioneer Society, charged that the meeting held on March 24 was a sham as Central Saanich council had already made up its mind. She expressed concern that the citizens who attended the meeting were not interested in hearing how the building could be saved. They were not interested in listening to the figures given by Jonathan Yardley, despite the fact that any

*“...the meeting held on March 24 was a sham...”*



development would not cost the municipality any money. The costs of restoration would be raised through grants and fundraising ventures.

The similarities between this situation and the recently demolished Deep Cove Community Hall in North Saanich are striking. In both cases, dedicated volunteers and their efforts would appear to have been largely ignored. It is time that councils realized that once a heritage asset is demolished, then it is gone forever.

The Hallmark Society has written to Central Saanich Council requesting that the 1912 Agricultural Hall be retained. We urge concerned members to let your views be known before yet another link to the rural past of the Saanich Peninsula is lost.

## Deep Cove Hall

**Opened October 19, 1922**

**Demolished March 22, 1994**

by John Edwards

The group of 250 to 300 strong supporters who were mostly away on Spring Breaks were devastated to learn that North Saanich Council voted 5-2 to destroy one of the few remaining heritage structures in this area of the Peninsula.

The North Saanich Council had given another month, but then in a surprise move, put it on the agenda for March 21, 1994. As if pre-arranged before the vote, the demolition crew and equipment arrived early the very next morning.

The councillors of North Saanich refused to listen to or acknowledge the restoration and preservation study. They also paid no attention to the budgets, sponsors, or potential renters which determined that this restoration would not cost the taxpayers one cent.

To the Jill Kings, Peter Brands, Lois and Peter Masons and Jonathan Yardleys who put in so many hours, I am sure all Hallmark members and many others share the pain over the loss of another important link to those community-spirited people known as the Deep Cove Social Club who built this hall in 1922.

When I talked to North Saanich Municipal Clerk, Joan Schill, she said heritage is not an issue in this municipality. She must be right, because it's disappearing so fast.



## Words and Watercolours

### Books for Sale from Your Society

by Camilla Turner

Michael Kluckner as artist comes to the fore in his 1993 book, *British Columbia in Watercolour*. Kluckner's words have been his strong suit before this, in *Vancouver The Way It Was* (1984), *Victoria The Way It Was* (1986, now out of print), *Toronto The Way It Was* (1988), *Vanishing Vancouver* (1990), and *Paving Paradise* (1991). When you leaf through his new work, you'll recognize someone who carries his paints whenever he travels. As neighbourhood and regional heritage, or as a collection of watercolours, it's a lovely book.

Inveterate traveller Rosemary Neering won prizes for her 1991 book, *Down the Road: Journeys Through Small-Town British Columbia*. She looks to be on the same track with her 1993 title, *A Traveller's Guide to Historic British Columbia*. If, for instance, you were driving to Kaslo, you'd want to know that its 800 determined citizens rescued and restored that last sternwheeler to ply Kootenay Lake, plus many local historic buildings. You'll have a thumbnail history of the places along your route and a friendly nod to each community's heritage triumphs. This book belongs in the glove compartments and bookshelves of anyone interested in the province's history.

Pulling together the bits and pieces that make a local history come alive takes skill. *Craigflower Country: A History of View Royal 1850-1950* is a community project with many contributors, and the end result, thanks to editor Maureen Duffus and the View Royal Historical Committee, is attractive and accessible. Photos, maps, pen and ink sketches, and text work smoothly in a well-designed book.

Is your library complete? "Out of Print" is a very final phrase. Since our December meeting, several of our books have gone out of print, and several more are in short supply. If you have been planning a book purchase and been putting it off, please reconsider, and wait no longer. Come to the office or check the book stall at the next meeting.

## UVic Extension Courses

The following courses for professionals in the museum, heritage and cultural sectors are offered through the Cultural Resource Management Program. Registration information can be obtained from Joy Davis, Coordinator, Cultural Resource Management Program, University Extension, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3N6 Tel: 721-8462 Fax: 721-8774.

### Curatorship: Indigenous Perspectives

May 9-19: Coursework May 9-13, optional study tour May 14-16, symposium May 17-19.

Instructor: Gerald McMaster, Curator of Contemporary Indian Art, Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Cost: \$580; Symposium breaks, lunches, dinners and receptions \$90; optional study tour \$390.

Topics include collecting practices and their influence on existing collections, aboriginal perspectives and museums, and, issues and problems of acquisitions.

### Introduction to Heritage Conservation

June 6-24

Instructor: Professor Ivo Maroevic, museum studies and heritage conservation, University of Zagreb.

Cost: \$420, student and AMS fees \$21.04, reading materials \$35.

Topics include conservation of architecture, procedures for site examination and site planning.

### Heritage Landscapes and Gardens

July 6-15

Instructor: Professor Robert Harvey, Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University.

Cost: \$580.

Topics include defining "heritage" landscapes, preservation tools, landscape inventory/analysis, evaluation of plant materials, documentation and acquisition of historic plant materials. An overnight study tour of the University's heritage garden site on Lake Cowichan will be included in the course.

## Craigdarroch Castle

Several special events are being sponsored by Craigdarroch Castle between now and October. The Castle has just had a major refit done, so come by for a look and plan to take part in any or all of the following:

### **From Castle to Coal Mine - May 12**

A day trip to Cumberland, escorted by historian Lynne Bowen and Castle curator Kris Webster. Includes visits to both Nanaimo and Cumberland Museums and lunch at the Old House Restaurant in Courtenay. \$75.00 per person. Call 592-5323 to register.

### **Spring Design Workshop - April 30**

Join Deborah Owen from 1:00 until 3:00 for a workshop demonstrating traditional Victorian crafts and pastimes. The focus will be on floral centrepieces and table decorations.

### **Children's Stories & Activities - April 30**

Janice Ross will delight your children from 1:00 until 3:00.

### **The Common Wealth of Lace - May 1-31**

This juried show is presented by the Victoria Lacemakers Guild and will feature contemporary and antique lace from Commonwealth countries. Demonstrations of traditional lacemaking techniques will also be held.

### **New Land, New Life, New World -**

**June 15 - October** This exhibit will focus on the journey of Robert Dunsmuir and his family from Scotland to Vancouver Island in 1851, highlighting the customs and traditions that immigrants brought from their homeland.

## Society Car Pool

The Executive suggested a car pool be formed to help get people out to our meetings. If you can give a ride to someone or if you need one yourself, please call our office to make arrangements. We will keep a list of interested parties on file and fill the requirements as needed.

## Trades & Services List

**WANTED!:** Names of qualified contractors to be added to the *Trades, Services & Products List*. The list is constantly updated from information given by individual members and friends of the Society. Currently needed are names of contractors willing to do seismic upgrading to heritage residences, colour consultants with expertise in heritage buildings, concrete contractors, painters for exterior, interior and specialty work (i.e. murals, gold leaf, faux finishes). If you have experience with any of the above workers, please call Melinda Seyler @ 389-1598 or the Hallmark office @ 382-4755 to leave their business name, specialty and telephone number. Submissions are always welcome for any category so please let us know the tradespeople and businesses with whose work you have been pleased! Would you also please let us know of any tradespeople and businesses whose products or services have not been satisfactory so that we may remove them from our list of recommendations. Members of the Hallmark Society in good standing may receive a current copy of the *Trades, Services & Products List* free of charge by requesting one from the Hallmark Society office. Those listed have been involved in restoration projects and are reported to be sensitive to heritage issues, **however, listing does not signify endorsement of these tradespeople or their businesses.** Every effort is made to keep the list accurate and up-to-date. If you use this list regularly, please call for a current update. You should update your list yearly even if it is only used on a periodic basis. Non-members may receive a copy of the *Trades, Services & Products List* from the Hallmark Society office after payment of \$10.00.

## Calendar - Summer 1994

May 27-29 **Heritage Society of British Columbia Annual Conference** - New Westminster  
June 9 **Hallmark Society General Meeting** - Four Guest Speakers on various modes of heritage transportation.

## Regional Heritage Committee

by Pamela Copley

The Regional Heritage Committee has sponsored two meetings this season with a third coming up on April 28, at 7:00 at the Iroquois Park, 2295 Ocean Avenue, Sidney. Tours of the Sidney Museum (2538 Beacon Avenue) will commence at 6:30 with the meeting to follow. Our host for this final meeting till fall will be the Sidney Heritage Advisory Committee chair, Richard Wey. He will be speaking on the activities and issues facing the advisory committee, in particular the future of The Latch which has been purchased by a developer.

Our previous meetings were held on October 19th at the Esquimalt Municipal Archives and on February 15th at Dodd House in Lambrick Park. The October meeting was hosted by Marlene Smith and Sherry Robinson and featured Brenda Miller speaking on the Heritage Society of B.C. Conference in June, 1993 in Quesnel. The February 15th meeting at Dodd House was hosted by Nancy Griffin and guest speaker Tim Lomas of the Roundhouse Museum Society introduced the society's concept plan for the E&N Railway Roundhouse.

Regional Heritage has the potential to be a highly effective heritage networking group, but it can only do so with membership participation. I urge member groups to set aside some time to attend meetings regularly and thereby remain informed about heritage news or issues which could affect yours and other heritage societies in the Capital Regional District.

## Heritage Showcase

The first Heritage Showcase was held on Sunday, February 20, 1994 in the Friends Gallery at the Royal British Columbia Museum. Over 2,000 people viewed our display boards and enjoyed those of the other exhibitors. This was an interesting experiment which is certainly worth repeating next year.

## New Members

The Hallmark Society welcomes the following new members: Edward B. Gornall & Candis Cooperrider, Sean & Patty Rhynas, Paulina & Bob Hunter, Moira Anderson, Zebra Designitects, Sandra Gill, Donald Charles Norris, Pamela Egner, Carol Priamo, Suzanne Nelson, Margaret White & Frederick Brooks, Jennette Toews, Sheldon M. Siegel, Roger Colwill, Margaret & Henry Buckmaster, Valerie Spohn, Patrick Slobodian, Margaret Skulbru, Muriel J. Hunt, Debbie Page, J.C. Scott & Niwa Design, Gulf Island Branch-B.C. Historical Federation Branch and Valery Stockill,

We also welcome back former members who have rejoined: Dorothy Cook, Marte van Wachem, John & Pat Bovey, David Watson and Nicholas Bawlf. Thank you for your interest in heritage preservation.

## Metchosin School Museum

The museum will be open Saturdays and Sundays from now until October 17th, between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. Call Peter Browning at 478-6848, 478-3451 or 478-6397.

## Deroche School Centennial

Deroche School will celebrate its centennial on Saturday, August 20th with a buffet dinner and reunion, beginning at 4:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Register by June 1st by writing to Deroche Reunion Committee, Deroche, B.C. V0M 1G0. For more information, call 826-8141, 826-8920 or 826-9873

## More Volunteers Needed

It is important that we continue to increase public awareness and encourage everyone to support our activities. We plan to expand our office hours to allow more convenient research time. If you have a few hours per month to give us, please call. A roster will be set up to accommodate each volunteer. The better access the public has to our research facility, the better revenues we can make. Come and visit the new Society office!

## We Need Your Help!

As most of you already know, the Hallmark Society is still without a permanent home. Although our temporary office in Market Square is a big improvement over our last quarters, we will nevertheless continue our efforts to secure funds and ask for members' contributions toward financing a building of our own. Your Executive has recently met for a brainstorming session to find new and innovative ways to organize fund-raisers. We feel confident that our efforts and help from the membership will generate good revenue for the coming year.

All donations are tax-deductible too, so everybody benefits! Please send the form below along with your contribution to help Hallmark Society achieve our common goal.

**Please ensure your cheque is payable to the Heritage Building Foundation.**

We also welcome tax-deductible donations for the continuing work of the Hallmark Society. In this case, cheques should be made payable to the **Hallmark Society**.

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Commercial ads are available at a cost of \$20.00 per issue per business-card size ad. Rates for other sizes available on request. Camera ready copy is preferred but we can design simple layouts.

## Attention Researchers!

Anyone who wishes to research historical architectural subjects is welcome. There is a \$5.00 fee for two hours and up to 10 photocopies charged to non-members. We encourage you to use our facilities and publicize this service to friends and the public at large.

### ATTENTION

Your membership in the Regional Heritage Committee entitles you to have your group's news in the Hallmark Newsletter. Let others know what you are doing. Invite our members to your functions. Just send your submission to the Society office or bring to a Regional Heritage Committee meeting.



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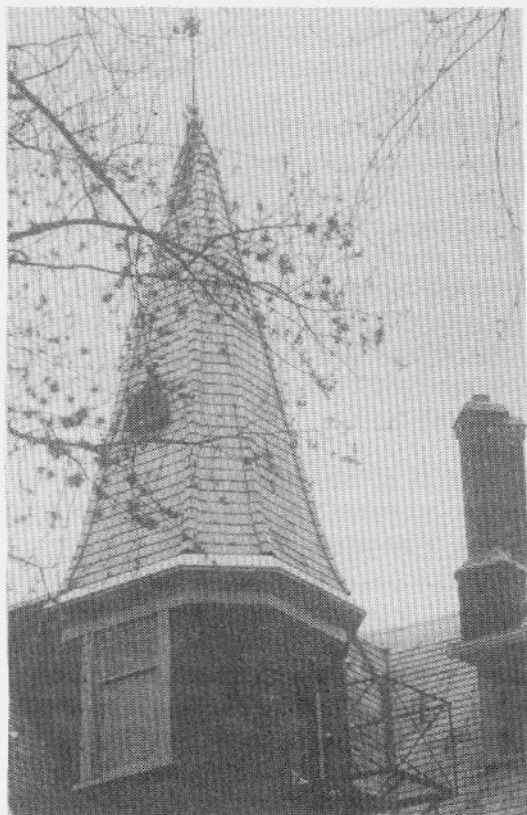
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The tower at last year's Award of Merit Winner, Mount St. Angela, 923 Burdett Avenue



The Robert Porter House, 649 Superior Street. Photo by Al Fry

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