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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. 🏠

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Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hallmark Heritage Society will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Craigflower Schoolhouse at 7:00 pm. On the agenda are reports, election of officers, and changes to the BC Societies Act. 🏠

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President's Report

by Ken Johnson

It has been a great summer, with many events of interest for our members and for the many people of Victoria who care about our heritage. The Hallmark Heritage Society has been busy getting out and promoting heritage preservation and history at a number of public events – the Vic West Fest in May, The Vic West Street Fest and Fern Fest in June, Canada Day at the historic Craigflower Schoolhouse in July, the Canada 150 Celebration and the Oak Bay Bowker Creek Brush-up in August.

Upcoming we have the 3-day Saanich Fair where we will have a display in a room in the Arts Gallery and, to close-out the “tent” events, we shall be at the ‘Fall Fairfield’ event on Saturday, September 23rd, in Robert Porter Park.

We have also been busy at the Schoolhouse. Over the past winter we repaired and re-painted 70% of the window sash (doing this work from the inside). This past Spring and Summer, we have carried out and are continuing repairs to the exterior wood siding and have started the re-painting of the exterior window headers, jambs and sills as well as the exterior of the door. These are being done in a bright red rather than the dark blue they were painted in the 1990s. Examination of the historic paint colours and a review of historical paintings reveals that the red is a colour that is historically correct.

Throughout the coming Fall and Winter, we shall continue the repairs to the exterior wood siding and complete the restoration of the window sash.

Over the past Summer, we have been able to earn a small rental income with the ‘Schoolhouse Market’, held on the first Saturday of the Spring and Summer months. The use of the Schoolhouse as a meeting space continues to be an opportunity for Hallmark and, if any are starting to plan Christmas or other events, the Schoolhouse is an ideal location.

For the coming Fall, we have planned a series of talks that are listed elsewhere in this issue of Preserve. For your comfort, we have now purchased 40 chairs, not new but good used, and which will be much more comfortable than the plastic folding

chairs. The plastic folding chairs were sold off to recover some of the expense. As you can see in the illustration, the new chairs are stacking rather than folding, they have arms and the seats and backs are padded. Much more comfort for sitting through a lecture.

We have also been actively involved in the Fairfield Working Group which is working with the City of Victoria Planning Department trying to get to the point of presenting a draft plan to the citizens of Fairfield and Victoria on how development is going to progress in that community over the next 25 years. Working out of the Official Community Plan, which was developed in 2012, the City is encouraging Fairfield to increase its population - the questions to be answered in the upcoming Community Plan are: How many people? Where should they go? How high will the buildings be? What about Cook Street Village? Will higher buildings be built at the Fairfield Plaza? Where does the density of the Downtown plan blend into Fairfield and how high are possible buildings in the Fairfield edge.

As can be seen throughout Fairfield and in many other neighbourhoods, demolitions of older housing stock continue. What we see in their place is starkly modern structures that, while attractive in their own right, do little for the streetscape or neighbourhood. When asked, City Planning states they have no control over the design of new, conforming house designs unless the house is in a Heritage Conservation Area. The new Fairfield Plan is considering adding some Heritage Conservation Areas but they are small; encompassing only a block or two in scope. Many feel they should be larger. In the end, this will be up to the community. What do YOU want to see on your street when a new house is built?

These questions and many others will be put before the Fairfield Community sometime later this Fall. When the opportunity arises. Speak up! To quote Margaret Mead: ““Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”



On another matter, the City of Victoria is currently considering two proposals that will change forever how we and others view our City.

The proposal by Townline to construct a 29-storey building at the corner of Herald and Blanshard streets. As part of the agreement for the adaptive reuse of the old Hudson's Bay department store, they could build up to 24 storeys. Now they want to increase the height to 29-storeys. They say they will improve public access around the new building but we don't think this is sufficient reason to go upwards. More and more we see developers trying to justify height increases beyond those outlined in the Official Community Plan. They come to the City and say they need more height; more density. They point to other cities and say 'Look – they have done it! Why not Victoria?' But what has the increase in height and density resulted in? Not less traffic. Not more affordable housing. Not a happier city.

Twenty-nine storeys will set a precedent. Every new building will want more. Every developer will want to brag about the height, the view from their building.

We do not need a twenty-nine-storey building to make Victoria a better city.

Another proposal is that for the area around the designated historic warehouses along the waterfront, commonly known as 'Northern Junk'. These buildings are not under threat. They were designated about 10 years ago as part of previous proposal. The developer, Reliance Properties, has done some great work in the City. They restored the Janion Hotel, did a great deal of work on the Board of Trade Building in Bastion Square and are proposing some restoration work on the Fairfield Block on the corner of Cormorant and Douglas across from City Hall. This proposal is for a five to seven storey building, wrapping around the Northern Junk buildings and creating what we feel will be a 'wall' at the foot of Johnson and Pandora streets removing the historic feel of the waterfront from the Historic city core.

Worse, the proposal is to be mainly built on public lands!

The developer will ask the city to sell them part of the road right-of-way for Wharf and Johnson Streets as well as a waterfront lot adjoining the Johnson Street bridge. The new building will be

separate from the Northern Junk buildings except for parking lot access under the historic site. In the 1970s, Architect Arthur Erickson, as part of his plan for the Inner Harbour, had specified that the lands along the waterfront should be public lands and the waterfront lot next to the bridge should be a park. This was shown in his plan and, for many years it was shown as 'Park' on the City of Victoria Planning documents. But in Victoria, it seems no land is 'zoned' a park even if it was purchased for that purpose and, as soon as the developer expressed an interest in purchasing the lot, it was no longer shown as park but as part of the proposed development.

The sale of the road right-of-way must be put before the citizens of Victoria for approval. This is required under the Local Government Act. Unfortunately, we are not asked about this before the City starts negotiating. The City has not asked the citizens if they wish to sell. They have not asked if we want the land to be used as a much-needed park and green space in the ever-denser Downtown Core. We have not been asked or even told about the possible price.

In 2011, when the Northern Junk proposals first came to light, City Counselors expressed concerns about the sale of these lands. Today's Counselors must make it clear that **public lands are not for sale!**

The City of Victoria is growing. In a recent Times Colonist letter, Jonathan Tinney, the director of City Planning, stated there are 2,006 housing units currently under construction in the City. Another 2,237 are in the planning and approval stages. We just have to look at the multi-storey buildings springing up in the areas east of Douglas Street to know the truth of this.

We do not need the proposed development at the Northern Junk site. The surrounding public lands must remain in the public domain.

These and other developments will change our city. But the change must be for the better. We must protect the values that have made this city the most desirable to live in. These values are reflected in the historic downtown core, the Inner Harbour and the visible landmarks of our history.

If you don't speak out when it matters, when would it matter for you to speak out? 🗣️

Changes to Societies Act in BC

You may have heard about the changes to the government documents outlining how non-profit societies such as ours operate.

The new Societies Act came into effect November 28, 2016 and we must transition from the old system to the new one. For us, that meant minor changes to the constitution (moving items to the by-laws) and some tweaks. We are required by law to pass the revised constitution and by-laws at our AGM and present them here in full so that you may be fully informed before the discussion at the meeting. For long-time members, these are essentially the documents as revised some years ago by the constitutional review committee. See page 6 for the document we would like to submit as part of our transition process.

Legal advice on the transition process is to merely transition the old documents to the new system, then worry about possible major changes until the next year. Apparently, that will make the transition simpler to complete.

All records will now be online—no more paper records for dealing with the provincial government—and that should, in theory, make reporting easier for all concerned. 🏠

Now is the time



You have been a Hallmark member for some time now. You care enough about the look and feel of historic Victoria to support the Society. The profusion of unsightly development, the demolition of fine older homes in your neighbourhood; these things disturb you. But what to do?

How about joining the Board of the Hallmark Heritage Society? The Board only meets about 10 times per year at our offices in the historic Craigflower Schoolhouse.

We are represented on various heritage committees, work with local neighbourhood organizations and with local schools.

Like all non-profit organizations, we need a steady inflow of new Board members. This is needed to prevent an old, established Board from getting set in their ways. Have you ideas about how to save our architectural heritage? About how to present the history of the area to young and old alike? Can you come along and give us a boost?

Contact Ken Johnson 250-888-7289 or at kejohanson@shaw.ca. We can have a coffee and talk about the Hallmark Heritage Society. 🏠

SOCIETIES ACT - SCHEDULE A

HALLMARK SOCIETY

Constitution

1. The name of the Society is the HALLMARK SOCIETY.
2. The mission of the Society is to encourage the preservation of structural, natural, cultural and horticultural heritage within the Capital Regional District (CRD).
 - (a) To advocate the preservation, conservation and restoration of heritage and to work towards a public awareness and understanding of heritage in the CRD.
 - (b) To list and research those structures which are considered to be of particular historical, cultural and /or architectural interest in the CRD to list and research those natural or cultural landscapes or landscape features which are considered to be of particular historical, horticultural and /or design interest in the CRD.
 - (c) To conserve, maintain and expand an active archives.
 - (d) To collect and disseminate information on heritage preservation, conservation and restoration and to make recommendations from time to time regarding heritage presentation, conservation and restoration.
 - (e) To cooperate by sharing information with agencies or organizations whose goals are similar to those of this Society.
 - (f) To conduct and arrange exhibits, tours, or other cultural, educational or recreational activities which will promote and stimulate public interest in heritage in the CRD.
 - (g) To raise such funds as are necessary for the business of the Society.
 - (h) To acquire assets by gift, purchase or otherwise: and to maintain and /or sell, lease or let these assets for the benefit of the Society.

SOCIETIES ACT - SCHEDULE B

HALLMARK SOCIETY

By-Laws

1. Membership

- (a) Membership in the Society is open to any person interested in the objectives of the Society and who is willing to abide by its constitution and by-laws.
- (b) Prospective members may join by applying to the Membership Chairperson and completing an application form.

2. Fees

- (a) The fees and privileges of membership shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors and ratified annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Membership fees shall be payable in advance.
- (c) The membership fees shall be paid by October 1 of each year.
- (d) New members shall pay a pro-rated portion of the fees upon joining the organization.

3. Termination of Membership

- (a) In the case of any member whose fees have not been paid on or before the first day of the third calendar month thereafter, that membership shall automatically terminate.
- (b) A member may withdraw from the Society by tendering his or her resignation in writing to the Membership Chairman of the Society, or to the Board of Directors.
- (c) A member may be expelled from the Society by a resolution of the Board of Directors ratified by the next general meeting.

4. Meetings

- (a) Annual General Meeting
 - (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September of each year.
 - (ii) Thirty days notice in writing of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members.
 - (iii) The Annual General Meeting shall receive the annual reports of the outgoing Board of Directors and shall elect a Board of Directors for the next year. The outgoing President shall preside.
 - (iv) The new Board of Directors shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) General Meetings
 - (i) General meetings shall be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
 - (ii) Seven days notice in writing of the time and place of the general meeting shall be given to all members.
 - (iii) A minimum of three meetings per year must be held.

- (c) Board of Directors meetings
 - (i) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month.
 - (ii) Board of Directors meetings shall be held prior to general meetings to prepare agenda.

5. Quorum

- (a) A quorum for general meetings shall be 15 members including officers.
- (b) A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of half of the elected of officers plus 1.
- (c) If a quorum is not present by the appointed hour for the transaction of business, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting and reconvene it within seven days.

6. Majorities

- (a) A simple majority is sufficient at all meetings except in the case of amendments to the by-laws where a 2/3 majority of those present shall be required.
- (b) In any situation requiring it, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.

7. Elections

- (a) Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nomination committee of three members, one from the current Board of Directors and two from the general membership, who shall contact the members of the Society and Directors and prepare a list of candidates for the following positions:
 - President
 - First Vice-President
 - Second Vice-President
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Directors (up to 8)
- (b) All terms shall be for two years, with one-half of the positions to be elected each year.
- (c) No member shall serve for more than three consecutive terms, except where a further term is ratified by the membership.
- (d) Nominations will be made in writing to the Nominating Committee.
- (e) Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.
- (f) Nominees must be present or have provided written consent for a position.
- (g) All candidates for office must be a member in good standing.
- (h) Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors provided this selection is ratified by the membership at the next general meeting.
- (i) Voting shall be done by secret ballot.

8. Board of Directors duties

- (a) The duties of each name officer shall be those as outlined in Hallmark Society job descriptions.
- (b) Board of Directors members who miss three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause are to resign.

9. The Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society

- (a) Eight members of the Society shall be elected to the Heritage Building Foundation of the Hallmark Society for a term of up to two years.
- (b) The following officers of the Society shall be automatically be included in the eight members: namely, the President, First Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- (c) The terms of office of the four members elected, other than those named subsection (b) above, shall be arranged so that not more than two members complete their term in any one year.
- (d) The Corresponding Secretary shall provide regular reports to the Board of Directors.

10. Committees

- (a) The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint members to standing or special committees for the purpose of assisting the Board Directors, or to pursue a particular object of the Society.
- (b) These committees shall report to the Board of Directors.

11. Finances

- (a) The Hallmark Society may borrow from time to time as deemed necessary. Any borrowing over \$1,000.00 must be ratified by the membership.
- (b) Members of the Society shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual authorized out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out the business of the Society, but no member of the Society acting solely as a member of the Society shall be remunerated for service to the Society except under the following conditions:
 - (i) that some work has already been carried out on the project or service and that it is already well formed and that the service or project accomplishes one of the aims of the Society as stated in the constitution or furthers the aims of the Society substantially in some other way.
 - (ii) that a motion is passed at a general meeting of the Society agreeing in principle to such an expenditure for a specific service or project and establishing specific obligations for any paid members of the Society undertaking the service or project.
 - (iii) that the Board of Directors nominate a candidate or candidates to carry out the service or project specified in item (ii) and that such candidates be selected on the basis of their past interest and participation in the service or project, and their ability to carry out their obligations satisfactorily.

In the event that the Board of Directors can find no suitable candidate at least by the next general meeting of the Society, it shall so inform the meeting. If a suitable candidate is found, a member of the Board of Directors will propose the candidate by means of a motion at a general meeting of the Society.

- (iv) That a motion will then be put forward by a member of the Board of Directors, with the consent of the Board of Directors proposing the specific remuneration to be granted to the member agreed upon in the motions described above. Payment to members shall be made in instalments by the Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall decide upon the details of the instalments. Final payment shall be made only after the member has fulfilled all his or her obligations as specified in the motion recorded.
- (c) All books and records of the Society must be kept at the office of the Society or by a Board of Directors member, and may be inspected by any Member of the Society at any time subject to reasonable notice.
- (d) The Society may form an audit committee to examine the books of the Society annually with the authority to request an independent audit if necessary.

12. Amendments

Amendments to the By-Laws of the Society shall be made by special resolution of the Society, on 30 days prior notice of intention to amend being given before the special or general meeting of the Society at which such motion to amend be given. The requisite majority shall be 2/3 of members present and in good standing.

13. Roberts Rules of Order shall be applied where the constitution is not clear on an issue.

14. Dissolution Clause

Upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society, any funds remaining in the Society remaining after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to such organization or organizations as may be decided upon by the members of the Society at the time of winding up or dissolution; provided that each organization referred to in this paragraph shall be a charitable organization, a charitable corporation, or a charitable trust recognized by the Department of National Revenue, Taxation as being qualified as such under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada from time to time in effect, and this provision shall be unalterable.

15. Geographic Limitation

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the Capital Regional District.

Fall Lecture Series

All lectures are held in the historic classroom at the Craigflower Schoolhouse, 2755 Admirals Road. Admission is free – Donations are encouraged.

7 pm, Monday, September 25, 2017

Oak Bay is changing. Join University of Victoria Professor Emeritus Dr. Larry McCann, author of the award-winning book “Imagining Uplands”, as he takes us through the recent changes in heritage preservation in Oak Bay. From the current proposal to create Oak Bay’s first Heritage Conservation Area through to the never-ending threat of demolitions and ‘McMansions’, Larry will bring us up-to-date on how Oak Bay is preserving its heritage.

7 pm, Monday, October 16, 2017.

The historic Craigflower Schoolhouse is located on Maple Point, that place where the Gorge or “Victoria Arm” ends and where the wide expanse of the Portage Inlet begins. In pre-contact and historical times, the Portage Inlet was a popular spot for bird hunting ducks, geese, and swans would stop on their annual migrations. Today, the Inlet is a part of an international system of bird sanctuaries.

Jacques Sirois is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, the Chair of the Friends of Victoria Harbour Bird Sanctuary and the representative of Greater Victoria NatureHood. He will tell us of the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary, then (1923) and now (2017) and how NatureHood is showing us how to connect with urban nature.

7 pm, Monday, November 6, 2017.

Join Hallmark President Ken Johnson as he relates the muddied history of the Causeway. The construction of what we now see as a road in front of the Empress was a defining moment in the history and development of the Inner harbour and forever changed how City was viewed by ourselves and by others. Like most building proposals in Victoria, this one took many years to come to fruition but then became a source of civic pride upon completion.

7 pm, Monday, December 4, 2017.

In the early days at Craigflower, Christmas was a holiday from all but the most necessary work. From the Diary of Robert Melrose, who worked at Craigflower Farm from the earliest days, we read that, on Christmas Day, 1854 that “Christmas celebrated by Fiddling, dancing, singing, eating, and drinking. Rain. Brig “Recovery “arrived.” For Christmas Day, 1855, Melrose noted “Christmas Ball celebrated with great glee. Most severe frost.” The music would be amateur, the decorations simple and home-made and the food and drink would have been whatever was available.

Join us at the site of many early Christmas celebrations as we decorate a traditional Christmas tree, eat, drink and be merry to the accompaniment of the Karpes Family Band, one little family that, for about seven years, has been playing a mixture of old-timey, folk and country original songs. A family of four, including two preteen boys, instrumentation is Guitar, Ukulele, Washtub Bass and Harmonicas.

WATCH FOR OUR SPRING LECTURE SERIES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER.

RIP, Bob Whittle

by Helen Edwards



to serve as the background against which he would set his stories. We quickly became friends and I used to look forward to his visits. Often, he came in bearing treats from Tim Horton's. He told me stories of his childhood and the work he had done all over the world. What a great story teller he was and he was able to transfer that skill into his writing. I was able to identify many of the locations in his Victoria Chronicles; it was like walking around Victoria with the characters.

Bob and his wife Joyce were well-known vendors at craft sales and markets and Bob was the undisputed "King of the Bastion market" until ill health forced him to retire. His books are popular with readers from all over the world and are, of course, still available.

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Robert (Bob) Whittle, long-time Hallmark member. He was a great friend to heritage and combined his love of history with his talents as a writer, completing 11 novels since 1998.

He may be gone now but his memory will live on in his award-winning historical novels. I will never forget my gentle friend whose pain and suffering are now over.

I first met Bob when he came into the Hallmark office in Centennial Square many years ago. He was looking for historical information on Victoria

Rest in peace, Bob. 🕊️

RIP, May Crompton

by Helen Edwards

May Crompton, a local teacher and supporter of the South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair died on August 13, 2017 from injuries she suffered in a bicycle accident near the Johnson Street Bridge.

Those of us who have been active in the heritage fairs movement admired May for her dedication to her students. She was a dynamic

librarian who brought out the best in her charges. Her students from Dunsmuir Middle school always did well in the fair and were always enthusiastic about their topics. They were god ambassadors of their school and their inspirational teacher.

We will miss her quiet determination and the energy she brought to everything she did. 🕊️

Craigflower Schoolhouse photograph project

Last fall, we announced that we had received a Heritage Legacy Fund grant to document the history of Craigflower Schoolhouse.

Using photographs and text, we brought the history of the site alive. We now have a wonderful collection of photographs taken of our site, over the years. After researching each photo, we have hung a selection of images with explanatory text on the walls of our main classroom.

Have a good look the next time you visit us. 📷



It's time ... to pay your membership



For most of our members, annual membership dues are payable by the end of September. The easiest way to pay is to bring your payment to the AGM. You can also mail a cheque to the office or pay online at <http://hallmarkheritagesociety.ca/membership/>.

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. Membership fees are shown on the back cover of this newsletter. 🏠

Summer student work 2017

This has been a particularly good year for the Hallmark Heritage Society. First, we received a grant from Service Canada through Canada Summer Jobs. This allowed us to hire Colin Walker to work on updating our main website.

He began work in May with an analysis of our current site. We then decided that all our files should be housed at our main site and the separate site for archival entries only should be phased out.

First to be moved were the old newsletters and the Islander index. Those were the easiest to move, and gave us a sense of accomplishment.

Next was the moving of the “clipping file” documentation. It soon became evident that this was not going to be a short-term task.

After a few hiccups, we are pleased that the basic framework is in place and we are now adding scanned documents and photographs as quickly as we can.

Prior year’s students scanned the documents in our clipping files up to the letter “H” so those will be in place by the end of the work term. Once that is done, Colin will change his work to scanning, hoping to get as much of the rest of the alphabet done as quickly as possible.

Now that the “bones” of the archival entries are in place, it will be easier for volunteers to add information to our site.

We hope to have our entire clipping file collection scanned and online by the end of 2018.

Once that work term was completed, we received additional funding through Young Canada Works. We tried to hire a different student, but that did not work. As a result, Colin will be working for us full-time for the rest of the summer and part-time during the fall.

We are most grateful to the federal government for providing much-needed funds that allow us to hire a bright student to work for us. 🏠

Calendar

- September 25, 2017 Hallmark Heritage Society Annual General Meeting. Guest speaker, Larry McCann talking about heritage preservation in Oak Bay. Craigflower Schoolhouse, 7:00 pm.
- October 16, 2017 Jacques Sirois talks about the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary, then (1923) and now (2017) and how NatureHood is showing us how to connect with urban nature. Craigflower Schoolhouse, 7:00 pm.
- November 6, 2017 Join Hallmark President Ken Johnson as he relates the muddied history of the Causeway. Craigflower Schoolhouse, 7:00 pm.
- December 4, 2017 Celebrate Christmas at Craigflower Schoolhouse as we decorate a traditional Christmas tree, eat, drink and be merry to the accompaniment of the Karpes Family Band. Bring seasonal treat to share. 7:00 pm.

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 Old Cemetery 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.

For up-to-date information on heritage-related events in our area, check out the [calendar](#) on our website.

We Need Your Donations

The Hallmark Heritage Society has signed up with Canada Helps, a registered charity with a goal to making life simple. Donations are processed by Canada Helps and then the funds, minus a small administration charge, are electronically transferred directly to our bank account.

Donors receive a tax receipt instantly – no waiting for a volunteer to process a payment and hand write a receipt. You can make a single donation online or sign up for a monthly donation.

We have put a link on our web page and have already received donations. The direct link to our page on the Canada Helps site is <https://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?charityID=s5418>

As you know, we rely on the generosity of our members to keep our society alive. Now it is just a few clicks to donate – less work at both ends. Please consider making a donation today. While you can make a single donation at any time, please consider a regular monthly gift. 🙏

Sincere thanks to all members who have made donations over the past year. We do not publish names as we respect your privacy.



Membership Application

- Student \$15.00
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Hallmark Heritage Society Annual General Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Craigflower Schoolhouse

Guest speaker - Larry McCann