

APRIL 1976 – NEWSLETTER

HERITAGE RESTORATION WEEKEND

Put a big circle on your calendar now for the weekend of May 8 and 9. Why? That's the Heritage Restoration Weekend! Where? In historic Roslyn, at 1135 Catherine St., in Vic West.

Co-ordinator Stuart Stark reports that plans are well underway. As well as a chance to see craftsmen at work, there will be a tour of Roslyn, a heritage building which is presently in various stages of restoration. There will also be a slide show, and exciting displays of historic colour schemes, reproduction wallpaper and carpeting samples, a wide variety of plaster ornaments and displays of other restoration crafts. Munro's Book Store are arranging a display of books that are available on restoration skills.

Also featured will be a bus tour, leaving from Roslyn, with tickets to be sold at the gate. The tour will not only drive by heritage buildings, but will also go inside one or two.

The Heritage Restoration Weekend will be on Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Help is needed on the membership desk, selling tickets, refreshments and as bus tour assistants. Stuart figures two shifts each day, of 8 people per shift, which looks like this:

Time Volunteers Needed

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 8

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 8

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 8

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TOTAL 32

So you can see to make our Heritage Restoration Weekend the success it should be, we need your help! We also need a hand with poster distribution in the areas of James Bay, Fairfield, Vic West, Fernwood and Down Town.

Please phone either Stuart Stark (evenings) at 386-0215 or Joan Weston at 598-3729 if you can help.

Members who volunteer and who work a shift will get into the Heritage Restoration Weekend free! Prices will be finalized when costs have been worked out. A special notice will be sent out before the weekend. All proceeds will go to the Heritage Building Fund of the Hallmark Society.

Come and make a day of it! Tell your friends, especially those restoring homes. It's a wonderful chance for people to meet and talk to others and to learn and share their knowledge and experience.

HERITAGE CANADA AWARD WINNERS

Last year, two of our nominees were winners-- Martin Segger won a Travelling Award and Carl Rudolph an Award of Honour for his restoration of Higgins Hall. Their deadlines are for Notice of Intention, April 15, and for Final Application, May 31. Phone any one of your Executive with your suggestions soon.

CARE FOR A LITTLE RESEARCH?

The Inventory Committee needs to hear from persons with some time available during the day who are willing to research the A history of those houses on the "A" list, our most Important heritage homes in Greater Victoria. It's a chance to do some interesting research at the Archives and at Land Registry. Contact Chairman Margaret Hutchison (evenings) at 592-2312 for details~ Margaret would love to hear from you, and would like you to come and have a look at the work her Committee has done, and to offer your ideas and help in completing this very important task.

HOW ABOUT QUILTING?

Executive Member-at-Large Isla Tuck tells us that a Heritage quilting bee is in the planning stages now. Isla would like to hear from anyone interested in quilting, especially those with embroidery or fine needlework skills. Here's a chance to design and handcraft a heritage quilt, and also to learn the fine art of

quilting and have fun doing it. Phone Isla at 382- 7932. The finished product will be raffled, with proceeds going to the Heritage Building Fund of the Hallmark Society.

HERITAGE BUILDING FUND

The Board of Trustee members elected at the March 3 General Meeting automatically include four members of the Executive, plus the four elected from the membership -Stuart Stark, Carolyn Smyly, Dolby Turner and Ed Griffin. Their first meeting was held on March 19, and they discussed the implications of becoming a charitable organization, sources of funds, etc., and established that fundraising will be done under the "Heritage Building Fund of the Hallmark Society." Their next meeting will be on April 14.

A NEW BUSINESS FOR ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Florence Kovacevic has received her business license and is planning to open an interior design studio, Rose Cottage Interiors, in her home. Located at 1109 Catherine Street, in Vic West, this lovely heritage home has been accepted for designation, and will soon open for business in interior design and sale of turn of the century furniture and accessories, with lovely handmade quilts a specialty.

HELP FROM SUMMER STUDENTS

The Hallmark Society has applied to the B. C. Department of Labour for a grant to employ 4 summer students as Old Town Walking Tour Guides and Inventory Researchers. We haven't heard yet whether or not our application has been approved, and hope to hear soon.

THE BURDETT STREET MACLURE HOUSES

913 Burdett - since our last newsletter, there have been quite a number of new developments. Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith's offer to move the house to Vic West was accepted by the Sisters of St. Ann; however, the Heritage Tree Committee lobbied to prevent the move, as the removal of a heritage tree would be involved. As a result, City Council wouldn't approve the moving permit, and the Society has

sent a letter to the Mayor and Council recommending that if a moving permit was not allowed, Council should proceed with designation. The matter was tabled at the March 30 caucus meeting of Council. 821 Burdett - the fate of this Maclure building, which is all ready to be moved, depends on the possibility of the Smiths of Vic West taking it over in place of 913 Burdett. This couple is really dedicated in their desire to own a heritage building, especially a Maclure.

MOVING INTO THE MARITIME MUSEUM?

Your Executive has been discussing this with Maritime Museum officials and there is the possibility of using the old Bastion Theatre office space for our headquarters. The rent could be very reasonable if we can become a Corporate Member of the Museum. We hope to have their decision soon. Keep your fingers crossed!

THE M.S.A. HERITAGE SOCIETY

We have been in touch with a new, very energetic heritage preservation group in the Abbotsford area, the M.S.A. Heritage Society. (M.S.A. stands for Matsqui-Sumas- Abbotsford.) They are currently encountering the usual start-up problems with making local government and the public aware of the need for heritage preservation. With our continued support and help, we may help them to avoid duplicating some of our own setbacks.

SEE YOU ON THE WEEKEND!

There is no general meeting planned for April, so that all of our efforts can be directed to a successful Heritage Restoration Weekend. Remember, it is May 8 and 9, and we will see you there. Tell your friends!