

OCTOBER 1978 – NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5

And now for something completely different! Come to our GENERAL MEETING on NOV. 5, 1978 at 1:30 p.m. Our membership has been invited by the Sooke Region Historical Society to visit their museum on a Sunday afternoon. The Society has recently moved "Moss Cottage" (built in 1870) and are currently restoring it on their museum grounds. We will be able to tour both "Moss Cottage" and the museum. Mr. Dick Hill who was responsible for much of the work will speak to us and there will also be a 40 minute slide show on the history of Sooke. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The museum is on the main Sooke Road just across the Sooke River Bridge. It is on the right--a large log building in the trees--you can't miss it. People who require rides are asked to phone Candy Wyatt at 388-6562 If you have room for an extra passenger or two in your car also phone Candy please. See you there!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

1978-79 promises to be an exciting year with our new emphasis on acquiring and restoring an historic property as approved at the annual general meeting. Naturally this objective cannot be achieved without the full support of the membership and I encourage each and every member to become involved with this year's activities which already promise to be exciting and varied. As the executive applies itself to researching information on appropriate historic properties and financing, we will need assistance with the running of the Society--the production of this newsletter to keep the membership informed of all activities, running events such as the bazaar, and possibly raising funds for our Heritage Building Foundation through special events. Perhaps an Activities Auxiliary could be formed. The formation of an Auxiliary will be discussed at the next general meeting. I also invite members to attend executive meetings which will be open and announced in the newsletter.

Let's have a productive year!

Stuart Stark

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next executive meeting will be held on Thursday evening October 19th at 8:00 in the Hallmark office at 30 Bastion Sq.

BAZAAR AT HILLSIDE

This important event which helps to keep our heads above water financially is on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26. We need donations of books, small plants, handicrafts, white elephant, end items suitable for Christmas gifts. Please, no foodstuffs. Items may be dropped off at the office on Tuesday October 17th or 24th or Thursday October 19th from 11:00 - 1:00. If you would like your items to be picked up please phone Candy Wyatt at 388-6562 or Jill Sewell at 658-5713. Thanks for your cooperation.

NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED

Our 1978-79 Executive is as follows:

President: Stuart Stark 252 Memorial Cres. 386-0215

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Jill Sewell 4782 Oldfield Rd. 658-5713

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BELLEVILLE UPDATE- GOOD NEWS

The Belleville Street houses that had us so worried are safe for now. The developer's financing has fallen through and he has allowed the demolition permits to expire. (Though new permits could be had immediately.) A new tenant has taken over the development lease and may be more sympathetic to heritage buildings.

GOOD AUTUMN READINGS

Free copies of Preservation News are available to members at the office (Tues. or Thurs. 11 - 1). The glossy magazine American Preservation can be read at the office as can the Old House Journal which this month features the installing of Hot Air Heating in old homes along with other practical information. More heritage reading in our library too! Come and visit.

HISTORY COMES FULL CIRCLE

The Provincial government recently demolished the original 1890's Thos. Plimley building on Government St. (on the Parliament Building's back lawn) in order to make way for a parking lot. As Plimley was one of the first car dealers in Victoria it is ironic that cars should have become so dominant as to ultimately spell the demise of the building in which they were introduced to Victoria.

HERITAGE DAY 1979

Preliminary plans are already underway for a Heritage Festival in February 1979. Involving several of the city's heritage/historic groups, it will probably be held in a large historic building not usually open to the public. More on this later.