

SEPTEMBER 1976 – NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22 1976

The most important meeting of the year, the Annual General Meeting, is coming up on September 22, 1976. It's to be held at the Maritime Museum Library at 8:00 p.m. The main items on the agenda will be the election of the new executive and a guest speaker and/or film. This is your chance to have a say in who will be making day-to-day decisions on the Society's behalf and it would be a good opportunity to air any ideas you have on next year's projects. Any constructive criticisms on this year's activities may help to give the new executive some guidance.

The Nominating Committee has almost filled the slate, but nominations are open right up to the Annual General Meeting and will be accepted from the floor. For those newer members, the positions to be filled and the present officers are:

President: Don Reksten

Vice-President: Eric Tomlinson

Recording Secretary: Barbara Watkins

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Weston

Treasurer: Candy Wyatt

Membership Chairman: Margaret Hutchison

Executive Members-at-Large: Pim Manning, Isla Tuck, Stuart Stark

Don't forget the positions to be filled on the Board of Trustees, which is the executive of the Heritage Building Foundation. There are 8 positions, 4 of which are automatically filled by the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Hallmark Society. The other 4 positions are open to anyone, member of the Society or not. Next year may be the one where we take on the purchase of an endangered building, so give these careful consideration.

It is impossible to know everyone when we have over 200 members. You know best what you can contribute, so if you are willing to serve on the executive, or have a nomination, phone Margaret Hutchison 592-2312 or Pim Manning 382-1986.

RENEWAL TIME

For about 50 per cent of our members, September is membership renewal time. Generally, those of you who joined at or since the Restoration Weekend at Roslyn have memberships which expire in September, 1977. Others can renew at the Annual General Meeting and in the next couple of months after. We are depending on you!

CONSTITUTION AMENDED

As a result of our setting the "Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society," which for income tax purposes is registered as a separate society, we've had to make some minor amendments to the "Hallmark Society" By-laws and Constitution as well as drafting a separate constitution for the Foundation. Basically, the amendments to our Hallmark Society constitution consist of deleting clauses which refer to acquiring and managing heritage properties and any reference to the Board of Trustees, except the clause specifying the automatic appointment of the Hallmark Society's 4 Executive Members to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. Those of you constitutionally inclined can obtain a copy of the constitutions by writing to P. O. Box 1204, by contacting Eric Tomlinson's office at 383-6432 or by picking them up at 1005 Cook Street. The amendments will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

SUMMER BUS TOUR

With our dire warnings of great crowds stampeding for seats for our up-island bus tour - we must have scared you all off. We had 10 seats leftover, but managed to cover the cost of the bus. Jill Sewell did a great job of contacting people at Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Chemainus and Duncan and getting

arrangements started. And the Nanaimo, Chemainus Valley, and Cowichan Historical Societies did a wonderful job of providing guides who gave us very interesting tours.

30 BASTION SQUARE

We've started the restoration of our office space at 30 Bastion Square with Stuart Stark and Rennie Knowlton using pounds of filler to patch cracks, holes, etc. We hope to have it open for business before the Annual General Meeting but it still looks very empty. Don Reksten has loaned us a large office desk and filing cabinet on a permanent basis, but we're still in need of chairs, tables, bookcases and/or bookshelves. Another member has kindly donated a portable typewriter, but a regular office typewriter would be preferable. So keep your ears and eyes open--we are willing to pay for these items as long as they're not too costly (in other words, cheap!)

HILLSIDE BAZAAR

We have a booth reserved for the Hillside Bazaar at the Hillside Mall on Thursday, October 21, 1976. If you can help man our booth for any time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. please phone Isla Tuck at 382-7932. Some of you have already kindly donated items which we can sell, but we still need more handicraft items, attic treasures, books, etc. We have some terrific patterns for Victorian doll house furniture made out of everyday materials, and for Victorian doll costumes. If you have nimble fingers and would like to make some of these items phone Terry at 592-3512. They should be bestsellers at the Bazaar.

SUPPORT YOUR CITY COUNCIL

Don't forget to write some encouraging words to City Council during the difficult times ahead. As you've seen in the press, the owners of 1040-42 Linden are contesting the demolition freeze by-law. But it appears that Council has no intention of backing down on this emergency by-law--so give them lots of moral support!

DON'T FORGET

Mark your calendar now! Let's have everyone out and participating at the Annual General Meeting, September 22, 8:00 p.m. at the Maritime Museum. And phone in your nominations.