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VANCOUVER HERITAGE FOUNDATION newsletter september 2011



VANCOUVER SPECIAL

3rd annual house tour
Saturday Sept 24, 12 - 5 pm
\$28 + HST

Get Inside

See the latest trends and inspiring ideas for renovating Specials.



NEW! Fall Walking Tours

Fridays, 12 - 2 pm

Take your lunch and explore historic Hastings Street with tour guide Maurice Guibord. Offered regularly during the Fall, the tour will be in two parts: East Hastings Street and West Hastings Street.



Laneway House Tour

Saturday, October 1st

A new selection of laneway houses built behind existing heritage homes will open to the public. Get inside and get ideas for building your own laneway house, or come to see what the controversy is all about.



Get Out Of Town to the historic Fraser Valley

Sunday, October 16th

Join the 3rd annual VHF Get Out of Town trip. This year we will travel to the Fraser Valley to experience European settlements dating back to the mid-1800s. Stops will include the historic Clayburn village, old cemeteries, First Nations sites, and much more.

For more information and to REGISTER NOW visit
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Fundraising Update

In last February's newsletter, Diane Switzer, Vancouver Heritage Foundation Executive Director, mentioned that the Foundation engaged Compton Fundraising Consultants to help plan future directions for the VHF's fundraising. One of the recommendations made by Compton was to hire a new Development staff member with a clearly defined mandate to grow the programming capacity of the organization.

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new Vancouver Heritage Foundation Development Officer. When you read this I will have been with the VHF for just over 4 months. The first thing that struck me about the Foundation was the quality of people here. Not only are staff and the hundreds of volunteers warm and friendly, they also care about what they are doing. Everyone at the Foundation (myself included) cares deeply about the preservation of Vancouver's architectural history.

What has also impressed me is the efficiency with which the Foundation operates its programs. It is amazing to see what the Foundation is able to accomplish with a very small staff and limited dollars. Volunteers and donors alike should feel proud that they support such a wonderfully successful organization. I look forward to helping the VHF continue to offer its amazing programs, and to helping it grow so that it might share its message of the importance of Vancouver's built heritage with even more people.

Please visit our website for recent fundraising updates, including lists of our generous donors and sponsors, and to see our 2010 Annual Report.

Our programs would not be possible without the generous philanthropy of our friends.

Thank you,

Sean Ayers
Development Officer

New Perks for Volunteers!

The VHF is always looking for new ways to tell our volunteers how much we appreciate them. Without volunteers our public events would not be possible, and therefore it is important that we thank them, provide them education opportunities and express our appreciation in a multitude of ways.

NEW! Beginning in September 2011, we are setting aside seats in our Old School courses and Brown Bag Lunch and Learn sessions for our volunteers. These seats are limited in number, and they will be held until two weeks prior to the course or lecture date. Call the office for more information.

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers! We couldn't provide such depth and breadth of programming without you.



Brown Bag Lunch & Learn

Bring a lunch and enjoy dynamic, illustrated presentations about the city's built environment. Fall sessions include the development plans incorporating the restoration of the Opsal Steel building, the rehabilitation of our public theatres, and the rehabilitation of the Hotel Georgia.

- Where: BCIT Downtown Campus, 555 Seymour St.
- When: 12 noon – 1:30 pm
- Cost: \$12 includes hst
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- Date: Wednesday, September 28th
- Topic: Opsal Steel – Restoring Industrial Heritage
- Speaker: Kim Maust, Bastion Development
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- Date: Wednesday, October 26th
- Topic: Remaking Cultural Spaces for Relevancy in the Coming Century
- Speaker: Proscenium Architecture + Interiors Inc.
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- Date: Wednesday, November 16th
- Topic: The Renovation of the Hotel Georgia for the 21st Century
- Speakers: Malcolm Elliot, Endall Elliot Architects, and Robert Lemon, Robert Lemon Architect Inc.

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OLD SCHOOL COURSES

Everything you need to know about conserving and working on older buildings



Instructor Jim Stiven leading a site assessment at the Mission to Seafarers building at the Port of Vancouver.

Old School is a unique public program in BC where homeowners and professionals learn how to restore and maintain older buildings. Old School courses are delivered by professionals in their fields who teach the skills and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions about rehabilitating buildings. To date, 434 homeowners and professionals have filled 750 seats in 38 courses and lectures since 2008. We continue to create new courses each year to grow the curriculum of Old School.

Two complimentary seats in every course are set aside for VHF volunteers – please call the office for more information.

"Jim Stiven's wealth of knowledge regarding all things related to heritage windows is amazing. He was open to each and every question, and is a resource we are very fortunate to have." Windows course attendee.

"This was one of the best educational heritage courses I have ever taken." Windows course attendee.

"The courses are educational, interesting, inspiring and fun! As an old house owner with a great interest in architecture & our built history, as a certified tradesperson/designer & now as a local government building official, Old School has my very highest recommendation!!" Rick Shaddock, Heritage 101 Participant.

Scheduled Courses for Fall 2011

Professional Credits add 25% (Old School courses are recognized by AIBC, AICBC, BCSLA, BOABC and PIBC)

Survival Tales: The Stories of Three Renovations

Wednesday October 12, 2011
5 – 9 pm / \$60 & HST
BCIT 555 Seymour Street, Vancouver

Heritage 101

Saturday October 22, 2011 or March 3, 2012
9 am – 5 pm / \$125 & HST
Flying Angel Club
401 E Waterfront Road, Vancouver

Road Map: Writing a Conservation Plan for your Building

Wednesday October 26, 2011
5 – 9 pm / \$60 & HST
BCIT 555 Seymour Street, Vancouver

Energy Efficiency Workshop + Talk

Free Public Talk
Thursday November 3, 2011, 7 – 9pm
Energy Efficiency in Older Homes Workshop
Saturday November 5, 2011
9 am – 5 pm / \$125 & HST
BCIT 555 Seymour Street, Vancouver

How to Research the History of a Building – VPL

Tuesday November 15, 2011
6:30 – 8:30 pm / Free (registration required)
Central Vancouver Library Branch
350 W Georgia Street, Vancouver

How to Research the History of a Building - Archives

Wednesday November 16, 2011
6:30 – 8:30 pm / \$15 & HST
City of Vancouver Archives
1050 Chestnut Street, Vancouver



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PLACES THAT MATTER



A commemorative plaque project marking Vancouver's 125th anniversary

Celebrate Places That Matter: Sponsor a Plaque, Website and Smartphone Link!

Following an enthusiastic public nomination process in March 2011 with over 200 nominated sites and 4000 votes, the Site Selection Committee discussed, debated and selected the top 125 Places That Matter sites in the City of Vancouver. From city parks, to private residences, and neon signs to public festivals, places that matter to Vancouverites are as varied as the city's history.



Thank you to everyone who nominated and voted! Historians are researching each plaque site and the research will be linked to the VHF website. To view our Google Maps of selected sites visit the Places That Matter page at www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org Researched information will be posted in the Fall.

We are seeking individual and corporate sponsorship to complete the plaque production, installation, website creation and Smartphone link for the chosen sites. We have had a great response for sponsorship so far, and we hope to complete the Places That Matter Plaque Project by the end of 2011.

Please contact Sean Ayers, Development Officer, for more information if you are interested in sponsoring a site: sean@vancouverheritagefoundation.org or call 604-264-9642 extension 304.

Visit www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org to view a PDF of the complete list of sites still available for sponsorship!

Help us memorialize Vancouver's 'Places that Matter' and become a part of Vancouver's future!



VHF Granting Programs

Application deadline February 1, 2012

The VHF makes grants available to assist owners of Vancouver heritage homes with needed maintenance and repairs. The deadline for all grant submissions is February 1st of each year. Thank you to all those who have submitted applications to our four unique granting programs, the only source of cash grants for owners of heritage buildings in Vancouver. Grant recipients are announced in March of every year.

Our grants can help you to take your house back to its heritage origins with the VHF's True Colours paint palette developed in partnership with Benjamin Moore. They can also help you to restore the exterior fabric of your building, or draft a conservation plan to develop a roadmap for the restoration, repair and long term preservation of your home. Your house must be on the register to qualify for True Colours and Restore It!

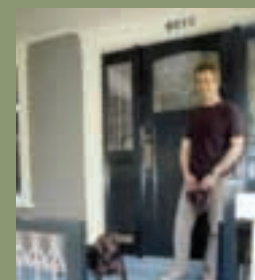
True Colours \$1500 + free paint from Benjamin Moore

Restore It! up to \$2000 to a maximum of 50% of one project

Get on the Register up to \$500 to a maximum of 50% of one Statement of Significance

House Call up to \$500 to a maximum of 50% of the cost of one site visit and report

Please call the Foundation or go online for more information, previous recipients, and application forms for our granting programs.
www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/truecolours.html



Homeowner Chris Pavsek received a True Colours grant to paint 1469 E 10th Ave. in Bute Taupe & Edwardian Buff.



Guide to Fall 2011 events

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Vancouver Special Tour
 Saturday, September 24th
 12 noon – 5 pm / \$28 + hst

This self-guided tour gets you inside 5 'Specials'. Gather ideas for creative ways to renovate this much maligned house style for modern living. If you own, rent or sell residential property in Vancouver this tour will inspire you to look at these houses in a new and positive way.



Laneway House Tour
 Saturday, October 1st
 12 noon – 5 pm
 \$60 + hst (\$30 tax receipt)

Tour inside 8 – 10 laneway houses. Laneway houses have been around more than a century. The City of Vancouver has recycled this old idea as way of achieving higher density in single family neighbourhoods. Not everyone is on board with the idea and not every laneway house fits into its surroundings. Come check them out for yourself.



Mid-Century Modern Residential Bus Tour
 Saturday, October 15th
 1 pm – 7 pm
 \$100 + hst (\$50 tax receipt)

With limited seating this very popular tour sells out early. Make sure to secure your seat for the 2012 tour early in the new year.



Get Out of Town to the Fraser Valley
 Sunday, October 16th
 8:30 am – 5 pm / \$125 + hst

Home to the Sto:lo nation for thousands of years, and European settlement since the 1820s, the Fraser Valley is full of history. Join the VHF on a jaunt through the Fraser Valley where we will be dropping in on some fascinating historical sites. There will be First Nations, old mills, lots of bricks at Clayburn, a cemetery, and maybe telephones and a street car.



Energy Efficiency in Older Homes
Free Public Lecture
 November 3rd 7:00 pm
Workshop
 November 5th 9 am – 5 pm \$125 + hst
 BCIT Downtown Campus

The Workshop will explore recent research on energy efficiency, discuss assessment techniques, and look at three very different case studies of local projects that substantially reduced energy consumption. See the website for the course outline.



Fall Walking Tours

Explore the entire length of historic Hastings Street in this two part tour.
 2nd & 4th Fridays, Sept. 9th – Nov. 25th
 12 noon – 2 pm \$10

2nd Friday meet across from the Marine Building at NE corner of Burrard & Hastings.

4th Friday meet at Victory Square, SW corner of Hastings & Cambie.



Salvage Sale

Doors, moulding, hardware and windows were flying out the door of the Foundation's warehouse on Gilbert Road in Richmond when more than 1000 people came to buy architectural salvage at the VHF Salvage Sale on Sunday May 14th. Collected from demolition and renovation sites, and from over-stuffed basements, the Foundation was thrilled to find new homes for the unique collection of salvaged items.

Thank you to sponsors Porte Realty and Rona Richmond

Thank you to the volunteers for their invaluable help at the Salvage Sale.

Christine Allen, Jeannie Bates, Jessie Anne Boyd, Stewart Burgess, Annalies Camfferman, Duane Cromwell, Shirley Cutts, Jean Fraser, Raegan Gilmore, Michael Kluckner, Rosemary Lawrence, Bonnie Low, Stephanie McWilliams, Peter Mustard, Daryl Nelson, Adele Oliver, Karen Russell, Linda Tenenbaum, Helen Wood, Brenda Draney and Sheila Butt.

Great news! We have our warehouse for a while longer. Please call us at (604) 264 9642 to donate items to help re-stock the store. Look for the next architectural salvage sale coming up in November.

Heritage House Tour 2011

On Sunday, June 5th a thousand visitors and 150 volunteers used their researched, illustrated guidebooks to navigate nine houses open on the 9th Annual Heritage House Tour. The tour brings people into neighbourhoods and private spaces they would not usually experience. View this year's guidebook at www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org

Do you know of a homeowner who is proud of their historic home and might like to open it on a future tour. Please let us know! We are always looking for new places to open on our tours and we welcome your suggestions.



Thank you to the Heritage House Tour sponsors

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We appreciate the time and energy of the more than 150 volunteers who helped out on the tour. We could not fit all your names in the newsletter, but they are listed on the website. **Thank you!**

Thank you to the 2011 homeowners.

We sincerely appreciate your generous hospitality.

Chris Allen, Deborah & Peter Beau Lieu, Dallas Brodie & Davis Ash, Roxanne Cave & Chris Tonge, Casey Holland & Sacha Oddstad, Michael & Jennifer Hungerford, Rob O'Dea & Sharon Petty, Judith & Sydney Pilley, Mike Walker & Adrienne Tanner, Stephen Whitney and Herma Neyndorff, Jana Zylich and John Sinal.

Message from the chair



It is now my privilege to take over the responsibilities of VHF Board Chair from Mollie Massie. Mollie fulfilled the role of Chair with much enthusiasm for the Foundation and with graciousness that made everyone on staff and the Board, as well as volunteers, feel engaged and appreciated. Fortunately she will remain on the Board as Past Chair, providing ongoing experience and easing the transition. She has taken on the important role as Co-Chair, with Mary Ann Clark, of the Fund Development Committee. They take over leadership of this key committee from Co-Chairs Robert Lemon, who has done so much over many years to ensure that the Foundation not only has operating funds each year but a growing endowment into the future, and Michael Hungerford, who is also Treasurer of the Foundation.

Growing the Foundation's capacity for fundraising has been a focus for the Board over recent months. The Foundation has many exciting ideas for programs, events, and publications that will only be implemented if we can find ways to expand our financial base of support from continuing and new donors. To this end, a group of our supporters joined together to fund a study by Compton Fundraising Consultants to provide us with a strategy to improve our fund development activities. We have already taken action on recommendations from this study, including having the Board review and set fundraising targets, and hiring a new Development Officer. Sean Ayers has taken on this assignment with energy, and is proving to be a great addition to our strong staff team.

The Foundation has undertaken a number of successful programs and events. The Architectural Salvage Sale in May experimented with a new format and proved to be both fun and profitable. This year marked our 9th annual Heritage House Tour – judging by our exit survey, it was an event enjoyed by everyone who came. Our Places That Matter program to mark places, people and events that have shaped the city in celebration of Vancouver's 125th birthday brought in thousands of votes and will leave a lasting legacy in plaques on the valued sites around the city.

There is much to look forward to in the Fall with the Vancouver Special Tour on September 24, our second Laneway House Tour on October 1, and the Mid-Century Modern Tour on October 15. We also have a public lecture on November 3 followed by a workshop on November 5 on Energy Assessment in Older Homes – a second event in our programming that brings heritage and sustainability interests together for both professionals and the public. I hope that you will mark these dates on your calendar and join us for events that celebrate Vancouver's heritage.

Marta Farevaag

Chair, VHF Board of Directors

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY FOR HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS!

NEW! VHF 2012 Tour Package

Purchasing a VHF Tour Package is a terrific way to solve the 'what to give for the holidays' dilemma. By bundling up the 2012 Heritage House Tour, Vancouver Special Tour and the Laneway House Tour you can save 20% on the cost of purchasing them individually.

Purchase them together at a cost of \$100 + hst (purchased separately the tours cost \$130 plus hst). To purchase your bundle call the office at 604 264 9642.



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The Vancouver Heritage Foundation is a charitable organization supporting the conservation of Vancouver's architectural heritage through public awareness and education activities, granting programs that encourage financial investment in heritage buildings, and growing an endowment fund to protect our architectural legacy into the future.



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* VHF's True Colours palette Victorian Peridot, VC-17 from Benjamin Moore



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