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The continuation of the brief history of the Society begun in Spring 2013.

In 1984, The Society received funding for an inventory of Oak Bay's heritage under the supervision of Stuart Stark. The Victoria Heritage Foundation organized a Heritage Festival on May 3-5, with booths from a variety of heritage-related groups and trades. Illustrated lectures at the Crystal Garden and walking tours of Victoria areas were also available. The most important heritage issue of the day, however, was the attempt to save the heritage-listed buildings earmarked for destruction to make way for the Cadillac-Fairview Eaton Centre development. The threatened buildings included nine structures that had been absorbed over the years to become the 1986 Eaton's Department Store as well as five separate buildings. The news was first presented to a General Meeting held June 17, 1986. As members listened in disbelief, preliminary details of the proposed development were revealed. The executive was given full power to deal with the matter and to express opposition to wholesale demolition of this historic cluster of buildings. A paper that clearly outlined the Society's position on the proposed development was submitted to Victoria City Council on August 21, 1986. A special edition of the newsletter illustrated how the new building would be out of scale with surrounding structures. After



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The Hallmark Heritage 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

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President's Report

by Ken Johnson

Demolition by Neglect

There has been much in the news lately regarding the Turner Building and the City of Victoria's order to repair or demolish the building. This edict has come about after a portion of the building collapsed within the property exposing extensive interior deterioration; dry rot, fallen plaster, and a general condition of building failure.

The order to demolish the building is being undertaken through Section 72, 73, and 74, of the Community Charter the Provincial Act under which the City of Victoria derives its powers. The Charter allows the City to request remedial action to any building that has reached and unsafe and unhealthy condition, including the ultimate remedy, demolition. There's little question that the Turner Building has reached this unsafe and unhealthy condition. The many reasons for the building being allowed to be at risk for demolition are not public at this time but, at this time we must ask ourselves, how did the City allow this to happen?

The City of Victoria has admitted that they were aware of the poor condition of the building for a number of years. The building has been essentially empty for more than a decade. Former Mayor Alan Lowe was quoted in the newspaper that during his time in office there were concerns regarding the condition and the future of the Turner Building. In the Report to Council is noted that "...the property at 2002 Richmond Road has been the subject of enforcement action related to the provisions of the City's Property Maintenance by Law on an ongoing basis since 2008."

In observing the damage to the building today there is no doubt that the wood rot and deterioration was ongoing at that time. So the question arises as to, did the bylaw inspector or the building inspector access the building? Under the Property Maintenance Bylaw, they may not have entered the building itself, but only addressed the issues that the Bylaw enforces – graffiti, garbage, and weeds on the property.

There are provisions within the City Bylaws that would allow enforcement to ensure that Building Code requirements were being met. This would certainly cover the fact that the roof was allowed to leak for many years.



Top: Turner's now; bottom: Turner's neon sign before removal. Both Helen Edwards photo.

Had this been a heritage building, designated by a heritage protection bylaw, the City would have had greater powers of inspection and enforcement to ensure that the building was not allowed to deteriorate to the extent of "demolition by neglect".

We urge the City of Victoria to undertake an early review of the current Property Maintenance Bylaw 07-050 with the intent of revising it to incorporate certain measures found within the "Heritage Properties Maintenance Standards Bylaw". These measures would require an Owner to maintain real property, whether covered by a heritage protection bylaw or not, thereby retaining existing property values and not allow the building

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to deteriorate to such an extent that demolition is the only recourse.

We suggest the measures include:

1. The owner must maintain the building in good repair,
2. The owner of the building must maintain it to a reasonable extent to prevent, or effectively to retard, damage from elements of weather and infestation, including but not limited to;
 - (a) preventing water penetration,
 - (b) preventing excessive damage to the building's materials because of wind and sun; and
 - (c) preventing infestation.

3. Extended periods of disuse

When a building is to be left unoccupied for 15 or more days during construction or other redevelopment of the building's site, the building's owner must secure the building to minimize the potential for vandalism and theft by carrying out the following actions:

- (a) securing all places of entry;
- (b) when a building is to be left unoccupied for 45 or more days, the building's owner must cover its windows in a manner that will prevent windowbreakage and other acts of vandalism.

As is stated in the Heritage Property Maintenance Standards Bylaw, these are "minimum maintenance standards" and should be applicable to all buildings within the city whether occupied or not but especially, those buildings that are left to deteriorate to the extent that they must be demolished. The proposed revisions to the Property Maintenance Bylaw should also ensure that Bylaw Inspectors have the authority to enter the property to carry out inspections. 🏠

AGM Report

The 2013 Annual General Meeting was held on September 16, 2013 at the James Bay New Horizons Centre. President Ken Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. There were 38 members present.

After the approval of the agenda (Barbara Watkins/Michael Halleran) and the approval of the minutes from the previous AGM (John Perry/Polly Higgins), we moved to the President's Report.

Ken Johnson noted that the society had a very

busy year. With funds from Victoria 150 last year, we purchased a marquee and have continued the community outreach begun in 2012. The idea is to bring the story of their communities to citizens. Members have been visiting numerous events including Canada Day, the opening of Ross Bay Villa and the centenary of St. John the Baptist church in Colwood. Nick Russell will be talking to the Rockland Neighbourhood Association in November. The Fort Victoria Symposium will be held on September 29th. With regard to the South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair, we need to attract more students. A very successful provincial heritage fair was held here in July with 80 students from around the province. Ken stressed that it is important to get the heritage message out to the people as Oak Bay did with their heritage plan. There have been many changes downtown and we must remain vigilant.

Treasurer John Edwards presented the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013. Acceptance was moved by Barbara Watkins and seconded by Russ Fuller. Carried. Helen Edwards gave a report on office activities for the past year. Once again, we were able to hire a summer student. Alanah Garcin spent the summer scanning our clipping files and also scanning slides from the City of Victoria planning department. We can use help with scanning if anyone can spare us a few hours.

Heritage Updates included the Plaza Hotel that is being redeveloped. The façade will be retained and a new 6 ½ storey building erected behind. According to City staff, their task is to move development through the council process. The only protection is the Old Town's height restriction of 15 metres but that is being changed to allow exceptions.

Election of Officers: Ken Johnson was returned as President and Janet Stevens as Secretary. Patrick Skillings was re-elected and will be joined by new directors, Roger Young, Garth Mayhew and John Perry. Caleb Horn was thanked for his contributions to the board.

Our guest speaker Vanessa Winn gave an interesting lecture on the Work family of Victoria. She noted that it is not easy to trace female relatives and the search never really ends. She focused on the time around the mid-nineteenth century. We left feeling we had a brief glimpse into the life of a noted Victoria family. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. 🏠

Meet the Speaker

Architectural historian and researcher Colin Barr shares a long-held passion as he reveals the results of his research on E.E. Green, an architect who practised in Victoria and Seattle. Colin has been a member of the Hallmark Heritage Society since 1980. He began doing genealogical research at the age of 10 and since then has visited over 60 archives and record offices from Australia to Britain researching families, old buildings and architects. He has assisted with research for the Saanich and Cumberland Heritage Inventories as well as with all the VHF's This Old House Books. He has written the entry for Elmer E. Green in *Building the West* and he edited and prepared for publication the *City of Victoria Downtown Heritage Registry*. For the last 27 years, Colin has been researching the life and work of Elmer Ellsworth Green. He will present some of the results of his research at our December meeting on December 9, 2013 at the James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street at 7:00 pm. 🏠

Donations welcome

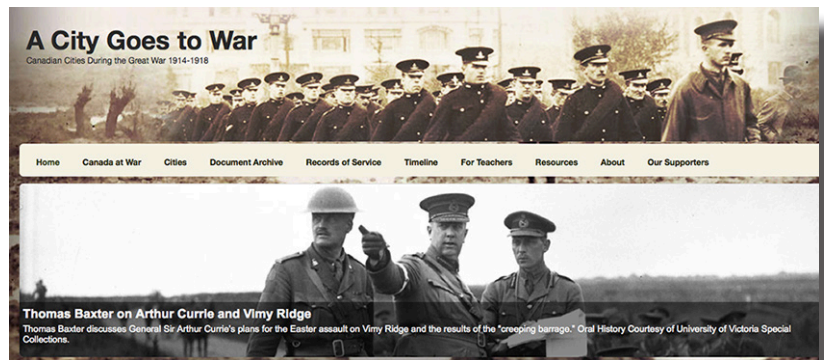
If you wish to obtain a tax receipt for a donation, remember you have to have it in our hands before December 31st. All donations over \$10.00 receive a receipt that may be used on your 2013 tax return. As we receive little funding from governments other than our summer student grant, we rely on the generosity of our members to carry out our work.

Your support is much appreciated and you can rest assured that we make the best use of any funds. 🏠

Memberships are due now

For most of our members, annual membership dues are payable by the end of September. If you have not renewed, you can bring payment to the December meeting or mail a cheque to the office. As we have lost our gaming funding, we must more closely watch our finances. Your early attention to the renewal means that we do not have to send out extra reminders and can spend our money on saving heritage buildings and continuing advocacy. The strength of the Hallmark Heritage Society is its members and we rely on you to keep our operations going. 🏠

Research Resources Online



On November 4th, the University of Victoria Libraries, Faculty of Humanities and Department of History announced the launch of two new digital history projects.

The first, *A City Goes to War*, is an online documentary archive of Victoria BC during the decades of the 1st World War. This archive can be found at <http://acitygoestowar.ca/> and is going to prove invaluable to historians and genealogists alike. It incorporates extraordinary search abilities and connections for nearly every World War I serviceman and servicewoman who came from Victoria.

The second project is an expansion of the online digital copies of the *Daily Colonist*. These can be found today starting from the founding of the *British Colonist* in 1858 and going up to 1910. The University is now expanding the digital copies up to 1920, incorporating the years covering the Great War. These will be available at the University site, <http://spcoll.library.uvic.ca/Digit/colonist/> on December 11th. If you want an early but rough preview, check out the site at <http://archive.org/details/dailycolonist>.

These two archives are going to be very popular and you may experience some delays if you access them right away. 🏠

Website upgrade

Speaking of websites, we are in the process of updating our entire site. Due to the size and the sheer volume of materials, this might take some time. Do not be alarmed if we are temporarily offline, we will return. In the meantime, check out the redesigned Harbeck site at <http://www.williamharbeck1907.ca> 🏠

Cadillac-Fairview applied for a development permit on November 3, 1986, an ad hoc group called the "Save Our City Coalition" or "S.O.C.C." held meetings to draft a formal opposition to the development. At a meeting in the Crystal Ballroom of the Empress Hotel, speakers presented their views, with teapots passed for donations. For the first time in Victoria's history, heritage preservation became the preferred topic of conversation. Hallmark Society memberships doubled almost overnight as concerned Victorians made their views known. Despite public meetings at which noted North American urban planning experts addressed the crowd, and marathon Victoria City Council meetings, the heritage registry buildings were demolished, and the new development built. Although the fight to save the buildings was lost, a new heritage consciousness was created.

In June 1987, it was reported that developer Peter Daniel had plans for the redevelopment of historic St. Ann's Academy into a tourist operation including a jumble of garden styles, 600 restaurant seats, 40 hotel rooms and various shops. In view of the historic importance of the St. Ann's Academy property, the Hallmark Society held a special public meeting on April 13, 1988, at which speakers related the history of the site and presented suggestions on how to proceed with opposition to a massive redevelopment. Society President Mark Madoff appeared on local radio and TV to present the Society's position. Many meetings were held in preparation for the public meeting to be held by the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC), the government body that controlled the site. The struggle to preserve St. Ann's Academy became the focus of Society efforts until the completion of the award-winning rehabilitation in 1998.

In 1984, Awards Night included the presentation of bronze designation plaques by the City of Victoria, a practice that continues to this day, with other municipalities added.

When the Heritage Branch decided to restore the upper storey of the Richard Carr House, the Society was forced to seek a new office location. The Executive immediately began a search for a permanent home. Eventually, a temporary office location was found at 118-1216 Broad Street. The search for a permanent office continued until June 1992 when it was announced that the South Park Annex (the Annex) could possibly be available. This 5,000 square-foot structure was being used as a storage facility and was virtually derelict. In

September 1992 the Society applied to the British Columbia Heritage Trust for funding to assist with the exterior restoration of the Annex. Over the next two years, negotiations continued. On December 1, 1993, the office moved to a temporary location at 235G Market Square.

Members of the Society were shocked when former President Mark Madoff died suddenly on September 13, 1990. He was one of the most articulate and intelligent representatives that Hallmark had ever had. During the Cadillac-Fairview controversy, he was the unofficial leader of the Save Our City Coalition that battled to save the downtown heritage structures from demolition. He served two years as Hallmark Society President and, at the time of his death, was the official spokesperson. A special award was created in his memory. The Mark Madoff Award is presented to an individual or group that has demonstrated excellence in public service in the heritage field. Presentation of this award by his widow, Pamela, is a special moment at ceremonies to this day. In 1990, the date of the awards ceremony was changed to the first Tuesday in May as it was felt that Heritage Week was just too busy.

As a result of a research project funded by the Hallmark Society, a small cottage at 1490 Fairfield Road was determined to have been built in 1865. The new owners were proposing a redevelopment that would be built in the front yard and would seriously compromise the heritage plantings. When the owners applied for a demolition permit, the City of Victoria entered into discussions with the property owners in an effort to encourage a more sympathetic design. On May 12, 1998, City Council voted for a demolition freeze, which was extended as talks were held between the owners, the City, and representatives of the Heritage Building Foundation. In June, Jennifer Nell Barr, Mary Doody Jones, and Helen Edwards published, on behalf of the Hallmark Society, *The Winter House: Ross Bay Villa 1865-1998*.¹⁴⁶ The property was purchased in early 1999 by The Land Conservancy (TLC). The work is still ongoing.

In 1993, the Society undertook an extensive review of its mandate and its activities. Activities that had been previously done by the Hallmark Society were now part of the duties of professional municipal staff. The new focus was to be on education of the public on the value of heritage and the need for preservation and conservation of heritage assets. The new mandate included natural,

cultural and horticultural heritage for the first time.

In 1994, the Society executive decided to present special events each year to increase heritage awareness. These included tours, teas, lectures and "Member's Night." In order to standardize award selection and eliminate possible conflicts of interest, the executive decided to develop an official awards policy. For the first time, eligibility and procedures were clearly defined, and selection would be carried out by an independent jury. The winners announced at Awards Night 1996 at the South Park Annex, were the first chosen under the new system. To recognize the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Hallmark Society Awards program, the 1999 ceremony was hosted by His Honour Garde B. Gardom, Q.C., Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and Mrs. Helen Gardom, at Government House on May 4.

In 1997, the position of Office Manager was made a paid position. Long time volunteer at the position, Helen Edwards was hired and semi-retired in 2012. St. Ann's Academy was officially reopened on July 12, 1997. The Society became a book retailer, purchasing suitable publications from the publishers and selling to members at a discount. This would continue until the 1990s when the cost of maintaining an inventory became beyond the ability of the Society.

By 1998, real estate ads were now noting those properties that had won Hallmark awards. This mention continues to today – but we could take more advantage of this. The newsletter began to feature articles written from around North America in order to bring a global focus to our membership. The first list of Endangered Heritage Sites in the CRD was published in the Spring 1999 newsletter. It is interesting to note that some of these properties are still considered to be in danger – although they have survived.

In the late 1990s, the Society received the first in a series of annual grants from Young Canada Works. This money enabled us to hire a student for the summer. Over the years from 1998 to now, these enthusiastic young people have performed outstanding work for the Society including sorting archival material, taking photographs, developing exhibits, digitizing material, and web work. We also received free internet access for one year through the VolNet program.

The Society decided to mark the new millennium with an extensive inventory of the built heritage of the CRD. We were successful in gaining provincial support (the federal government turned us down) and were successful in receiving generous funding through the Community University Research Alliance at UVic. The students first took 6000 photographs of Fairfield, Gonzales and Rockland then began research on their history. Over the next decade, summer students continued research on the properties with the idea of eventually mounting the entire collection online. A small exhibit was mounted and also placed online – it is still showcased on the UVic website and our own site.

In 2001, the Society decided to end its participation in the annual Heritage Fair at the Hillside Mall. The event had been declining in quality for the last few years and was no longer a good venue for the promotion of heritage values. The Society, working with a group of stakeholders and partially funded by the Victoria Foundation and the BC Heritage Trust, held a Heritage Festival at the Victoria Memorial Arena May 4-5, 2002. Although visitor response was positive, there was just not enough funding available to make this a success. An effort was made to hold the fair the next year, but applications for grants were rejected and a lukewarm response from previous exhibitors made it impossible to produce a quality event.

In early 2002, the Victoria School Board decided that it needed our office space at South Park Annex so we were moved to temporary quarters at Blanshard School, a poor location with limited public access. In December 2002 we moved into space at #10 Centennial Square, right beside the City of Victoria Archives. We would remain there until Spring 2005 when we moved just up the Square to our current location at #18 Centennial Square.

In 2003, the Hallmark Society was asked to assume coordination of the Historica Heritage Fair for school children. The fairs were first organized by the Heritage Branch, with the 2003 fair run by the Royal BC Museum. As education is an important part of our mandate, we eagerly assumed this new responsibility. We continue to organize this highly successful event and watch with pride as it grows more successful. Our continued partnership with the Museum ensures that we have a great venue and staff support.

In 2004, the Society received a totally unexpected gift. Dorothy Helen Blackner left one-third of her estate to Hallmark, as "she was interested in old buildings and what you are doing." We never met her, but were most appreciative of her decision. The majority of the funds have been invested while possible uses of this legacy are being explored. In 2005 we were fortunate to receive summer funding through HRDC (now Service Canada) that allowed us to employ a student full time. We continue to receive this funding – some years for 2 students. This program pays the minimum wage for each student, plus the employer costs, and enables us to hire high quality students.

The Autumn 2006 issue of our newsletter had a new name *Preserve* and a new format. The larger page size allowed for more photographs and better coverage of issues. The newsletter is now available both online on our website and as a part of a digital mailing to about 50% of our members. In the summer of 2009 we were able to digitize all the photographs in our clipping files and with funding provided by the Irving K Barber Learning Centre at UBC, were able to get this material online along with basic data on each property. Our other major project was the William Harbeck website and DVD. Funded by the Hbc Foundation and the BC150/Heritage Legacy Fund, this work produced a brand new website that featured the original 1907 cinematograph along with photographs of all the buildings that remain over a century later and short essays on each building.

Forty years has passed since the Hallmark Society was incorporated. Obviously, significant progress has been made, but there are still times when members ask themselves if all the work has been appreciated. The Society itself has grown from seven individuals to an important cog in the heritage machine. Several original objectives of the Society have been attained, and priorities are constantly being revised. Much of the work originally undertaken by Society members is now the responsibility of municipalities and other government bodies. British Columbia has the most progressive heritage legislation in Canada, reflecting the strength of the heritage lobbying forces. No longer are buildings falling like matchsticks. Victoria has an international reputation as a city where heritage is important. Hallmark Society members serve on numerous heritage committees throughout the Capital Regional District and are invited to participate in local heritage-related

workshops. Several members have held office in provincial and national associations. The Hallmark Society has won provincial recognition for its newsletter, and, in 1992, was awarded the Heritage Canada Outstanding Achievement medal for many years of effective heritage advocacy. The annual Awards Night ceremony, which began as an informal recognition of heritage excellence at the Society's Executive Christmas party, is now a semi-formal gala event. Representatives of municipalities in the Capital Regional District attend to present designation plaques and take an active interest in the awards commentaries.

In August 2011, the Society moved to its new office location at Ross Bay Villa, 1490 Fairfield Road. The site is also home to the Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria. In September 2011 the membership voted to change the official name of the society to Hallmark Heritage Society as that name better reflects the work that we do.

Although the Society has often been perceived as being only negative, this is an unfair assessment. Over the years, members have shared their experiences with anyone interested in heritage, trades people have given free advice, guest speakers have entertained members and non-members alike, the Society has accumulated an archive of over 20,000 items, and countless walking tours, slide shows, and demonstrations have taken the message to the public, old and young alike. Perhaps the best comment on the worth of the Hallmark Society was made by Mark Madoff in a 1988 President's Message:

After years of giving evidence to the contrary, our Society still has the reputation, among some members even of the heritage community, of being 'too reactive'. Trying to understand the implied complaint, I think it means that the Hallmark Society always appears to be against, never for. ...What about the alleged negativity? Of course, it is there, too. Unfortunately, we live and work in an environment which throws up forces which are worth fighting against: ignorance, stupidity, arrogance, indifference, hypocrisy. I prefer to think of it not as opposition but as advocacy; we speak for the living symbols of our common history. If we stop our advocacy - as some would have us do in order to make their own interests easier to achieve - what would the community lose? A true friend of its cultural history. 🏠

Recent Award Winners

The Hallmark Heritage Society was presented with an Award of Honour for its 40 years of heritage advocacy at the Heritage BC Conference in Burnaby on October 18th. Ken Johnson accepted on our behalf. The full text of our nomination is available on our blog at <http://www.victoriahistory.ca/hallmark/>

At the recent Heritage Canada conference in Ottawa, two Hallmark members won awards.

The City of Victoria won an award from the Canadian Association for Heritage Professionals for the Tax Incentive Program that has changed how development is done in the downtown region.

Member Don Luxton won a Cornerstone Award from Heritage Canada – The National Trust for his work on the Pacific Central Station. Sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance, these awards are new this year and are part of the 40th anniversary legacy. They recognize excellence in the regeneration of heritage buildings and sites. The Cornerstone program was established to recognize completed projects that demonstrate excellence in the conservation of heritage values and illustrate the viability of heritage buildings and sites for commercial or institutional use, and to recognize the people who have contributed to their success. The award will be presented in two categories, with the potential for multiple awards in each category: Adaptive Use/Rehabilitation and Infill. Full descriptions available at <http://www.heritagecanada.org/en/get-involved/awards>



Top: City of Victoria Senior Heritage Planner accepts CAHP Award; Lower: Don Luxton (second from right) accepts Cornerstone Award. Both photos courtesy Heritage Canada - The National Trust.

Fall FAIRfield Days

It was pouring with rain, the wind was blowing, but we had fun any way. Although the organizers of the Fall FAIRfield Days had ordered sunshine, the message did not get through and we had anything but.

Despite the conditions, there was a good turnout and we answered many questions about heritage and the Fairfield neighbourhood in general. This event also demonstrated the power of social media. We posted to our Facebook page and at least five people showed up as a result. This is obviously the communication format of the future and I encourage you to join us at <https://www.facebook.com/hallmarksociety>



Helen Edwards photo.

Award Nomination Form

Category of nomination (tick one)

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

Nominee:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

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Project address: _____

Project details (attach up to one page)

Nominator:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Attach supporting documents including press clippings, letters of support, photographs, or electronic media to substantiate the nomination. Deadline is January 31, 2014. Late nominations may not be accepted.

Mail to:

Hallmark Heritage Society Awards Jury

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Or send via email to: office@hallmarksociety.ca

Calendar

- December 9, 2013** Hallmark Heritage Society General Meeting, James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street, 7:00 pm. Illustrated lecture on architect E E Green by Colin Barr. Bring seasonal goodies to share.
- February 10-15, 2014** Heritage Week. Watch for new of a meeting or special event.
- May 2, 2014** South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair. Clifford Carl Hall, Royal BC Museum. 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
- May 6, 2014** Hallmark Heritage Society 40th annual awards ceremony. See page 10 for awards nomination.

Ongoing events

Old Cemeteries Society: Sunday Cemetery History Tours: Start at 2:00 pm. Meet at 1:45 pm in front of Oregano's, Fairfield Plaza, 1544 Fairfield Rd. Others start where noted. Charge: \$5 for non-members; \$2 for members. No reservations needed. Tours are held regardless of weather. Contact www.oldcem.bc.ca or 250-598-8870.

Victoria Historical Society: Regular monthly meetings, except for June, July and August. For a description of speakers, visit <http://www.victoriahistoricalsociety.bc.ca/>

Friends of the BC Archives: Lectures series on items of historical interest. All events, unless otherwise specified, are held in the Newcombe Conference Hall in the Museum and are free for members of the Friends of the BC Archives. Non-member admission rates, payable at the door, are currently \$5.00 for a lecture, and \$10.00 for a workshop. Check http://www.bcarchives.bc.ca/BC_About_Archives/upcoming.aspx for details.

Nick Russell Gives a Lecture

On the evening of November 6th, Nick Russell presented an illustrated lecture entitled "A Birds Eye View of Victoria and the Mystery of Annie Ross." This included the results of his research since this was first revealed at our February meeting two years ago. We were thrilled to have a descendant of Annie Ross in attendance.

The lecture was sponsored by the Rockland Neighbourhood Association and invitations were sent to neighbouring community associations as well. Our display boards, as usual, stimulated conversation and we added a couple of names to our email communication list.

This is our last community event for the year but we will be back next year, spreading the word about heritage preservation. 🏠



Both photos
by Helen
Edwards



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All members are entitled to voting privileges at Annual and General Meetings, receive four Newsletters a year and access to the Society library and archives which contain information on over 10,000 buildings in the Capital Regional District. Memberships are due September 30th and are tax-deductible. The Society also offers special events and tours for members. New memberships are prorated quarterly. The Hallmark Heritage Society collects personal information about you only when you voluntarily provide it, and only for the purpose for which it was intended, and in handling such information we comply with the provisions of the British Columbia *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. We do not sell, rent or trade our membership/donor information to or with others. The Society makes all reasonable efforts to ensure that personal information collected from you is protected against loss and unauthorized access. If you wish to change information on file, please contact us.

In the interest of timely communication, we may occasionally send you electronic messages regarding current issues or reminders of meetings. If you do not wish to receive such messages, please let us know and we will remove your name from our email list. We would appreciate being advised of changes to your address, telephone number, email address, etc. so that we can continue to serve you efficiently. 📧

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