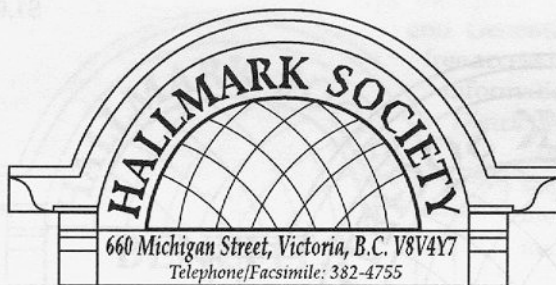




HALLMARK SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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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. 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 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Park Annex, 660 Michigan Street. On the agenda are the election of officers, heritage updates and a silent auction. Guest speaker, Dennis Minaker, author of "The Gorge of Summers Gone", will take us behind the scenes in Victoria's heritage buildings.

COVER PHOTO

Ross Bay Villa, 1490 Fairfield Road, in 1952. Photo courtesy the Hewison family. See page 8 for cover story.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Edwards

It seems that we always have to keep our eyes on every development. When the phone rings four times in an hour, we know some people are very upset. The property in question is the house and gardens of the Late Prince and Princess Abkhazi (1964 Fairfield Road) which is to be sold for a housing and townhouse development.

The site consists of nine single-family lots. Thus, any development of single-family homes can proceed. However, townhouses will trigger a change in use and the developers will have to go for rezoning. This is a spectacular garden and true labour of love for 42 years for the Abkhazis after he survived a German prisoner-of-war camp and she, a Japanese internment camp.

They had met before World War II, she an English expatriate from Shanghai, Peggy Pemberton-Carter. At the end of the War, they returned to Victoria and used travellers cheques, which she had purchased with the proceeds from the sale of her Shanghai home and hidden in a teapot during her internment, to create a garden on the slopes of Fairfield for all to enjoy. In 1949, they opened the gardens to the public.

Of course, City of Victoria Councillors say we have no money to buy it, yet all the time being aware of its existence and taking no creative steps to protect it. Politicians like to have their problems solved for them so they can get good press for the next election.

When a garden has been featured in *In A Canadian Garden* and has an international collection of rhododendrons which was left to be enjoyed by future generations, it must not be developed. As Victoria is the City of Gardens, this particular garden must be saved. Graham Lee should stick to his credits and just debit

away, giving more attention to giving tax advice to his clients.

Last June (1998), we went on a tour of old buildings in HMC Dockyard built by the Royal Engineers and the Royal Navy. Some of these buildings date from 1885 to 1899, and we might have seen them for the last time. We have heard definite talk that they are slated for demolition. It is hoped we can have some influence on saving them and causing the major new building to be built elsewhere. We are probably facing some mind-set of an Ottawa Admiral who thinks there is no heritage west of the Humber River.

When I joined the Hallmark Society in the early 1980s, we were very active and the Jackson House had been restored and fully rented. We always had a positive cash flow from the rental operations. At that time, some people came on the Hallmark Society executive, couldn't get off fast enough, and thought holding real estate was a risky venture. Were they ever wrong. It wasn't rocket science, just good plain business sense to hold in a rising market.

When the Jackson House was listed in 1986, the real estate agent said we would get close to \$200,000, but the Heritage Building Foundation accepted \$165,000. If we still owned the Jackson House, we would have been able to re-mortgage and leverage to advance funds for the Ross Bay Villa project.

It is interesting to note that in the early 1980s, people from the Central Okanagan Heritage Society used to phone Hallmark for advice.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, continued

They have kept all their real estate and have gross revenue of \$121,181 from the Guisachan House, Benvoulin Church and now Bent's Grist Mill as well as bingo, fund-raising, grants, etc.

As at December 31, 1998 Central Okanagan had an excess of income over expenses of \$52,432 even after paying wages of \$26,263. Their balance sheet shows a members' equity of \$372,995, which is clear evidence of how successful they have been with their programs. They were founded in 1982 and have only 100 members, but have been able to get financial help for labour and materials from all levels of government. Oh, by the way, I voted against the selling of the Jackson House.

So now after thirteen years of not owning real estate, we have come to see the great mistake of 1986 and with the Ross Bay Villa project and the grand alliance with The Land Conservancy, we can try to catch up to Central Okanagan. Peter Chataway of Kelowna who works with seven heritage committees says it is imperative that charities never sell their real estate. Didn't Will Rogers say "Buy land, they aren't making any more of it"?

YOUNG CANADA WORKS

by Berdine Jonker

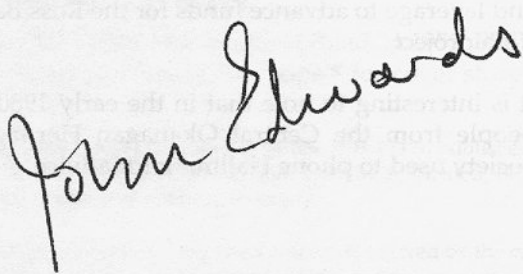
Once again, Young Canada Works has provided the Hallmark Society with a student for an eight-week summer work term. My name is Berdine Jonker, and I've been working in the office since the middle of June. So far, my tasks are mainly archives and office organization. However, I also work on increasing awareness of the Hallmark Society around town.

The beginning of the summer offered me the task of indexing and labeling the new collection of reproduced slides the Society has been acquiring. I also labeled, sorted and organized the large collection of periodicals, newsletters, and resource books in the archive room. Perhaps the biggest job now is the input of the demolished buildings files into the computer. The result is a more efficient and organized archive room with all resources easily accessible. Members use the archives at no charge, so feel free to come and learn more about Victoria's heritage.

Feeling that not enough people know about the Hallmark Society, I produced leaflets advertising our archives, and brought them to the City and Provincial Archives. Now it's just a matter of waiting to see what the results will be. Even if just one new person comes in and finds useful information, the experiment will have worked. Word of mouth is wonderful.

Now I have only a few more weeks left here in the office. In the fall I'll be continuing with the Cultural Resource Management Program (Heritage Conservation) at UVic. Hopefully by then I'll have all of these files into our database. Until then I'd better keep typing.

Best wishes,
Berdine.



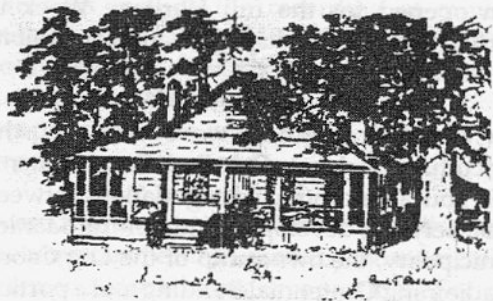
SAANICH PIONEERS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

submitted by the Society

The Saanich Pioneer Society is rightly proud of its Log Cabin Museum, situated on the old Fairgrounds at 7910 East Saanich Road, Saanichton. Reputed to be the oldest purpose-built community museum in BC, it was built in 1933 by members' volunteer labour and officially opened by the then Premier Simon Tolmie on July 1st of that year.

In 1879 a group of pioneer settlers had met to form a group for the purpose of holding card parties and various social events, and these activities continued for many years, gradually becoming inactive prior to World War I. The idea remained alive however and in 1923 a gathering of old time residents took place at which it was agreed to form a Pioneer Club for the promotion of sociability and the preservation of historical records of the area. During the ensuing years, regular meetings took place in member's houses and various picnics, dances and banquets were held yearly. The club's collection of artifacts increased and in 1932 the decision was made to approach the North & South Saanich Agricultural Society to obtain a site on the Fairgrounds on which to erect a Pioneer Hall for use by the Club.

A portion of the grounds in a grove of trees was chosen, and a 99-year lease granted by the Agricultural Society. Various members donated much of the material required for construction of a log cabin and work commenced in February 1933 under the supervision of Mr. E. Sarup. Since that time the Log Cabin has been in continuous use by the Society, and after some years the open verandahs surrounding the cabin on three sides were filled in to supply additional rooms to house the ever-increasing collection of artifacts, photographs and documents and to provide a kitchen. Many public and private events took place such as the



first meetings of the newly-formed Central Saanich Municipal Council in 1951 and the one hundredth anniversary of the 1853 voyage of the *S.S. Norman Morison*, when more than two hundred descendants of the original passengers gathered at the Log Cabin.

In 1941 the Pioneer Club was registered as a non-profit society under the name of the "Saanich Pioneers' Society" and in 1980 the somewhat restrictive criteria for membership were changed to include anyone interested in the work and objects of the Society. An Archival Section was formed in 1989 to formulate a complete computerized documentation of approximately 800 Family History and other files, and to institute a detailed filing system for photographs. Two years ago the objects of the Society were amended to place greater emphasis on the educational and research facilities offered by the Society and a charitable number was then obtained to enable the Society to issue official receipts for Income Tax purposes.

Over the years the Society has taken part in community events including Sidney Centennial Celebrations in 1991, the 100th anniversary of Sidney School, the Saanichton Farmers Market and Brentwood Days by providing photographic displays and exhibiting artifacts and documents,

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and for several years now the Log Cabin has been opened for the full Heritage Week in February with special displays, hands-on exhibits and demonstrations.

The old Fairgrounds were sold by the Agricultural Society to Polo Park Developments in 1991 but after protracted negotiations between the Society, the developers and Central Saanich Municipality, the ownership of the Log Cabin, the adjoining Centennial Building and a portion of the old stable block remains with the Society, on the original site, within a future park. This summer a new entrance road has been laid past the Society's premises to the surrounding development which initially made access to the Museum and Archives somewhat difficult at times, but the Society was able to keep open to the public as usual every Monday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (other openings can be made by prior arrangement for groups etc.) admission being by donation.

The Society's future plans include moving the Archival Section into the Centennial Building following interior renovation, which will also provide much needed storage space for Museum artifacts, relieving the congestion in the Log Cabin to enable better exhibits and displays to be mounted on a rotating basis. The priority, however, is the rewiring of the electrical system of the Log Cabin to bring it up to code, and concerted money-raising drives are being commenced to fund these objectives.

Members of the public are always very welcome to visit the Museum and Archives or to attend the regular meetings which take place on the third Sunday afternoon of the month from November to March and the third Monday evening from April to October, with no meetings in July and August. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 656-2572, 652-2126, or 656-5714.

OFFICE NEWS

by Helen Edwards

Thanks to a grant from Young Canada Works, we have been able to hire a summer student (see page 4 for her report).

Through the VolNet program administered by the BC Museums Association, we will be receiving internet access free for one year. This program is intended to help non-profit groups gain internet access and will also help with any needed training. This will mean that the Society's website may be moving - watch the newsletter for details.

For the next seven months, the office will be open for five hours on Wednesdays, although appointments can be made for access at other times. Regular office hours recommence in April.

Hallmark has made an application to the Millennium Bureau of Canada for funding for a photographic project. The purpose of the project is to photograph all buildings of heritage and/or historical importance in the core municipalities to serve as a benchmark for future researchers. Despite numerous discussions with federal staff, it appears that the application will be turned down. Apparently, the quality of the proposed project is not considered when a decision is made - the board considers the money available. We had hoped to use a portion of the Young Canada Works grant for this project, but unfortunately it has been used for this year. We will make a new application in the fall with hopefully, better results.

For the past several months, I have been in correspondence with Tony Wilson, the son of Victor Wilson, who built the Chateau Victoria. Mr. Wilson has kindly donated to the Society items from his father's papers, some of which we have never seen before. Victor Wilson used to tell his family that he was indirectly responsible for the formation of our Society. In a future newsletter, we will hear the story from the other side of the dispute.

HALLMARK SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

Elections of officers for the Hallmark Society Board of Directors will take place at the Annual General Meeting on September 27, 1999. Elections are arranged so that one-half of the positions are available each year, thus ensuring continuity between Boards. This year, we are seeking to fill openings on the Board. Please think about joining our dynamic new group as we enter into what could be one of the most interesting years in our history.

Two year terms:

President

First Vice-President

4 Directors

One-year terms:

Treasurer

1 Director

Duties performed by _____

Directors include the recording of minutes, membership coordination, volunteer coordination, Awards Night coordination, Regional Heritage Committee, etc. Responsibilities vary from year to year depending on the need.

Board meetings are held monthly, with general membership meetings quarterly. Board members are expected to take an active part in the Society's activities including members' night, Awards Night, heritage fair and special teas or tours.

If you would like to serve on our new Board, or wish to nominate someone for a position, please contact Helen Edwards (helen@islandnet.com or 386-6598). If you prefer, you may leave a message at the office @382-4755.

HERITAGE BUILDING FOUNDATION SEEKS TRUSTEES

The terms of two Trustees on the Board of the Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society have expired and an election will be held to fill them. The voting will be held at the Hallmark Society AGM on September 27, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Park Annex, 660 Michigan Street. Nominations will be accepted at the Hallmark office (382-4755) or in writing.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to make our meetings run smoother. In recent years, it has become more work to set up the South Park Annex for meetings, so we are appealing for some new blood.

We need the following:

- a person to help with set-up including the chairs, the audio system and slide projector.
- a volunteer to assist with setting up and serving refreshments. Food, beverages, and dishes will be provided
- members to help with the membership table and book sales

Please let us know at the office (382-4755) if you can assist in any way. There is no need to make a life-long commitment - any help is much appreciated.

ROSS BAY VILLA UPDATE

NEWS FROM THE HERITAGE BUILDING FOUNDATION

After the first short celebrations, an excited, pleased and tired Ross Bay Villa Committee managed to step back from the successful purchase of Ross Bay Villa, situated at 1490 Fairfield Road and start plans for the next steps in its restoration and future use.

In the last issue of this newsletter, you read the saga of our attempts to purchase this important 1865 house. One of only ten or twelve 1860s houses in the Capital Region, Ross Bay Villa retains its most significant interior and exterior features, and is ideally situated - across the street from historic Ross Bay Cemetery - for its planned new use as a Visitor and Interpretation Centre for Ross Bay Cemetery. The house will be restored to its 1865 appearance, and will also provide offices for the Hallmark Society, Old Cemeteries Society, etc. with restored Hall, Parlour and Dining Room for receptions, small meetings, and history reading room.

The purchase was made by The Land Conservancy of British Columbia, with an initial \$ 50,000 donation from the Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society for a down payment. This money had been recovered from the sale of Jackson House, a 1903 home that the Heritage Building Foundation saved, moved, restored and Designated Heritage in the 1970s. The Heritage Building Foundation had been saving this money for a worthwhile project, and Ross Bay Villa met all of the important criteria.

The Ross Bay Villa Committee is made up of members of the Heritage Building Foundation, The Land Conservancy, The Old Cemeteries Society, and some invited volunteers. The Committee, and important subcommittees, have been formulating the necessary plans for the clean up, fund-raising and restoration of the house and gardens.

There are two important things to accomplish now:

First is fund-raising. The house cost \$ 300,000. The restoration is going to cost an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 in order to upgrade foundations, add new services, rewire the dangerous wiring, restore the 1860s interior features, including woodwork, wallpaper and finishes, paint and reroof the exterior, and bring back the garden. We have already gratefully received about \$ 14, 000 in private donations for this project.



Ross Bay Villa house and grounds, pre-1988.
Hewison family collection.

The second area of work is to plan for the restoration of the house and garden. After a monumental clean up of both the house and the grounds, there is still more to do. With the very welcome donated help of a team from the Veins of Life organization, three mammoth dumpsters of garbage were taken from the site! The Chair of the Heritage Building Foundation, Rick Goodacre, showing he isn't just a desk-job kind

of guy, personally cleaned out the worst of the house's rooms, kitted out in complete outfit of masks, gloves and a disposable jumpsuit. (The protective gear was all needed, what with the cats, and the garbage, and the...)

We can now start more pleasant tasks, which includes looking at the historic resources on the site. Stuart Stark and Nick Bawlf are planning the house restoration, and will be starting a detailed on-site investigation shortly, and Cyril Hume is planning the garden's rebirth. The house has already revealed two original slate fireplaces, one of which is marbled like those at Emily Carr House, and some original 1860s windows and hardware. Cyril and an enthusiastic band of volunteers have already made a start on the garden, uncovering and identifying roses, peonies and other plants under the tangle of blackberries and morning glory.



Stop to smell the roses.

Hewison family collection

Other committee members under Gerry Howell-Jones' organization are pulling together publicity and planning a "kick-off" for September 9 in the early afternoon, to which Hallmark members are invited. A large sign will be unveiled, a few *very* short speeches, and refreshments will be part of the event. The sign will also have our website address (done by Helen Edwards) so members and supporters will be able to follow the progress of Ross Bay Villa on-line!

To make a desperately needed donation please phone: **The Land Conservancy of British Columbia** at **361-7693**.

To volunteer for the project, please phone The Land Conservancy with your name and phone number and your particular type of volunteering talent, and we will contact you.

Help us save a rare 1865 Fairfield Cottage!!

NOW AVAILABLE

Ross Bay Villa: *A Colonial Cottage 1865-1999* by Jennifer Nell Barr, Mary Doody Jones and Helen Edwards. This is a revised and much enlarged edition of the original history of the site (which is completely sold out). Copies are available from the office or at local booksellers. Members who purchase from the Hallmark Society receive a discount on the selling price. Cost: members - \$10.00; non-members - \$12.00.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

<http://www.rossbayvilla.com/~rbvhouse>

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

One of the benefits of paid membership in the Hallmark Society is the award-winning quarterly newsletter. Members are also entitled to vote at both General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting in the fall.

Dues are payable in September for all members except those who hold life membership. To ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter and enjoy the other benefits of membership, please send your renewal to 660 Michigan Street, Victoria, BC., V8V 4Y7. You may also pay at the Annual General Meeting. Membership rates are shown on the back cover of the newsletter.

Please help us to hold our costs in line by renewing now. We can no longer send out numerous reminders as postage is becoming very expensive and there are many projects which would better benefit from the funds. Despite rising costs, we are determined to keep our membership fees at a reasonable level. Please encourage your friends and colleagues to join us as we begin our 27th year of operation during which the restoration of historic Ross Bay Villa will begin.

We look forward to your continuing support for heritage preservation in the CRD.

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TAX NEWS FROM ONTARIO

with notes from *Century Home*, September 1999

There is good news for heritage home owners in Ontario. They may be able to apply for a retail tax rebate on building materials purchased before May 5, 2000 for approved restoration work on their property. The provincial government has recently approved legislation implementing the temporary rebate program for owners of properties formally protected under the Ontario Heritage Act. In order to qualify, the property must be designated by a municipality, located in a heritage conservation district or be protected by a heritage easement agreement. Only projects that maintain, conserve, reconstructs, or enhances architectural features as described in the Act will be eligible. The grant is capped at \$3,000 per property. Details are available from the Ontario Ministry of Finance, Retail Sales Tax Division at 1-800-268-8852.

HERITAGE ON TV

Shaw cable has begun filming two-minute "fillers" based on our list of top-ten threatened heritage sites. This is free publicity for the Hallmark Society. All we do is provide the background information - filming and commentary are taken care of.

The first two spots filmed featured the "Mosaic" building on Fort Street and the proposed redevelopment of Centennial Square. Watch for these items between scheduled programs on the cable channel.

The updating of this list becomes even more important as the public is made aware of current issues. If you know of any property which is threatened, please let us know at the office.

We can dream in BC, can't we?

HERITAGE SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AWARD WINNERS

by Helen Edwards

The Heritage Society of BC announced the winners of its 1999 awards on June 25, 1999 at a gala dinner on the campus of the University of Northern BC. The winners represented diverse areas of the province, communities large and small, individuals and corporate bodies.

ADVOCACY

Outstanding Achievement

1. Maureen Pepin for her book Roads and Other Place Names in Langley, BC
2. Dennis Minaker for his book The Gorge of Summers Gone
3. City of Burnaby for the Heritage Creek Name Project - Waterways of Burnaby
4. City of Vancouver Heritage Conservation Program, Joanne Proft, Andrea Wickham, Ernst Kramer for Case studies in heritage revitalization

Award of Honour

1. City of Vancouver Heritage Conservation Program and Ernst Kramer for City of Vancouver Heritage Website
2. District of Metchosin for the Heritage Trail

Recognition Certificates

1. Ron Weir for advocacy
2. Ben Wah Lee for advocacy
3. District of North Vancouver CHC for Inventory of Modern Architecture of North Vancouver 1930-45

PROJECTS

Outstanding Achievement

1. Kamloops Heritage Society for the restoration of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
2. Fernie Heritage Library for the restoration of Fernie's former post office and customs house for use as a public library
3. Silvery Slocan Historical Society for the Silvery Slocan Museum
4. Robert Sue and Davyd McMinn for 949 Meares Street
5. Maritime Museum of BC for the restoration of the Vice Admiralty Courtroom
6. City of Burnaby, Brian Hart and the Burnaby Village Museum for the restoration of the exterior and the interior of the Love Farmhouse

Award of Honour

1. The Laurel Packinghouse for the restoration of the structure at 1304 Ellis Street, Kelowna
2. Royal Agricultural Society / City of New Westminster Planning Department for the Samson V Maritime Museum
3. Vern Archibald for the restoration of 2667 Empire Street
4. Discovery Sports Club for the restoration of 714 Discovery Street

Recognition Certificates

1. Curtis C Eyestone for the retention of a 1911 residence
2. Sandra and Larry Gray for the restoration of 3808 Heritage Lane
3. Dr. Bob Ruzicka and Dr. Frank Van Gyn for the retention of 1195 Fort Street
4. District of North Vancouver CHC, Parks Advisory Committee, GVRD, GVWD for the Varley Trail

SILENT AUCTION AT AGM

The following items donated to the Society for Awards Night will be offered in a Silent Auction at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, September 27, 1999.

Bring your chequebooks and be prepared to leave with bargains!

West Coast Air

Round trip for two between Vancouver Harbour and Victoria Harbour

Thrifty Foods

4 x \$50.00 gift certificates

Victoria Symphony

Two seats to a regular concert

Dashwood Manor

A Grand mid-week Getaway

OUR PHOTOS DISPLAYED

Hallmark members Dave and Marilyn Humphries are the franchise owners of the newly-opened Humpty's Restaurant at Bay and Tyee Streets. Rather than use standard interior decoration, they have chosen to feature heritage buildings, with an emphasis on restored structures in Vic West.

They selected a number of images from our files, had them printed, dry-mounted, and hung on their walls. A sign identifying the images as being from the Society's collection is located near the entrance and each photograph is identified by number. The Humphries have received numerous compliments on their imaginative decor. This is a true win/win situation. We gain free publicity and they are able to use unique photographs. P.S. The food is great too.

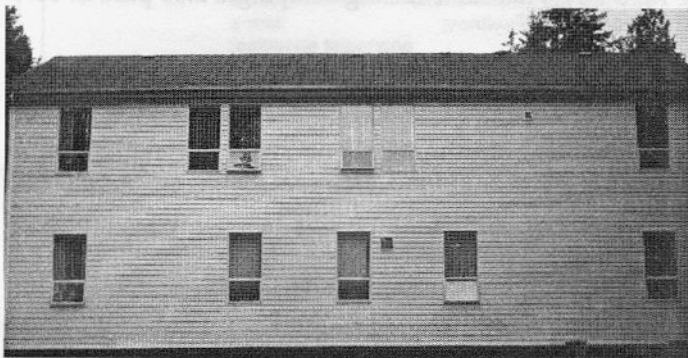


New Hallmark Society display boards at Heritage Society of BC Conference in Prince George.

Diana Edwards photo

LOCAL HERITAGE FLOATS AWAY

by John Edwards



Former military building in its new home.

Helen Edwards photo

The early cottage residents of Anderson Road on Hornby Island were startled on April 14, 1999 to see a tug rounding the point from Whaling Station Bay towing a large barge carrying two double storey army blocks. Yet, stories travel quickly on a small island and when the BC Ferry workers at Gravelly Bay were invited to have Tim Horton's doughnuts with their coffee break, they should have been a little suspicious. Sure enough, around the bend in East Road of Denman Island came very large moving vehicles from Nickel Bros. They had to be loaded onto the small winter ferry, the *Albert B. Savoie*, named after an early Hornby pioneer.

It all started when Joan Costello kept looking out her Sidney window and kept seeing houses being towed to the Gulf Islands. She searched the internet and found that Nickel Bros. had one day left to find a buyer for this block at Work Point Barracks. All the other buildings in this cluster had already gone to the landfill. So, on April 12, 1999 "Flanders" was loaded for her trip to the "Hawaii of the Gulf Islands".

On arrival, there was a strong onshore wind, so a second tug had to come from Comox. The wind picked up and crews could not get ashore. A neighbour's rowboat had to be borrowed. The

building that once housed CSIS now sits on eighteen acres. The international computer room is now a wine storage room and the data room, a pantry.

Two years before the military declaring it surplus, \$500,000 was spent on wiring. The toilets are top quality. On the original floors are two layers of 3/4-inch plywood with lino on top. The walls are all double-thick gyproc, and all the windows have bars. In other words, the amount of materials in this building would be unpurchasable today.

When one hears of such a waste of money by the military, I can only think back to how my father had to send escort ships into the North Atlantic in the early stages of World War II, with insufficient armament to face the German U-boats due to lack of funds.

Hornby Island has always been a leader in recycling. They don't have a garbage dump; they have a recycling depot. Now they are the first to recycle military buildings. According to Nickel Bros., 200 houses a day end up in the landfill.

Although the exterior of the building has been covered in vinyl siding, it will be fully restored with the historically correct cedar. All original trim has been removed but the original diagonal shiplap can still be seen near the joining of the two wings. Clear first-growth framing can also be found in the attic. When we were there, noted Victoria architect Frank D' Ambrosio was on site.

It is interesting to note that the Islands Trust has no policy on heritage structures.

CALENDAR

- September 9, 1999** "Kick-off" of the Ross Bay Villa fund-raising campaign. 2:00 p.m. at 1490 Fairfield Road
- September 27, 1999** Hallmark Society Annual General Meeting, South Park Annex, 660 Michigan Street, 7:30 p.m. Election of officers, silent auction. Guest speaker, Dennis Minaker, author of "The Gorge of Summers Gone", who will take us behind the scenes in Victoria's heritage buildings. Unusual views, attics, belfries - all will be revealed.
- November 5, 1999** Deadline - Winter 1999 newsletter
- December, 1999** Hallmark Society General Meeting. Precise date to be determined. Guest speaker, Melinda Seyler who will give an illustrated talk on the unique architecture of Scandinavia.
- January, 2000** Hallmark Society annual Trades Meeting. Panel of specialist tradespeople or suppliers who can answer questions on house restoration.
- February, 2000** Hallmark Society Members' Night - time and location to be determined.
- May 11-13, 2000** Heritage Society of BC conference - Victoria, BC. More details later.
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TOP TEN ENDANGERED HERITAGE SITES IN THE CRD - UPDATE

As reported on page 10, our Top Ten List is gaining media attention. Now we must be more vigilant to report sites which may be threatened. We have also had feedback from some who have disagreed with our position. As long as healthy discourse follows, the list has done its job.

Maltwood Property

The poplar trees have been removed but we have heard nothing further on any proposals received for the use of the lands.

1061 Fort Street

As feared, window and door openings have been cut into the mosaics on the Meares Street facade, causing cracking in what is left. The Fort Street facade is currently receiving the same treatment.

Additions to the list:

Abkhazi Gardens

Significance: A one-time show garden open to the public is faced with development as townhouses. (See President's message on page 3 for details)

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Significance: The symbolic beginning of the Trans Canada Highway. There is currently a small signpost amid a greenspace.

Problem: A rerouting of the roads around the site which will result in the potential loss of one house has been recommended to Council. This is a case of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". Victoria citizens like it the way it is. A tarted-up site will have little meaning to locals.

Watch our website for late-breaking news.

Jonathan Yardley - architect

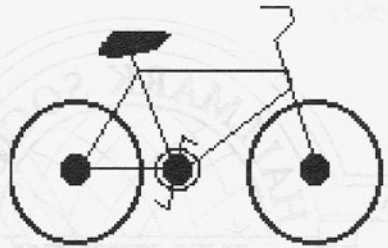
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