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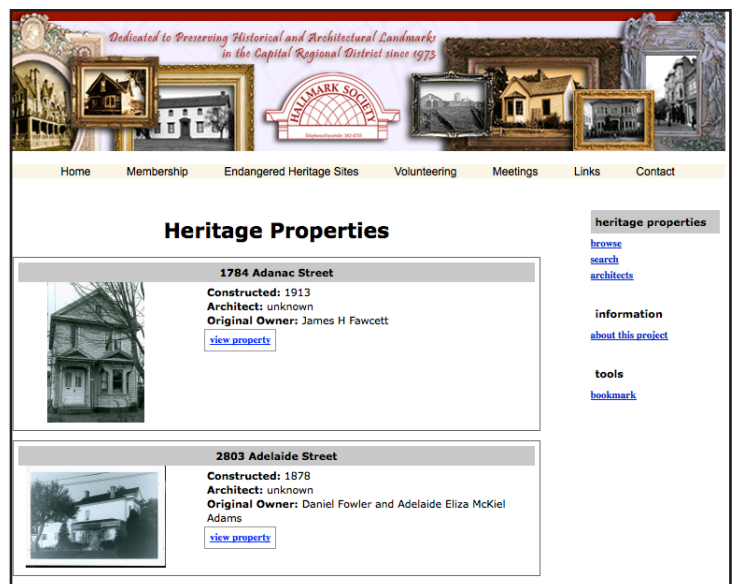
New Website goes live

Following a summer of intensive work by Brianne Wilson, assisted by Ryan Foster, the collection of photos in our clipping files has gone online. Throughout the course of the work we discovered that we have almost 8,000 photos in these files alone and many are the only clue to what a property looked like before unsympathetic alterations. Visitors to the site can search on a variety of fields in the database including street and architect.

Our web designer, Ron Brogden, took our raw data and transformed it into a fully searchable database. Clicking on a small image brings up a very large version in which architectural details can be seen quite clearly.

Funds to complete this work were received from the British Columbia History Digitization Program sponsored by the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia and the Canada Summer Jobs initiative of Service Canada.

The site can be found at <http://victoriahistory.ca>. We welcome your comments and any corrections you may have. The site will be expanded to include the demolished buildings during the year. 🏠





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The Hallmark Society was registered on April 18, 1973. We 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 the annual Awards Night. We are a non-profit society, financed principally by membership dues and members' contributions. 🏠

Notice of General Meeting

The December General Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Patrick Dunae who will speak on his latest project - a virtual 1891 Victoria. We will have a raffle of books suitable for gift-giving (or just for yourself). As in prior years, please bring seasonal goodies to share. 🏠

Deadline for articles and advertising for the Spring 2010 newsletter is February 21, 2010.

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Heritage Week Tour

For obvious reasons, the heritage week theme this year is the Heritage of Sport and Recreation. Our special Heritage Week tour will be at the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame. This small museum has a great collection of images of old sporting structures and the persons who played in them. After all, the Victoria Cougars did win the Stanley Cup and the Patrick family who lived in Fairfield was instrumental in developing hockey as a professional sport, in Victoria, Vancouver, and Detroit. Just a minor part of our sporting heritage.

We will be announcing the date and time at a later date. 🏠

Preserve welcomes submissions, both written and photographic, on topics related to the preservation, conservation, and restoration of heritage from a local, provincial, national, or international perspective. The Editor reserves the right to edit material for consistency and length, and to reject articles.

Please submit manuscripts to the Editor, *Preserve*, 810 Linden Avenue, Victoria, BC, V8V 4G9, deliver to #18 Centennial Square, or send via electronic mail to newsletter@hallmarksociety.ca. 🏠

Nick's Notes

by Nick Russell

It's important to think positive, but it's seemed particularly difficult this Fall.

First there was the news that a developer plans to build four storeys right next door to the Ross Bay Villa (1490 Fairfield Road). Then came News that Lillooet, the 1903 house atop Moss Rocks, was being demolished by Abstract Developments. Then there were threats from Abstract Developments to sue the City of Victoria if they didn't get a demolition permit for the 1880s house at Oak Bay and Richmond. That was followed by Rogers Chocolates declaring war on the City, claiming damages because their expansion plans were being restricted. And of course the Battle of the Blue Bridge continued.

Good news? Um.... That was harder to find! Victoria did suddenly decide to give Heritage status to Beacon Hill Park. But that was astonishing for the back-story: It had never occurred to me that the park was NOT designated heritage. How on earth did it escape for all those years? And what else has escaped the registry?1 Actually, of course, we know of much else that desperately needs Heritage designation, and it seems the developers ceaselessly seek such properties.

The Johnson Street Bridge was a prime example of things we take for granted: I had naively assumed, because the City's own website said,

"The bridge is like a magnet, attracting both pedestrians and vehicles who enjoy the views of Victoria's harbor. The skyline may change, but "Big Blue", as some call it, will always be there."

that therefore the bridge was safe ...especially from the city's own engineers!



I did, of course, attend the public meeting regarding the Johnson Street bridge and was much impressed by the speaker, an engineer from Seattle who specializes in restoring old bridges. Using the theme, "I don't want to change your minds; I just want to open them," he told

1 Just yesterday, I discovered that the charming Fairfield United Church [1926, designed by Karl Spurgin] has no heritage protection.

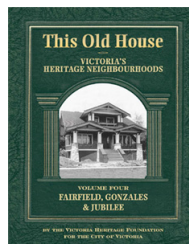
the audience of 100 many inspiring stories. If your mind is open, you can see details on the pro-bridge website, <http://johnsonstreetbridge.org/> The T-C recently had a well-argued editorial favouring a Referendum on whether the bridge should be replaced or restored: Made a lot of sense to me.

Incidentally, I searched www.flickr.com, the picture-sharing site, the other day for "Johnson Street Bridge," and got 549 hits: That's several hundred people who thought the Blue Bridge was so photogenic that they went to the trouble of contributing 549 pictures of it to the site.

Meanwhile, the Hallmark Society doesn't want to flog a dead horse long after it's bolted.... If the bridge must be replaced (and we hope it isn't), then the opportunity should be taken to capitalize on the heritage potential of the area, particularly restoring and re-purposing the Janion Hotel and the Fraser Warehouses. In addition a significant "memorial" should be created, perhaps with pictures of former bridges and their history. An isolated fragment –like the doorway of the old Sir James Douglas School-- just won't cut it.



Lillooet: The loss of this fine building, built for Sir James Douglas' grandson, was particularly galling because the developer had actually had a demolition permit for two years. Several of us have toured the building, inside and out, and were convinced that it could be restored into –say—a wonderful strata-title, with low in-fill in front. But for developers, it's all about maximum density. How could this have been saved? Probably the only option would have been for the city to require Heritage Designation several years ago, even against the owner's wishes: Some buildings are that important! It's certainly yet another reminder that the Heritage Register is hugely incomplete.



TOH IV: On a slightly personal note, I'm delighted to report that Volume IV of This Old House will be published just in time for Christmas shopping! This –the fourth and final volume—covers Fairfield, Gonzales and Jubilee. The Victoria Heritage Foundation publishes it for the City of Victoria and it will be another goldmine

of information about Victoria's heritage homes. And the VHF will have a special offer of all-four-for-the-price-of-three, for the holidays.

Carving Shed:

Was there a heated debate about the demolition of Mungo Martin's carving shed, beside the BC Royal Museum, that I missed? Suddenly, one day, it wasn't there, and I've searched the media and could find no evidence of concern or resistance. This was the building where many fine First Nations carvers learned their skills. It's been a landmark for decades; it's still featured, for instance, at the top of the New York Times walking-tour of Victoria. So what will visitors find? –A couple of picnic tables, is what.

Happy Holidays!

Hallmark Member Wins Major Award

The Gabrielle Leger Award for Lifetime Achievement in Heritage Conservation was won by Hallmark member Dr. Harold Kalman of Vancouver. His reputation as a heritage conservation practitioner, theorist, writer and educator is internationally recognized. He is Canada's first professional heritage consultant whose sustained and prolific activities have made him a highly respected leader in the field of heritage conservation for over thirty years. He opened his first practice in Ottawa in 1975, and later formed, with John Stewart, Canada's first full-service conservation office, Commonwealth Historic Resource Management in 1984.

Hal introduced many innovations to heritage conservation practice during his career, including Canada's first objective process for determining the historic value of buildings in the widely-adopted Evaluation of Historic Buildings in 1979.

He has been involved in more than 1,000 professional projects in Canada and abroad since 1975 - from historic building conservation (St. George's Church, Halifax; Rideau Street Convent Chapel, Ottawa; Woodward's Redevelopment, Vancouver) and municipal conservation planning (Dawson City, Yukon; Victoria, B.C.; Winnipeg, Man.) to heritage impact assessments, cultural heritage tourism planning and the development of public heritage policy. He has worked extensively overseas, including major projects in the Caribbean and China.

Hal Kalman is noted as a fine lecturer and has taught at UBC and UVic's Cultural Resource Management program where he also established a scholarship fund.



Two Courses of Interest

Glorious Victorians

A richly illustrated celebration of Victoria's finest homes and other buildings. The session will explore such questions as:

- What criteria can be used to judge local architecture?
- What makes Victoria's architecture unique?
- What are the "best" buildings in the city?
- Must buildings be old to be valued?
- Can the cottage measure up to the castle?
- Is history more important than style, or than the streetscape?
- What will tomorrow's fine architecture look like?

Note: This course takes place at Amica at Somerset House, 540 Dallas Road.

Section Code: ASHI452-2010S-C01

Instructor: [Nick Russell](#)

Start Date: 11/03/2010

End Date: 11/03/2010

Offered: Thursday **March 11, 2010**

From **1:30 pm** to **3:00 pm** (one session)

Christmas in Old Victoria

2009F-C01

Christmas was first observed as a religious event during the days of Fort Victoria, but by the time the Fraser River Gold Rush began in 1858 it had started to take on a more secular appearance. Find out how Christmas was observed in Victoria during the 19th century, from the annual decoration of the churches to the competition between butcher shops for the fanciest store window displays. In this illustrated talk John Adams will draw upon the reminiscences of Emily Carr, Dr. John S. Helmcken and many other residents of the city who vividly describe their Christmas traditions and memories. If you think that the commercialization of Christmas is a recent phenomenon, you will be amazed to discover it was happening here back in the 1880s.

Start Date: 03/12/2009

End Date: 03/12/2009

Instructor: Mr. John Adams

Location: Cadboro Commons Building

Call UVic Continuing Education at 250-472-4747 for more information and to register. You can also register online.

AGM Report

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Nick Russell. There were 37 members present. Approval of the Agenda. Barbara Watkins/Ken Johnson. Carried unanimously. Approval of minutes of the prior annual general meeting. Ken Johnson/Judith Andersen. Carried unanimously.

President's Report

President Nick Russell presented his report for the past year. He noted that he would give the good news and the treasurer could give the bad news. It has been a bumper year of heritage designations - possibly more than the Victoria heritage registry was created 30 years ago. Rogers Chocolates interior was designated against the owners wishes was a triumph for the heritage movement. He also touched on the Blue Bridge controversy. Our position is that the bridge be saved and restored and that the adjacent building, the Janion Hotel and the Alex Fraser Warehouses, be re-purposed and protected. On the positive side is the work of Chris LeFevre with the Morley Soda Factory and the resumption of work on the Hudson Bay development.

The current worry is 1082 Richmond where council voted against the demolition. The owner is now suing the City over their decision. Significant losses during the year included the Gosnell House on McClure. The Scott Wallace doctor's office adjacent to Ross Bay Villa has been demolished - no great loss - but it will be replaced by a four-storey office-condo, a disaster in planning. Work on Ross Bay Villa continues with the Old Cemeteries due to move in soon. There is a possibility that the Hallmark Society will move there as well.

The economy has been responsible for major cutbacks in government funding to the non-profit sector, including the Hallmark Society. Heritage BC has also been hit. Victoria Underfoot has now won 4 major awards - the latest from the Canadian Archaeological Society. Nick thanked the board of directors for their efforts and the continued good work of the Administrative Director Helen Edwards and the two summer students.

Financial Report

Treasurer Ken Johnson presented the Society's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009. He noted that our Direct Access grant has likely been cancelled and that we will be appealing to our membership for help. We have enough money for one more year, then we will need to raise more if we wish to keep the same level of service. Report was received. Patrick Skillings/Mark Aitken. Carried unanimously.

Heritage Updates

We continue to look out for our old buildings. Keep an eye out in your neighbourhood and let us know what

is happening. The newsletter is available online and can be delivered electronically - in full colour! The Victoria Heritage Foundation has launched two new walking tours. They also have a brand new website with the histories of each neighbourhood taken from the This Old House series.

Election of Officers:

The following were elected by acclamation: Janet Stevens, Russell Fuller; and Ken Johnson. There are still vacancies on the Board and volunteers are always welcome.

Announcements:

Ken Johnson advised of the availability of a new produce that allows plaster to set without the use of cement. Jennifer Nell Barr announced that This Old House Volume 4 would be ready by the end of November. Members were reminded of the Bruce Johnson lecture on the Arts and Crafts movement and Nick Russell's Lecture through UVic Continuing Studies.

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was Jamie Webb, senior protocol officer on the staff of the Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific. Jamie is a third generation Victorian whose family first arrived here in 1889; his great grandfather helped to build Beacon Hill Park. He is a graduate of St Patricks School, Oak Bay High and Royal Roads University. A lieutenant in the Canadian Naval Reserve, he started to work as a civilian with the Canadian Forces in 1984. His present job as senior protocol officer puts him front and centre in the events that will transpire here next year.

The Royal Navy base at Esquimalt was established in 1848 with the HMS Constance as the first ship in the harbour. One of the hallways at the base has portraits of all the Admirals over the years. It is a study in military decorations, uniforms, and personal styles. The base was established as a result of the Crimean War and was intended to be hospital building where personnel could convalesce. The naval presence grew as the west coast of Canada grew. There was a need to have caches of coal to provision the ships in the British fleet. Esquimalt was one of a network of coaling stations around the globe.

The need for a repair facility led to the establishment of the Graving Dock where work was begun in 1876. This was one of the terms of British Columbia entering confederation. It cost \$1.1 million at that time and is still very important. The Dominion of Canada built the Esquimalt Graving Dock (1921-1926) which is over 1,000 feet long. The first ship was serviced in 1926. This was a strategic asset for Canada and is the only drydock not in private hands. Anyone has access to it and it currently supplies 500-800 jobs. The next drydock of this size is in San Francisco.

On the north side of Admirals Road is the administration centre named HMCS Naden that takes its name from a training schooner. There are several old buildings including the 1891 officers' ward of the Naval hospital - now part of the Naval Museum. The 1888 Administration building was a convalescent ward and is now a Base Chapel.

May 4, 1910 the Canadian Navy was born with Brodeur as the Minister of National Defense. His son and grandson were both Admirals. The Homecoming Statue for the centennial will be part of the celebration. The Navy will be exercising Freedom of the City with a parade around noon.

HMCS Rainbow was the first ship commissioned to the Canadian Navy; she had a Canadian Captain. During World War I, the Navy cruised the Pacific Coast from Esquimalt to Mexico. One secret mission involved \$140 million in gold bouillon connected with the Russian Stars that was transported from Victoria to Vancouver.

World War II marked a large naval expansion. In 1943 the Dockyard more than doubled in size and the original Esquimalt village was demolished. At that time the Royal Canadian Navy had 100,000 personnel and 370 ships. Young people worked in the shipyards, leaving school after grade 10.

In the 1960s, the Armed Forces were amalgamated in the Canadian Armed Forces and the base was renamed CFB Esquimalt. However, locals kept the old names.


The Dockyard contains the Fleet Maintenance facility with 1200 staff - this is the shipyard for the Navy. Today's Navy is a "Blue Water Navy" - they can go anywhere in the world. Their current area of responsibility is 1.7 million square kilometres. They also assist with Search and Rescue from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast and from the Yukon to the American border. They also assist with fisheries enforcement.

Landmarks of the past include St. Pauls Church. In honour of the centennial the plain glass windows will be replaced with commemorate stained glass panes. There is a new awareness of the value of old buildings that should keep the old brick structures safe from demolition. There is a strong commitment not to knock down the "heritage village."

On the south side are private military quarters -5 houses expropriated when the rest of the original Esquimalt village was razed. They were used for senior officers. The brick wall was the original wall that divided the dockyard from the village. Admirals House was built in 1885 for the Naval Store Keeper. At other times it was a sick bay and a storehouse. Since 1936, it has been the residence of the senior naval officer on the west coast.


Duntze Head is adjacent to Admiral's House. It is the "sending off and greeting" point for ships. There are several monument of historic importance including a large anchor found off Royal Roads. The Bickford Tower as built in 19012. It was not a lighthouse, but a signalling tower with a clear line of sight from Esquimalt to Race Rocks. The Fisgard Lighthouse was built in 1860. Cole Island at the top of Esquimalt Harbour was a Royal Navy ammunition depot and was completed in 1859. In the early 20th century, the arsenal was relocated to Rocky Point.

The Royal Navy Jail was built in 1899 with 10 cells with walls 3-feet thick and steel doors. It is now office space. The Rum Stores (1895) and Victualing Stores (1896) are a reminder of the daily tot of rum that was issued until 1972. Signal Hill contains brick buildings and was the home of the Maritime Museum of BC until 1965. The Rigging Loft built in 1891 housed 4 trades and handled the work for the entire fleet with 48 employees.


The Next Meeting will be December 7, 2009. 

Meet the Speaker

Patrick Dunae was born in Victoria and attended local public schools, notably Craigflower Elementary, Colquitz Junior High, and Mount View High School. He completed a B. A. degree in History at the University of Victoria and earned a Ph.D degree in History at the University of Manchester in England. He has worked as a public historian and archivist at the BC Archives and State Archives of Western Australia, and as an academic historian at the University of Alberta, the University of Victoria, and Vancouver Island University. As a consultant, doing business as Clio Media, he has worked with various municipal and provincial government agencies in the fields of heritage and public history.

He is involved with several projects at the moment, including: 1) Mapping Racial Space in Victoria, 1891 - creating a geographical information system [GIS] of Victoria
2) Virtual Victoria: creating a 3-D model of Victoria in 1891
3) Building a digital archive of Victoria and Vancouver Island: vihistory.ca 

Hallmark loses yet another member

The Hallmark Society was saddened by the recent death of Ellen Conway, a long time member. She was a great supporter of the Society and volunteered at the old Heritage Fair for years. 

Hallmark Society Award Nomination Form

Category of nomination (tick one)

- Award of Merit
- Communication Award
- Mark Madoff Award
- Michael Williams Award
- President's Award

Nominee _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Project address _____

Project details (attach up to one page)

Nominator _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Attach supporting documents including press clippings, letter of support, photographs, slides, or electronic media to substantiate the nomination. Deadline is January 31, 2010. Late nominations may not be accepted.

Submit electronically to: office@hallmarksociety.ca


or mail to:

Hallmark Society Awards Jury
#18 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC

Electronic newsletter

At its last meeting, the Hallmark Society board decided to move toward a digital newsletter. Not only will this save us money in these tough economic times, but will also ensure a better product. In order that we may serve our members better, we need your **current email address**.

Thanks to the 14 members who have opted for the electronic newsletter. We would like to add the majority of our members to this list. For the next year, we will be sending an electronic copy to everyone for whom we have an email address, in addition to a printed copy. We hope you will enjoy the newsletter in living colour and decided to discontinue the printed version. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please let us know and we will remove you from the contact list. And ... if you do not have a computer and email address, do not fret – we will still produce the printed version and mail it to you.

With the almost-certain loss of our direct access grant (\$9,000.00 last year), we must cut costs while still maintaining a high level of service. Thank you for your attention to this matter. 

A Blast from the Past

From the desk of Ken Johnson

An interesting tale on a couple of levels:

1. The demolition of historic properties
2. The site is that which was such an issue in the 1980's,
3. The initial story resulting in 'night diggers' helping with the excavation.

British Colonist July 14, 1897 P 5

“Old Seymour’s” Gold

Will It Be Found When Excavations For the “Colonist” Building are Completed?

A Story of a Miser of Early Days Recalled by the Removal of an Historic Pioneer Building.

With all the dust and rattle and commotion with which contractors have a fashion of surrounding themselves while destroying old historic landmarks in order to make room for more prestigious modern business premises, the rambling frame structure on Broad street that has been used during recent years as Bowman’s livery stable, is now being torn down to make way for the new Colonist office. In a few days the weather-worn timbers will have been carted away and the work of excavating for foundations will commence. So will another pioneer business house disappear?

For the unsightly combination of rickety boards was not always a livery stable, and although the day of its usefulness has passed away with many other memories of the early days, it has been a famous structure in more ways than one, and there is even now a story woven about it and recalled by the fact of its demolition that is worth the telling.

Away back in the very first days of Victoria’s existence as more than an Indian village, the premises of Pierce and Seymour were well known, not as an unsightly and untenable livery stable, but as the first two-story building erected in Victoria, and the headquarters as the largest furniture and furnishing trade in the North Pacific. That was as long ago as 1858, and some two or three years later the firm was dissolved, and the business passed into the hands of the original junior partner, Mr. Seymour.

The gentleman in question was a “character” even in those days of strongly outlined personalities and not a few eccentricities. He was a bachelor and lived alone in a little cramped, none to cleanly room, little bigger than a cupboard, in the second story of his business premises. He transacted as large a business as anyone in the West, obtaining fancy prices even for the gold-fever days, and dealing generally on a strictly cash basis. He had no relations that anyone ever heard of, and cultivated very few acquaintances. One day he was missed from his business haunts and a search being made, was found dead in bed in his cramped and unsanitary little box of a room.

Then the public administrator, Mr. J.C. Prevost, was called in, and took possession of the estate, Mr. E.J. Thain, (now of the Attorney-General’s department) being by him place in charge of the immense stock. It filled the big building to the roof, and overflowed in numerous annexes. Although some of the stock had literally fallen to pieces of dry rot, it was eventually disposed of at good prices by Captain Clarke, and the money went into the public purse, no relative ever appearing to claim any portion of the estate.

But this is not where the surprise arose. Everyone had known “old man Seymour” as a very wealthy man and a miser. Yet when he had left the affairs of this world behind him, only a couple of hundred dollars was found by the diligent searchers for his wealth. There was nothing in his books or papers to indicate where he had disposed of his handsome profits, which could not but have made him a fortune several times over, and the old timers came to the conclusion that he had buried his gold - as a miser is generally expected to – and never had the opportunity to disclose his secret place of hidden wealth before passing to the shadowland where gold cannot be taken.

And now that the site of his old historic place of business is about to be dug over by the laborers, in preparation for the upraising of the new home of the Colonist, such of the pioneers of who are still alive to recall the eccentricities of “old man Seymour” are wondering if after all these many years his store of forgotten treasure will be brought suddenly to light.

And it so, will it too, have to pass through the hands of the public administrator – or will the lucky prospectors have the right to forthwith appropriate it as “mineral in place,” or be “in on it” with the state, according to the latest definitions of mining law. In any event if it is found it is the nicest form for mineral to be found to be discovered in, not only for free milling, but milled and minted, ready to be devoted to such purposes as the finders may elect and decide.

AND:

British Colonist – July 17, 1897 p 5

If “Old Seymour’s gold” is anywhere concealed below the ground on which the late gentleman’s place of business was erected, some one is bound to find it. Not only is careful watch for buried treasure kept by the workmen employed in the excavating for the new block, but when their hours of work are over, each evening sees from two or three to half a dozen volunteers similarly engaged. As yet no strike has been made in this new and easily accessible Klondyke, but the miners – like all good members of the class– live in hope.

Editor’s note: We plan to reprint old stories from the vast collection of old Colonist articles. We hope you find these interesting and note the relevance to today’s heritage preservation movement. If you have any historical matters that you would like to see covered, please let us know.

Calendar

- December 7, 2009** Hallmark Society General Meeting, James Bay New Horizon Centre, 234 Menzies Street, 7:30 pm. Guest speaker Dr. Patrick Dunae who will speak on his latest project - a virtual 1891 Victoria.
- February 15-21, 2010** Heritage Week. Lecture and tour at Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, Save On Foods Memorial Arena. Date and time to be confirmed later.
- May 4, 2010** Hallmark Society Awards Night. St. Ann's Academy, 7:30 pm.
- May 7, 2010** South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair. Royal BC Museum. 10 - 2:30 pm.
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Heritage Canada Conference


The Heritage Canada Conference was held in Toronto, September 24-26, 2009. The theme of the conference was "The Heritage Imperative: Old Buildings in an Age of Environmental Crisis" and delegates were entertained and informed about the diverse threads of this topic – climate change, green building, economic renewal.

One of the most interesting pre-conference activities was the National Roundtable of Heritage Education. This group that has been meeting now for 3 years is making great strides toward linking educators, their students, and professionals. One facet of the roundtable's work is the development of a bibliography – The Canadian Build Heritage Resource Inventory. Check out <http://fesdevtest.uwaterloo.ca/hrcresearch/index.php> to learn, to add to the information, or to make comments. This is a very valuable resource and grows each year, thus becoming more valuable.

Other sessions offered on Thursday were the Endangered Places of Faith Roundtable, National Heritage Planners Meeting, and walking tours of Toronto and area. The official opening reception was held at the Evergreen Brick Works. The site was abandoned with the brickyard closed in 1984 but is being transformed into a showcase for urban sustainability and green design by Evergreen, an innovative non-profit. Delegates were able to tour parts of the site and network at a reception.

The Hallmark Society was well represented at the conference with both Jennifer Iredale and John Dam making presentations while Helen Edwards, then president of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, was given the privilege of introducing the conference keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon who related a highly personal account of heritage preservation – on his own residence. Conference sessions dealt with topics as diverse as "Making Connections: Perspectives on Heritage Buildings and the Environment," "Do Older Neighbourhoods Make


the Grade?" "Rehabilitation and Reuse: Does it Make Sense?" and a LEED seminar. With our heads full of statistics, actual working examples of green buildings and suggestions on how to use the principles in our own communities, we made our way from session to session.

The HCF and CAHP Awards Ceremony and Reception was held at the award-winning Artscape Wychwood Barns. Hal Kalman was presented with the Gabrielle Leger award for his lifetime of work in heritage (see page 4 for full report). The CAHP awards were presented by Chris Borgal, Jonathan Yardley and Helen Edwards. 

South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair

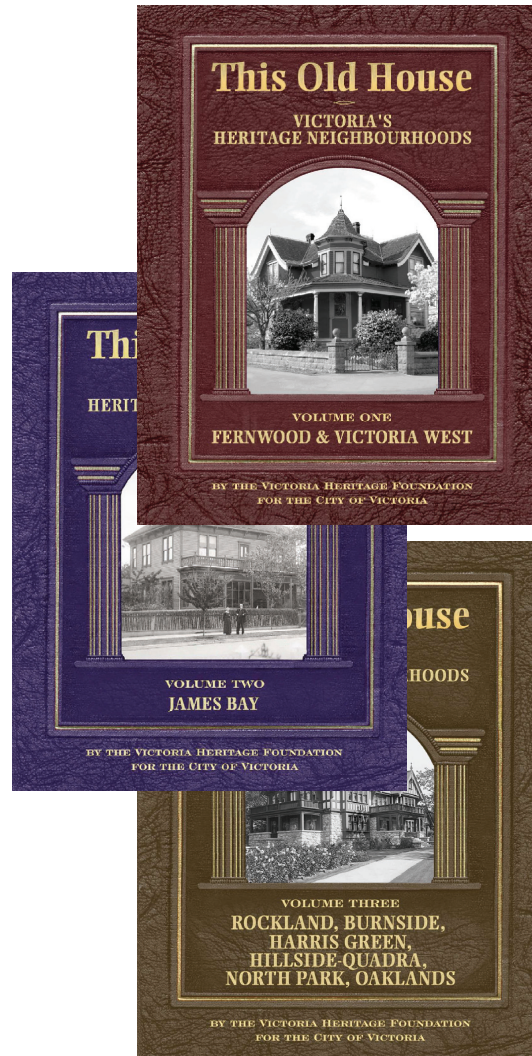
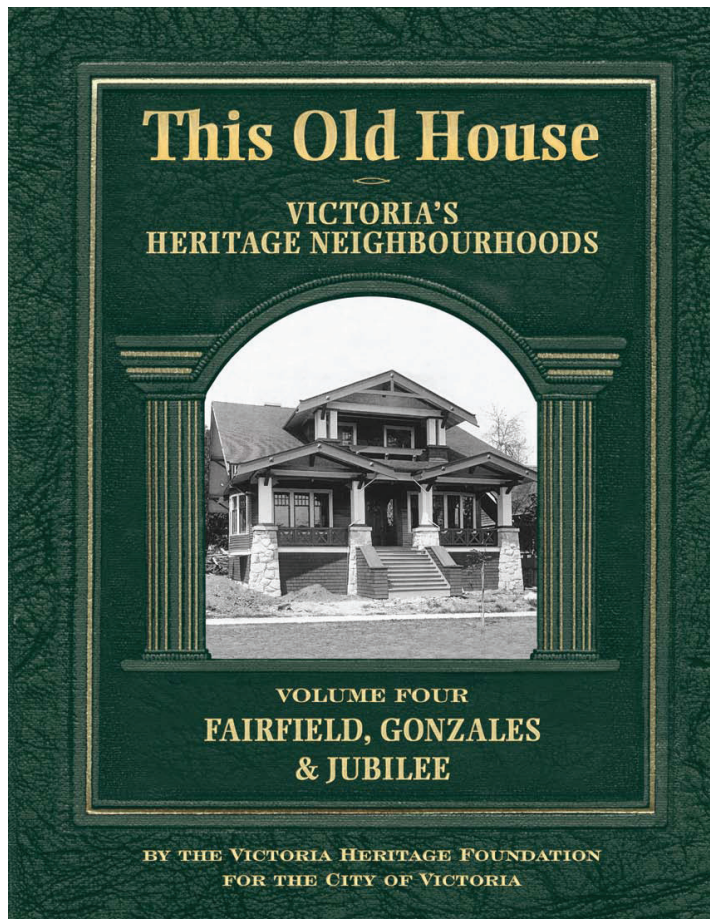
On September 1, 2009, something quite unusual happened in Canada. Two charitable institutions -- The Dominion Institute and The Historica Foundation -- merged to create The Historica-Dominion Institute. What relevance does this have to the Hallmark Society? It means that Historica no longer supports the regional heritage fairs and, as a result, we lose major awards and financial support. Luckily we have the BC Heritage Fairs Society that organizes the provincial fair and supports regional fairs. The loss of national funding means that we have to find local sponsors and create local awards to replace those we have lost.

If you have any ideas on possible awards or sponsors, please let us know. We are committed to hosting this event for the foreseeable future but would appreciate some assistance.

The 2010 fair will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at the Royal BC Museum. See <http://hallmarksociety.ca/SVIRHF/main.htm> for full details. 

This Old House

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