

FEBRUARY 1978 – NEWSLETTER

THE BIG EVENT!

This will be a short newsletter because we are busy getting ready for our FOURTH ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY to be held at 8:00 P .m, on Feb. 15, 1978 at the EMILY CARR HOUSE 207 Government St.

This is an evening when we honour people who have honoured our heritage by restoring buildings. It is also, we hope an evening when our members get together to nave a good time.

Refreshments will be served (wine, sandwiches, goodies, coffee etc.) and because of this we must make a charge to cover our expenses. Inflation may be rampant throughout the land but our price is the same as last year -- \$2.50 per person. As it helps to know in advance how many people will be attending, please send your money and name to The Hallmark Society, P. O. Box 1204, Victoria as soon as possible. If this is not feasible, please call Candy Wyatt (388-6562) to reserve a place.

This is a chance for members to gather at a historic heritage house for good food and good talk. We hope to see you there on February 15th!

The bus running closest to the Emily Carr house is #9 Beacon Hill which leaves from in front of the Metropolitan at 7:15 and every half hour thereafter. The nearest stop is Government and Niagara.

HOSPITAL BLUES

Many of you will have seen the reports in the papers that the Hallmark Society wrote to Sidney Council asking that they consider designating Resthaven Hospital. This is a Samuel Maclure building built in 1912 as a hospital or health spa. As the Seventh Day Adventists are leaving the province to build a hospital elsewhere they naturally wish to sell their property in Sidney. This will probably mean that developers will tear down the building in order to put up condominiums. We'll keep you informed of further developments. In the

meantime, those of you who feel strongly about this, especially those who live in Sidney should write to Sidney Council urging that they consider designation.

THE MINISTER

Those who attended our January meeting at the Empress were treated to a very interesting talk by tile Hon. Sam Bawlf on all aspects of heritage legislation. The audience responded by peppering the Minister with 40 minutes of some very intelligent questions.

HERITAGE DAY

Heritage Day is the third Monday in February. Although Parliament has neglected (again!) to make it a national holiday, the Hallmark Society is trying to use the occasion to bring the fate of our neglected buildings to the public's attention. To that end, Eaton's has agreed to put a display of heritage buildings in the skywalk. We hope you will view it yourselves and take your friends too. He are very grateful to Eaton's for their generous gesture!

EXHIBITIONS

Don't forget the British heritage preservation exhibit in the Provincial Archives building (next door to the provincial museum). Since we mentioned this last month some of our members have seen it and have been full of rave reviews. Hours: Monday-FRIDAY 8:30 - 4~30.

INFLATION FIGHTERS

In this age of higher and higher heating costs more people are hoping to get good use from their fireplace (s). This month's Old House Journal has some topics that are a propos:

- Heating With a Fireplace .
- Removing Plating from Brass
- Building a High Heat Fire

- Overcoming Musty Odors
- Colonia1 Revival Townhouse

See this and other publications in the Society's office.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE PARTY - BOOK EARLY!!