

APRIL 1977 – NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING - 8 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th, LIBRARY -
MARITIME MUSEUM

SPEAKER - AL KERR, Restoration Planner, Heritage Conservation Branch)
B.C.Government.

As sequel to Terry Reksten's excellent lecture and slide presentation on the life of F.M.Rattenbury, Mr. Kerr will discuss the work of a one-time partner of Rattenbury's - architect PERCY LEONARD JAMES who was involved in the design of the Crystal Gardens and other important buildings.

HELP PLEASE

HILLSIDE BAZAAR - APRIL 20th Items which can be sold at the bazaar on Wednesday, April 20 are still needed to help boost the Society's coffers. If you have any, please contact Marg. Hutchison (592-2312) to arrange delivery, etc.

ALKAZAR STILL IN THE NEWS

A writer to the Fairfield Community Press (April 1977 edition) makes this recommendation; no doubt many will share its implication - "The Mayor and Council should be required to take a course in the architectural heritage of Victoria before assuming office. Then they might have known that the well built Alkazar Mansion was the offspring of the love affair that began sixty years ago between Victorians and sunny California; and the only example here of California Mission style." And then in the daily papers we see the property cleared to bare rock is being offered for sale by Reeson and Pinch for \$385,000!

MEMBERS WELCOME

Executive meetings, which are held every two weeks (or nearly so) are open to members who wish to discuss ideas, make suggestions or contribute more actively in the work of the Society. Please call President Pim Manning (382-1896)

to have your item placed on the agenda. Meetings are normally held in the office, 30 Bastion Square, at 8 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays.

MORE ABOUT THE JONES BUILDING

A handbill is included in this newsletter publicizing the case of the Jones Building on Fort St. Several hundred have been printed and will be distributed in the Fort St. area. The Society has expressed its disapproval to the City fathers for hastily, and without reference to their own Heritage Conservation Report, issuing a demolition permit for the destruction of the Jones Building. Members and others are writing the Royal Bank protesting - have you?

MORE HELP PLEASE

At the last General Meeting, Ben Manning (382-1896) asked for volunteers to staff the office for a few hours each month, in particular, Saturdays. Please call him.

IN OUR LIBRARY

HERITAGE WEST - The March 1977 issue contains abbreviated reports of talks which highlighted the "New Life for Old Buildings" Heritage Conference held Feb. 10 - 12, 1977 in Vancouver.

Also reported is Eric Tomlinson's election as Chairman of the B.C.-Yukon Regional Council of Heritage Canada. For the information of new Hallmark members, Eric is a member of this Society and President of the Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society.

THE OLD-HOUSE JOURNAL (March 1977 issue) runs a feature article on Tudor Homes and illustrates designs for Victorian fences and gates, as well as other miscellaneous helpful hints for those doing restoration work.

SEE THEM ALL IN THE SOCIETY'S OFFICE, 30 BASTION SQUARE - OPEN. MONDAYS AND SATURDAYS 1 - 3 P. M., TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 11 - 2 P.M.

HURRY HURRY HURRY

The closing date for nominations for the 1977 HERITAGE CANADA AWARDS PROGRAM is April 30, 1977. Heritage Canada "recognizes the efforts of individuals, heritage groups or companies who have 'made an outstanding achievement in saving the visible reminders of our past", through: Awards of Honour, Prize Awards, Communications Awards and Travelling Awards. If you wish to nominate a candidate or candidates, please contact a member of the executive, or drop into the office - soon.