

JANUARY 1980 – NEWSLETTER

Salutations and Best Wishes for this New Year. There are some great plans and opportunities coming up this year for you and your Hallmark Society.

A good beginning for the year, our President Stuart Stark has been appointed to the City Heritage Advisory Committee. The Hallmark Society is now represented by four members on this Committee.

GOOD NEWS

1121 Pandora Avenue - the Thomas Wilson House - has been designated a Heritage House over the objections of the present owner.

WE WANT OUR VIEWS

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 30th, 1980

Maritime Museum Court Room

The film The Mainstreet Experience will be shown. This is the excellent film that was shown at the Heritage Canada Conference in October. Should it not arrive in time from Ottawa, an alternate semi-architectural film Chairs for Lovers is available.

SPIES NEEDED

We need more nominations for awards. Would be specially glad to hear of restoration and preservation jobs well done in the outlying Victoria areas (Sidney to Sooke). So if you live in or drive by some of the more out-of-the-way areas, please be on the look out. Phone any suggestions you have to a member of the Executive. or bring them along to the General Meeting.

STOP PRESS

The Hallmark Society has been offered a most suitable house. This is a real opportunity that we sincerely hope can be made into a reality.

522 SIMCOE STREET

An undesignated heritage house from the City's "A" ;sot can be ours fro the price of One Dollar. The house must be moved, a lot found and purchased, and less than sixty days to go before the very venal alternative - total demolition.

GOING – GOING – BUT NOT GONE

Several members of the Executive have seen over the house and consider it ideal for our requirements. It would supply space for our meetings, a room for our Library/Archives, and it contains two suites that can supply upkeep income to cover operating costs.

It is estimated that about \$60,000.OO will he needed to purchase land, move the house and restore its exterior. Sources of loans and grants are being looked into but we must still raise a considerable amount ourselves. So our great need now is for a person to take charge of Fund Raising. Can you help? We have been searching for a home of our own for a long time. Here is our chance. This is a real challenge!

Don Reksten will have slides of 522 Simcoe Street at the General Meeting.

Be sure to attend January 30th

YOUR INVATION

ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY February 18th - 8 o'clock at CRAIGHDARROCH.

EVERYBODY COME. This Is our one glittering social event of the year. You are encouraged to dress for this occasion or to come in costume. Bring some of the feeling of past glories back to the Castle. "Bubbly" and super snacks will be served. As in years past an attendance fee will he collected in advance to cover the catering costs. This fee of three dollars (\$3.00) may be sent to our postal box 1204 with your name. If you have any questions please phone Candy Wyatt at 388-6562 any evening. In addition to the Hallmark Society Awards, the Peter

Cotton book prizes will be presented to the competition winners. We are expecting some 50 or 60 entries.

CAN YOU CATER?

Candy Wyatt who has so ably catered this party for the past five years will be unable to do so as she is having her kitchen altered. A person is needed to be in charge of the catering. We can assure this volunteer of lots of help, and advice if wanted.

LIBRARIAN FOUND

Jill Sewell has volunteered to be our Librarian, and the Society will pay for her course at the University of Victoria on the care of Historical Photographs.

TRIP

Information on the Fort Worden trip for May will be forthcoming from Don Reksten at the General Meeting and in subsequent Newsletters.

EDITOR SOUGHT

We are now looking for an Editor for this Newsletter. Any member interested in this job can get in touch with Stuart Stark.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR HERITAGE

HERITAGE FAIR

Mayfair Mall

February 4th to 9th, 1980

This promises to be an excellent event with the greatest assembly of heritage groups ever attempted. There will be displays by the Vintage Car Club, The Canadiana Costume Society, Sooke Historical Society, The Chinese Benevolent Society and many others. representing a united front for heritage in our lower island area. This show presents everything south of the Malahat, not just houses, and not just the city of Victoria.

Volunteers are needed to make our display a Success. Many are needed for the whole week of the fair. Please come forward to help make this Fair a real success. Volunteers who come forward early can choose to work mornings, early or late afternoons, or on some evenings. We will have printed information to hand out to interested members of the public, memberships for sale, and house histories from our book will be available at a nominal charge.

Please contact Rosemary Cross at 384-2461 if you can assist.