

MARCH 1979 – NEWSLETTER

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 28 1979, 8 o'clock P.M. in the Court Room, Maritime Museum, Bastion Square. featuring Mr. Bob Wright, Victoria Alderman, speaking on: The City of Victoria's Heritage List as applied to Commercial Buildings. A stimulating interchange is expected, so please come with your questions at the ready for a bearpit session!

HERITAGE FOUNDATION NOMINATION

Nominations will be accepted for a member to the Board of the Heritage Foundation , A vacancy has developed due to the death of Peter Cotton.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS PARTY

Our annual awards celebration was held February 21st at the home of Jim Lee, and was much enjoyed by all those attending. Acting President Tom Mayne presented Heritage Preservation Awards to:

- Mr. Bill Murphy for Residential restoration of his house at 1012 Richardson Street, which inspired his neighbours to restore their houses, thus preserving a streetscape , Judy Bossio gets plaudits for this, too.
- Mr. Fred Oldfield and Mr. Robin Thompson for their restoration of Ihe Latch, 2323 Harbor Rd, Sidney, and converting it into a pleasant restaurant.
- Town and Country Realty for their conversion of the old Beacon Hill School into residential use.
- Mr. Charles Van Veen of Unicon Homes Realty for moving the old Dodd house to Lambrick Park in Saanich, thus allowing it to be restored instead of demolished.
- Mr. Tomas Palfrey received a Communications Award for his continuous letter writing on behalf of Preservation,

Tom Mayne, who is so ably filling the absent president's shoes, was shown, the Society's appreciation by a round of applause. Many thanks are due to Jim Lee for again allowing us the use of his lovely home. And plaudits to Candy Wyatt for her capable organization of the event, and to all the other members who contributed their efforts and talents.

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

Minister of Municipal Affairs, The Hon. Hugh Curtis, has requested recommendations from the citizenry on a future use for St. Ann's. Your executive has written recommending that the buildings be used to house the Victoria Conservatory of Music, at present bursting the seams at the castle. The Conservatory has publicly requested people to write to the minister asking that St. Ann's be the new location for the Conservatory. Please write the minister or press and emphasize the need to save this building for continued use, with the gardens included. What a spot for an afternoon recital!

LEGISLATIVE PRECINCT HOUSES

The houses scattered throughout the Legislative Precinct, previously used as gov't offices, are insidiously coming down. Your executive has written to the Hon. Hugh Curtis about this matter. Society members, please feel free to write and personally express your displeasure with the government wheeling and dealing with heritage buildings. The house in the legislative precinct, that the Hallmark Society had hoped to acquire for restoration and offices, is no longer available, we are told. (One wonders ...!)

EXECUTIVE MEETING

March 21st, 8 O'clock P.M., at the Hallmark office.

FINAL GASP

DON'T FORGET INTERESTING MEETING on 28th MARCH in MUSEUM.
PLEASE WRITE to HUGH CURTIS ON 2 COUNTS