

FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWSLETTER

HOW TIME
FLIES

February was such a loaded month, there just didn't seem to be a proper interval for publishing a newsletter, so here is another double-barreled edition.

WHAT A
SWELL
PARTY

From all indications, the Annual Heritage Awards Night was a resounding success. A total of 219 tickets was sold and everyone seemed glad to forget the miserable weather outside and concentrate on honouring the winners of both the Peter Cotton Memorial Competition and the Heritage Awards. The champagne flowed freely, food was delicious and plentiful, and in this endeavour, our hardworking Executive was aided and abetted in various ways by such as Candy Wyatt, Maggie Graham-Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Lambeth, Virginia Careless, Elizabeth Davies, Carol Davidson, Bob Pollard, Sr.

THE
WINNAHS!

The winners of the Annual Heritage Awards were:

Earle L. Filer for "continued preservation and maintenance of an historic interior at 913 Government Street" (Roger's Chocolates).

Don Taylor for "maintaining and enhancing the ambience of an historic interior at 1116 Government Street" (Old Morris Tobacconists Ltd.).

Robert Yellowlees and Ron Bickford of Robron Developments, for "the restoration of the Heritage House at 3010 Quadra Street". The new owner of the house, David Watson, also received an award for "continued preservation, etc."

Ronald Greene of Capital Iron and Metals Ltd. for "reconstruction of a period facade at 1824 Store Street and restoration of 1832 Store Street".

MORE
WINNAHS!

The following winners were chosen from the over 100 entries received in the Peter Cotton Memorial Competition:

Darren Einarson, a Grade 6 student at South Park School, won first prize in the poster category.

Faye Dyson - "most outstanding written presentation". Faye is a Grade 7 student at St. Patrick's School.

Stephanie Bartels and Emma Marley won the pictorial essay category. They are both Grade 7 students at Norfolk House.

Congratulations to each and everyone of you! You do make a difference, and Victoria's heritage is the richer for your efforts.

WHAT A
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It was most rewarding to have the Hon. Henry Bell-Irving back again this year to make the awards, and to see so many of our patrons present. Particular thanks go to Pat Bovey for allowing us to use the Spencer Mansion for this function. The space and ambience perfectly suited the occasion.

HERITAGE
FAIR

Heritage Week was celebrated from Monday through Saturday by a host of people who worked the Hallmark Society booth at the Mayfair Mall. Tom Pappajohn did the organizing, and a fine job it was, Tom! A surprising number of inquiries were received, and comments passed, ranging from, "I think you're doing great work", to, "Off with the old, on with the new, I say! Why do you want to save those old wrecks anyway!". Forty-one new members joined our ranks---welcome to the club, folks---we hope to see a lot of you from here on in!

We would particularly like to acknowledge Rosemary James-Cross for organizing the volunteers and doing publicity work for the Fair, as well as the following:

Ramona McElroy	Eleanor Smith
Joanne Jaeger	Mrs. Thomas
Jill Sewell	Stuart Stark
Catherine Hodgens	Peter Walton
Jean McInnes	Cathy Schaffter
Gordon Robinson	Mary Newell
Rosemary Cross	Tom Mayne
Miss Trueman	Marguerite Fraser
Mary Emerson	Winona Wood
Marilyn Pollard	Ann Matheson
Della Pears	Ron Waugh
Lynne Milnes	Sue Lambeth
Kerry Armour	Heather Wood
Debby Gudlaugson	Miss M. Lowe
Ginny.Gareau	Maggie Graham-Bell
Joan Paradis	Bill Murphy
Isla Tuck	Norm pearson

A special thank-you goes to Philip Graham for again providing photographs for both these events--the Fair, and the Awards.

HOMETOWN
BOYS
MAKE
GOOD

Congratulations to Alan J. Hodgson and Philip Graham on their recent awards from Heritage Canada. Alan Hodgson, of course, is the architect for the restoration of the Parliament Buildings, now virtually complete. He received a Community Service Award for this and other outstanding local projects, and the Parliament Buildings surely qualifies as the granddaddy of all restoration projects!

Philip Graham, who is a photographer, received the 1980 Communications Award.

Both awards were presented at Rideau Hall by The Hon. Ed Schreyer, Governour General of Canada.

OF
INTEREST

April 1-6, the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting will be held in Victoria, in conjunction with the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada. The meeting will include sessions on architecture and preservation in Canada 19th Century decorative arts and architectural drawings and models in the 17th Century. For more information contact Mrs. Rosann S. Berry, Society of Architectural Historians, 1700 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103.

WHO'D A
THUNK
IT!

Roslyn was a pattern book house! It is shown as designed by one George Barber, in this issue of THE OLD HOUSE JOURNAL. Incidentally, our Roslyn poster proved a very popular item at the Heritage Fair.

JACKSON
HOUSE

Financial arrangements for the JACKSON HOUSE are now complete--details in the next newsletter. Plaster demolition should be accomplished by the time you get this, and there will be a meeting for volunteers on Saturday, March 21st at 11 a.m. at the Jackson House. Mr. Fred Hiigli, who is acting as general contractor for the renovations, will be on hand. If you can paint, do clean up. landscape, garden, build a fence, strip (paint!), or whatever, please come to the Jackson House, Parry & Michigan, on Saturday. Many hands make a big job small!

Apologies to volunteers who showed up for plaster removal, only to find the bin hadn't arrived on time. Thanks to Ron Waugh for cleaning and re-hanging Jackson House sign. Old wallpaper samples have been taken from each room and matted so there is a complete record of wallpapers, enough for History Division at Provincial Museum, and for our files.

DOUGLAS
STREET

Some of you may recognize this as the house in the Mile "0" block of the Trans Canada Highway. The Hallmark Society has requested listing of this house because of a land assembly scheme happening in that block. The house was featured in the NATIONAL BUILDER'S magazine of December 1915, and is significant in that it is an intact example of the West Coast vernacular style at the West end of the Trans Canada.

HERITAGE
IN
CRD

A letter from Ms. Lleanne Epp, Planning Assistant at the Capital Regional District, informs us that while the department has a keen interest in promoting heritage conservation, they have no power to make legal designations, until and unless the Heritage Conservation Act is reworded. Even if they could designate, they couldn't assist financially, as a Regional District has no power to levy taxes (after the latest budget, I'm sure you're all saying, "Whew!"). To further complicate matters, the Department of Highways has power of approval on subdivision applications.

At any rate, they do have a good collection of photographs of potential heritage buildings in the Western Communities, and could make available to us a brief history of same. Stuart Stark has the Community Planning Department staff reports Lleanne sent, if anyone would like to read them.

ESQUIMALT
RESEARCH

We may be getting some help on this one, as a member has expressed interest in working on the report, and the matter is increasingly urgent. If anyone has time to work on this report, please phone Stuart. If just a few people took a few houses each, the job would not be bad at all.

HELP
FOR
PLAQUE

The Heritage Advisory Commission has requested our help in coordinating a plaque system for designating buildings, and this is now another item on our list of work to be done.

WILSON
HOUSE

Approval was given by the Heritage Advisory Committee to plans to build four townhouses attached to, but behind, the main house, with a separate driveway lower than the rest of the property, and fronting on St. Charles Street. Construction required to be of similar material.

GONE

As you may have noticed, the Lawn Bowling Pavillion is now kaput. You can't say we didn't try on this one!

NEW
BY-LAW

You couldn't have missed the passage of the new by-law to halt for a period of one year the demolition of apartment buildings of five units and over. This may increase the pressure for demolition of old homes.

BITS
AND
PIECES

Are you interested in heritage wallpaper? A new addition to our files is a list of wallpaper manufacturers who are doing repros, so get in touch if you'd like to see it.

We had a request for plate rails. If you have any, or know someone who does, please contact Ye Editor at 385-0008. Speaking of Ye Editor, she needs the insides of a small coal fireplace--the basket and gizmos that attach to the metal surround - a 1906 type.

BAD
NEWS

If there is a red stamp next to your mailing address, read this and weep--this is your last newsletter because you have not renewed your membership. OR--call Rosemary James-Cross, 384-2461, and tell her you want to re-up, then get your \$\$\$ to her before, say April 5th. OR--find that membership application which was attached to the September-November Newsletter, and send it in. PLEASE!

PONY
EXPRESS

If the mail gets any slower, we may have to resort to...really getting the newsletter out early! I have heard tales (all true, I'm sure) of people in town receiving this missive up to six days after the mailing date. Mail of this class should be delivered within three days of being posted, but you can't tell that date because we use pre-cancelled stamps. SO---this newsletter will be mailed March 17th and no later (or I'm a leprachaun!). If you get yours later than Friday, please call me at 385-0008. We must pin this one down!

TIME OUT We're going to try to revive the idea of "Newsletter by Committee". Many of you have volunteered to help, so get ready--you're about to be called upon to write/edit every other newsletter. I am trying hard to get a business together, and must stick to my crumpets and tea for the next month in particular, so I **will** welcome your assistance.

TOUR COMMITTEE A new member has expressed interest in training tour guides for the summer season. She is Penelope Zwarno and has had experience in training museum docents. She and Paul Bennett have already met once to get started organizing two walking tours, one of Old Town and the other of James Bay, and will soon be contacting those who have volunteered for this duty.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS The Executive will be meeting March 23rd, April 13th, May 4th and May 19th. If you wish to attend an Executive Meeting, phone Stuart at 386-0215, to find out where we will be meeting---and welcome!

GENERAL MEETING We are tentatively scheduling another General Meeting for May--details later!



Sure & begorrah!

Marilyn Pollard

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Newsletter Editor

p.s. I would just like to acknowledge the assistance of my family, who have been helping me do the mailing of the newsletter. They are--Bob, Sr., Bob, Jr., Carrie, and Marcus. Thanks, gang! It sure is nice to have an in-house team.