

JUNE 1977 – NEWSLETTER

YOU CAN'T SAY WE DIDN'T TRY

Obviously Vancouver is the last place that Hallmark Society members want to visit. We've had exactly zero (0) replies to our ad for "tourists" for a July 10 trip around that city's heritage areas. In light of this, we've decided to cancel this outing and ask you why it wasn't a popular choice. Was the time of year bad? --- Was \$16 too expensive? In the past, our summer outings have been extremely popular and we would still like to arrange a trip this year if we could get some idea of what the members would enjoy. If you have an idea, please call Candy Wyatt (388-6562).

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

It's that time of year again! We're looking for interested people to run for election to next year's executive. The elections will be held at the September Annual General Meeting and will be for the positions of President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members at Large.

Many of this year's executive are retiring so we will need a large contingent of new people. With such a large membership, we can't get to know everyone so don't be shy about volunteering your services if you're interested. Please send nominations for yourself or anyone else you think would be suitable to P. O. Box 1204 or call Stuart Stark at (386-0215) evenings.

People serving previously have found that the individual work load is not particularly onerous especially in the case of the Members at Large who have no specific duties. Volunteering for one of those positions might be a good way to begin to get involved.

CRYSTAL ARDEN BOOK – ORDER NOW

The book you've all been waiting for -- "The Crystal Gardens West Coast Pleasure Palace" -- is at the printers and will be ready - for distribution by July 15

(if not before). With 5 chapters of text, over 200 illustrations, (many of which have never been published previously) this book is one that you cannot afford to be without. The approximately 120 pages (9"x9" size) are filled with the fascinating story of the Crystal as written by Pierre Berton, Terry Reksten, Al Kerr, Martin Segger and Carolyn Smyly. The writers (including Pierre Berton) plus the photographer and designers, Stuart Stark and Rennie Knowlton, are working without fee, enabling all proceeds to go towards the restoration of the Crystal and/or heritage buildings in Victoria. By pre-ordering now you will be helping to finance this first printing as well as obtaining a first edition copy. There are two Editions: Hardcover Limited Edition - this signed, gold-stamped clothbound cover edition is sure to become a rare collector's item. It will be numbered, strictly limited to 250 copies and will have special blueprint endpapers. Paperback Edition: - this soft cover edition has an attractive photographic cover and will be available at local bookstores. Send in the Order Form included in this newsletter now.

SAVE THE CRYSTAL – JOIN NOW

The Crystal Gardens Preservation Society has been - organized to promote the preservation and rehabilitation of the Crystal Gardens and to raise funds toward this goal. Any proposal for saving the Crystal, whether from public or private agency, will not achieve success without public support -- your support! You can be a part of the future of the Crystal by sending in your \$1.00 with the attached application form and becoming a member. (Copies of the Constitution are available on request.)