

DECEMBER 1979 – NEWSLETTER

COME AND WATCH US WORK

Like everyone else your executive is gearing down for the festive season. We have been actively meeting every 2nd and 4th Monday, usually at the Community Arts Council office, Bastion Square, at 8 p.m. As we have mentioned before the general membership are invited to attend. In fact we were pleased to have a member at our November 26th meeting and would like to see more of you.

'TIS THE SEASON

We have the perfect gift for heritage watchers...hard cover, limited edition, numbered copies of The Crystal Garden completely autographed with specially designed end-papers. This book is available only through your Hallmark Society. Price, still only \$40.00.

WE ARE GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS

The Hallmark Society was able to display "Oh What a Lovely House" to the Annual Meeting of the Architectural Institute of B. C. when it met in the Crystal Garden on December 1st weekend. Information was distributed to the architects on restoration of old buildings. The Crystal Garden book and the city book This Old House were available for sale, and considerable interest was shown. Thanks to the members of the executive who volunteered to man the booth. (Wonder if you can still say that? Or must we now "person the booth" ?)

INTEREST RUNS HIGH

Ten groups have expressed interest in the Heritage Fair, which will be held in Mayfair Mall, February 4th to 9th, 1980.

AND here IT is...what you have all been waiting for...your chance to *p*e*r*s*o*n a booth! New volunteers will be needed for our display. Lets get out and share our enthusiasm and concern with fellow Victorians, about our grand old buildings

which make this city unique and which when well-cared for are an asset to residents and tourists alike. The Fair will be the perfect way to beat the February blahs, and do something constructive all at the same time. Don't wait to be asked, phone Rosemary Cross (384-2461) and get your name in for a time that suits you, mornings, afternoons or (some) evenings. Our special project is to dispense house histories from our 600 histories at a nominal charge.

GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE OFFERED

The University of Victoria Extension Department is offering courses under its Cultural Conservation Program. Some of these may interest you.

February 9 and 10. Workshop on Conservation of Historical Photographs

February 28 and 29. Seminar on Building Conservation. This is the course given by Martin Weaver that some members attended during Heritage Canada Convention and found so excellent.

March 24 through 28. The Wonderful World of Exhibits. Mr. Jean J. Andre.

April 26. Seminar in Military Artifacts

June 4 through 24 Conservation for Curators.

For further information contact Douglas Franklin, Coordinator, Cultural Conservation Program, Division of University Extension, U Vic., P. O. Box 1700, Phone 477-6911, local 4802.

CRYING NEED

Your Society has much information in its keeping:

- Our \$43,000 inventory of Heritage Buildings in Greater Victoria, with photos and histories of over 660 buildings,
- The Saanich "Opportunities for Youth" Program inventory,
- University of Victoria's History of Art Department inventory.

Not only does this material need a permanent home, but also a Librarian is most urgently needed. The Society is willing to assist the person who wishes to take on this position, by paying for the course which will cost \$65.00. Who will take advantage of this offer to attend the Class on Conservation of Historical Photographs?

A FIRST ON THE THIRTY – FIRST

KEEP THIS DATE - MAY 31ST. Your Society is arranging its biggest and best tour EVER -- an overnight trip to Fort Worden and Port Townsend, Washington. Prices and details are still being finalized. But it looks as if Bus Fare, Farry Fare, Overnight Accommodation and Return will be about \$30.00. Circle your calendar for our FIRST international Trip -- May the Thirty-first.

ANOTHER FIRST

The first meeting of the Cityscape Committee will be on January 21st at Stuart Stark's house. Come and find out what they will be doing, planning, etc., get in at the beginning. Better yet come and join the Committee.

BE SURE TO HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR