

## NOVEMBER 1977 – NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 23rd, 1977. 8:00 p.m. Maritime Museum, Bastion Square

Guest Speaker: NICHOLAS BAWLF, restoration architect, who will give an illustrated talk on the practical problems involved in the restoration of Victoria's heritage commercial buildings. Mr. Bawlf has long been involved with heritage conservation, initially in Bastion Square and more recently in Market Square. He was co-winner with his brother, Sam, of the Heritage Canada Regional Award in 1976-77 for his sensitive and appropriate restoration and imaginative re-use of the buildings on Johnson, Store and Pandora Streets which enclosed a neglected area now refurbished as Market Square. He is currently engaged on another project on Herald Street.

His work has been characterized by humour, sensitivity and appropriate blending of the old and new. We are pleased that he has accepted our invitation to speak to the Hallmark Society and are sure you will enjoy his presentation. Come and bring a friend.

### Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society

New members may not be aware of the property holding wing of the Hallmark Society, a separate but affiliated organization called The Heritage Building Foundation. Gifts of money or property may be made which are tax deductible as the Foundation is a registered charitable organization. Its Executive is composed of the President Vice-President Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the Hallmark Society (listed above) and four others elected directly from the membership of the Society. These four this year are: Mr. Eric Tomlinson (Chairman), Mr. George Radford, Mr. Jim Lee, and Ald. John Hayes

### Yearly Program

Several exciting suggestions have been made for the yearly program. These include talks to the Hallmark Society by The Hon. Sam' Bawlf - Minister of

Recreation & Conservation Mr. & Mrs. E. Colchester of Vancouver (who have been working or several years on an illustrated inventory of heritage buildings in the province. Alastair Kerr - on heritage building styles Martin Segger - on colour schemes for heritage buildings a Restoration Weekend - such as the very successful Roslyn weekend two years ago.

We should like to hear of any other ideas that members may have, or needs of theirs they should like to see filled. Would you like to know what is happening in other countries? In Canada? Do you need restoration information? Would you like to learn a little more of the history and/or architecture of our own buildings here in Victoria? Please let us know by adding a note onto the bottom of your membership renewal form, or if you have already renewed, by phoning during office hours.

### Memberships

The publication (and receipt) of the Hallmark Society newsletter is dependent upon prompt renewal of membership in September. We need new office supplies now! Last year's total membership reached 239.

### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

### Heritage Business of the Month

We should like to feature each month a business which uses as its premises a heritage building. We feel that many members often go out of their way to patronise a business in a heritage building as one way of practising what they preach.

We need ideas. If you have a favorite bookstore/antique store/restaurant/boutique, here is a chance to help them a little. Send your information to the Hallmark Office, 30 Bastion Square, and mark the envelope "Newsletter". Eight or nine lines describing the location, the business itself, its opening hours and anything else you feel would be of interest would help us make this a regular feature.

## Heritage Design Advisory Clinic

City of Victoria, the Hallmark Society and the Vancouver Island Chapter of the Royal Architectural Institute of British Columbia in recognition of the increasing interest in restoring heritage buildings. Its purpose is to assist owners of older character buildings in the Greater Victoria area with design aspects of proposed restorations and renovations. Persons with design experience will offer their services on a voluntary basis to consult with applicants about their buildings. These are relaxed informal sessions designed to help you with the problems you may be encountering with your older character residence or commercial building. Obviously, with professionals offering their skills free of charge, no one should expect massive amounts of time or detailed blueprints. But an awful lot of useful information can be had for the asking if you are wondering how and where to fit in modern plumbing, what the living room looked like before the previous owner gyproc'd it or what colour to paint (or paper) the upstairs bedrooms. If you have any doubts about whether your house constitutes an 'older character building' or whether your problem is one the consultants can handle, then you should phone, write or visit the City of Victoria Department of Community development. In any case, in order to make sure that consultants are available, it is necessary to fill out an application form and arrange a time and place. Address all enquiries to:

Clinic Coordinator,  
City of Victoria Department of Community Development,  
City Hall, Centennial Square, Victoria, B.C.

## New Life for Old Buildings Conference

The proceedings from this fascinating and valuable conference held in Vancouver in February of 1977 have been published in paperback form. The office has several copies. Those of you who attended, or those of you who would have liked to attend and didn't, should drop into the office and look over a copy.

## Preservation News

"Preservation News", the regular publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., is sent to the Hallmark office. Twenty-five copies are available each month. Come in and pick one up. It is full of interesting photos & articles.

## Old House Journal

The Hallmark Society subscribes to another publication, Old House Journal. Those of us who read this regularly are fascinated with the wealth of information it contains. The topics for September include:

- Energy Efficient Old House
- The Bungalow Style
- Removing Paint from Fireplaces
- Portieres
- The Draft Excluder -- copies in the Hallmark

## Heritage West

"Heritage West" is the quarterly newsletter of the B.C. & Yukon. Regional Council of Heritage Canada. This little magazine is useful for keeping up to what is happening (or not happening) . In the province. Copies are available at 50¢ each or \$2.00 annually from: Netta Sterne, Editor, Heritage West, 1111 West 7th Ave., Vancouver , B. C. V6H 1H5

*And to think that five years ago, there was nothing to read on the preservation and restoration of heritage buildings*

## Hasti-Notes

The Hallmark Society has published a set of hasti-notes with very fine drawings of heritage buildings in Victoria. These make great gifts for Christmas or you can

use them for Christmas cards yourself. They can be purchased at the office.  
\$2.25 for a package of ten (five different drawings).

### Swaps, Trades, Gifts, Sales of Materials

Many of us who have been or are engaged in restoration work know how hard it is to find replacement materials - or have materials we would like to find a good home for. As a service to members, we intend to have a regular Newsletter feature where anyone who has surplus doors, windows, siding, frames, sashes, lighting fixtures, fireplace surrounds, etc., or who is looking for these can advertise free of charge in the Newsletter. Make your own deal. Get in touch with each other here. Write in or phone in your ad.

### Old Windows

The Hallmark Society offers for sale two windows measuring 40" x 96" each. (Each of double sash measures 40" x 48") Top sash has Roman arch. The glass is missing in bottom halves but perfect in tops. 1889-1890. Please phone Office Manager for further details and to discuss, price.