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Creating new life for old buildings



Don't miss out on getting in! The 9th Annual Heritage House Tour – Sunday, June 5th, 2011. See all of our events on page 5.



Brown Bag Lectures Spring 2011

Bring a lunch and join the VHF for intriguing lectures on issues of importance to our local built environment. All Brown Bag Lectures are held over the lunch hour at the BCIT Downtown Campus.

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Warehouse Salvage Sale on May 14th

Reuse. Recycle. Reclaim. Regift! The VHF will be holding a one day architectural salvage sale out of a Richmond warehouse. Salvaged items are all donated from local homes and buildings.

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The VHF Celebrates Vancouver's 125th

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City (April 6th, 2011), the VHF is asking for public help to select 125 sites to be marked with plaques commemorating people, places and events that have shaped Vancouver.

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Fundraising update



Top: Diane Switzer, VHF Executive Director, at the inauguration of the VHF Donor Wall at the CBC Plaza in 2010

In reading this column you will no doubt notice the absence of former VHF Development Director, Michelle Pullan. We said a sad good-bye to Michelle in October. We wish her well.

Prior to hiring new Fund Development staff, the VHF Directors have engaged Compton Fundraising Consultants to plan future directions for fundraising. Thank you to our special donors who have provided funding for the plan which will compare the last four years of fundraising activity, interview a variety of VHF stakeholders, and examine the roles of volunteers and staff in fundraising. The goal is a revenue generating plan that will give the Foundation the capacity to offer exciting new tours, lectures, workshops and granting programs.

During the last ten years through its award-winning programs supporting the conservation of heritage structures in Vancouver, the VHF has grown to be a leading heritage organization in Canada. Through careful planning we are looking forward to an equally exciting decade ahead.

Visit our website for recent fundraising updates, including lists of our generous donors and sponsors, and watch for our 2010 Annual Report coming out in the late spring. Our programs would not be possible without the generous philanthropy of our friends.

Thank you.

Diane Switzer, Executive Director

The Wall at CBC Plaza

The Wall at CBC is a VHF public art initiative on themes related to our built environment made possible through partnerships with the CBC, JJ Bean Coffee and the City of Vancouver.

'News of the Whole World' is a digital image of a small-scale architectural model by local artist Holly Ward, loosely based on a combination of Russian Constructivist Agitational Stands and stage designs. Parallels can be drawn between the Agitational Stand designs of 1920s Russia, used to disseminate information in order to shape public opinion and sentiment, and the newly renovated CBC plaza with satellites gathering information from around the globe, information processed and distributed from inside the buildings, and strategically positioned outdoor information/LED screens.

By reflecting back on the function of these Constructivist designs, and creating a playful connection to the context within which it will be viewed, 'News of the Whole World' examines the role of information dissemination in the creation of a public.

Watch the VHF website for news about the opening of Holly Ward's exhibit in mid-February.



Brown Bag Lunch & Learn

Bring a lunch and enjoy dynamic, interesting presentations. This popular lunchtime education program continues with three new sessions on issues of importance to our local built environment.

Where: BCIT Downtown Campus, 555 Seymour St.
When: 12 noon – 1:30 pm
Cost: \$12 incl. tax

Date: Wednesday, March 30th
Topic: The Downtown Robert Lee YMCA Project
Guest Speaker: Alan Endall, Endall Elliot Associates

The redevelopment of the downtown YMCA reinvents an aging structure to 21st century standards while creating a Downtown gathering place, and maintaining a significant grouping of heritage buildings along Burrard Street.

Date: Wednesday, April 27th
Topic: The Salt Building: Salt for All
Guest Speaker: Russell Acton, Acton Ostry Architects

The story of the rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of this historic industrial building as the social hub for the SE False Creek neighbourhood.

Date: Wednesday, May 25th
Topic: Laneway Housing and Vancouver's Single Family Neighbourhoods

Guest Speaker: City of Vancouver Planning Department
Laneway housing presents single family neighbourhoods with a creative solution to greater density while retaining historic streetscapes. Not all neighbourhoods share the drive to densification.

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Old school courses

Everything you need to know about working with old buildings



Old School is the only comprehensive, public program in BC where homeowners and professionals can learn how to reuse, repair and recycle buildings. Old School courses teach skills and knowledge for making informed decisions about rehabilitating old buildings.

"...Old School Courses engage a wide audience with the theoretical and technical tools to consider how heritage conservation can help build more sustainable communities. The courses involve hands-on learning, use local case studies, illustrated on-site lectures and tours in actual heritage buildings and neighbourhoods..."

Bob Ransford, Vancouver Sun

"...As BC's only non-academic affiliated, affordable and fully public series of its kind, Old School brings homeowners, contractors, architects, planners, realtors and engineers back to school to learn heritage conservation on a course-by-course or full certification basis..."

Jessica Krippendorf, Trowel Magazine

"The courses are educational, interesting, inspiring and fun! The personal and business contacts I've made and the resources available to Old School participants are valuable beyond measure. As an old house owner with a great interest in architecture and our built history, as a certified tradesperson/designer and now as a local government building official, Old School has my very highest recommendation!!"

Rick Shaddock, Old School participant

Scheduled Courses for 2011

Avoid the Money Pit: Planning & Managing Your Project

February 19th, 9 am – 5 pm / \$125

Location: 601 Keefer Street

Strathcona Community Centre, Vancouver

Heritage 101

May 7th or October 22nd,

9 am – 5 pm / \$125

Location: 401 E Waterfront Road

Flying Angel Club, Vancouver

How to Research the History of a Building (at the Archives)

February 23rd or November 16th,

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm / \$15

Location: 1050 Chestnut Street

City of Vancouver Archives

How to Research the History of a Building (at the VPL)

March 1st or November 15th,

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm / Free

Location: 350 W Georgia Street, 7th Floor

Central Branch, Vancouver Library

Navigating City Hall: Permits, Zoning and More...

March 16th, 5 pm – 9 pm / \$60

Location: 453 W 12th Avenue

Vancouver City Hall

Painted Shut: Open Your Wood Windows

April 16th, 9 am – 5 pm / \$125

Location: 401 E Waterfront Road

Flying Angel Club, Vancouver

Shingles, Shiplap & Stucco: The Exterior of Your House Explained

June 11th, 9 am – 5 pm / \$125

Location: 401 E Waterfront Road

Flying Angel Club, Vancouver

Survival Tales: The Stories of Three Renovations

Fall 2011, date TBA, 5 pm – 9 pm / \$60

Location: TBA

Road Map: Writing a Conservation Plan for your Building

October 26th, 5 pm – 9 pm / \$60

Location: TBA

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Marking Vancouver's 125th PLACES THAT MATTER



A commemorative plaque project marking Vancouver's 125th anniversary

Can you think of people, places and events that have shaped Vancouver? The Vancouver Heritage Foundation is asking Vancouverites to get involved in nominating 125 sites where plaques will be mounted commemorating people, places and events that helped to shape our city. Over the coming months through committee nominations and a public process, 125 plaque sites will be selected. During the summer the plaque text will be written, and in the fall the plaques will be manufactured and installed. Along with the plaques will be a website mapping the location and text of the plaques.

Help us mark sites that matter to Vancouverites by:

Filling out a nomination form during the month of February 2011 at VancouverHeritageFoundation.org.

Visit us at the Downtown Vancouver Library entrance, 350 W Georgia Street on Saturday, February 26, 2011 between 10 am – 4 pm to share your thoughts about what people, places and events matter to you, and to nominate your plaque site.

**Get involved in Vancouver's 125th Anniversary!
Nominate a site that matters to you.**



VHF Granting Programs 2011

VHF Grants are back and renewed! The deadline for all grant programs is February 1st of each year. Thank you to all those who have submitted applications to our four unique granting programs, one of the few sources of cash grants for owners of heritage buildings in Vancouver. Watch the VHF Granting Programs webpage in March for the projects that will be awarded with 2011 grants.

TRUE COLOURS \$1,500 + free paint from Benjamin Moore

RESTORE IT! up to \$2000 to a max of 50% of any one project

GET ON THE REGISTER up to \$500 to a max of 50% of any one Statement of Significance

HOUSE CALL up to \$500 to a maximum of 50% of the cost of any one site visit and report

To read about our granting programs or to see the previous recipients, please visit:

VancouverHeritageFoundation.org

Laneway Housing Tour December 2010

"Old ideas can sometimes use new buildings. New ideas must use old buildings." Jane Jacobs

The VHF opened 6 new laneway homes to 400 visitors on Saturday, December 11th as part of its new Laneway House Tour. The event was a huge success and raised \$15,000 for the Foundation. What is the VHF's interest in these new structures? All laneway houses opened on the tour were behind existing, older homes in historic neighbourhoods. The City's Laneway Housing program can be an opportunity for the owners of old houses in RS-1 and RS-5 zones to densify their properties while (1) keeping the existing house; (2) maintaining the historic streetscape; and (3) increasing the stock of rental housing in the city.



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2011 LANEWAY HOUSE TOUR!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST \$50 (\$25 TAX RECEIPT ISSUED UPON
REQUEST)**

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Guide to 2011 events

For more information and to register now visit VancouverHeritageFoundation.org



Warehouse Salvage Sale Sunday, May 14th 10 am - 4 pm

This is a great day to get (or donate!) bargain-priced doors, sinks, lumber, hardware and any vintage house part you can think of for your restoration or art project! Unit 133 @ 7011 Elmbridge Way, Richmond (Gilbert & Elmbridge).



Heritage House Tour Sunday, June 5th 10 am – 5 pm (\$40)

Get Inspired. Get Educated. Get Inside. 10 great historic homes. This one day, self guided tour is a must for getting ideas and inspiration on new life for your old building. See first-hand how historic spaces and materials can be made relevant and functional for today's living.



Historic Tours with John Atkin, July & August (\$15)

This summer, John gets you off the beaten track and into the lanes, alleys, trails and creeks of Vancouver! Dates and itineraries are viewable on the VHF Walking Tour webpage. All walking tours are on weekend mornings at 10 am and last approximately 2.5 hours.



Vancouver Special Tour Saturday, September 24th 12 – 5 pm (\$28)

Look Beyond the Fence... this self guided tour gets you inside to see the latest trends and inspiring innovations in the much maligned Vancouver Specials. If you own, rent or sell residential property in Vancouver, learning about Specials is a MUST!



Laneway House Tour Saturday, October 1st (\$50)

Due to popular demand after the success of the first Laneway House Tour in December 2010, the VHF will be opening another fresh collection of laneway homes behind existing houses in historic neighbourhoods. Don't miss this!

\$25 tax receipt issued upon request



Mid-Century Modern Tour Saturday, October 15th 1– 6 pm (\$100)

A unique look at one of the most exciting periods in Vancouver's architectural history, this exclusive, guided bus tour of five residential Modernist homes sells out quickly!

\$50 tax receipt issued upon request

Heritage & Sustainability Symposium November 2010



"The greenest building is the one that is already built." Carl Elefante

What is the CULTURAL, ECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL sustainability of older buildings? The VHF held a two day event on the topic in early November 2010 with special guest architect, Carl Elefante, FAIA LEED AP, Director of Sustainable Design at Quinn Evans Architects, Washington, DC.

Over 150 people came to the free public lecture by Elefante on November 4th. The following full-day symposium attracted 80 registrants from professionals in the design and construction industries, city officials, owners of older buildings and Old School students.

A diverse and interesting range of speakers and presentations followed Carl Elefante's opening presentation 'Valuing Our Built Heritage' on November 5th. Mark Hartman of the City of Vancouver talked about Vancouver's goal to be Greenest City 2020 and Lorraine Gauthier presented the CMHC award-winning NOW House® Project – a zero energy wartime bungalow retrofit. Other presenters were the Heritage Branch of the Province of BC, Green City Solutions and the Canada Green Building Council.

The second part of the day saw the presentation of four Vancouver Case Studies written by the VHF and presented by the architects and owners: Acton Ostry Architects, Busby Perkins + Will, Stephanie Maingot and Shape Architecture. These studies, as well as many of the presentations from the symposium, are viewable on the VHF Sustainability webpage.

Read more, view videos of the presentations at:
VancouverHeritageFoundation.org/sustainability.html

Were you there?



Vancouver Special Tour

On Saturday, September 25th 2010 over 500 people toured the 4 participating Vancouver Specials. Thank you to our generous 2010 homeowners, sponsors and volunteers! HEADS-UP: This tour is getting bigger! Make sure to sign up early for the 3rd annual tour September 24th, 2011.



Mid-Century Modern Tour

The 5th annual Mid-Century Modern Residential Bus Tour took place on a beautiful afternoon on October 2nd, 2010. Five residences, each with a unique interpretation of the modernist aesthetic were showcased.

Thank you to the 2010 homeowners! Register now for the 2011 tour scheduled for October 15th.



Get Out of Town Tour

The 2010 tour took a keen group to Victoria for a Samuel Maclure inspired day-trip. The day included a lunch lecture by Martin Segger and a visit inside 4 Maclure designed homes. Watch the Get Out of Town webpage for information on the 2011 tour, scheduled for October 16th!

Message from the chair



Time seems to fly by. It's hard to believe this will be my last column as VHF Board Chair. At the April AGM I will pass on the gavel to Vice-Chair Marta Farevaag. Marta is an urban planner and a principal at Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg. As past chair of the Vancouver City Planning Commission, and a past member of Vancouver's Urban Design Panel, we are so lucky to have Marta as incoming Board Chair.

First, a big thank you to all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Board Chair for the past 4 years. It's been a great privilege and learning experience. I have found everyone in the VHF office and on the Board so dedicated and stimulating to work with – a lot of big brains with much “embodied energy” (to steal a sustainability term).

Looking back at 2010, the Heritage Foundation seems to have weathered the economic turmoil of the past 3 years in fine shape, under the watchful eyes of Executive Director Diane Switzer and Treasurer Michael Hungerford. Watch for year end results published in the 2010 Annual Report posted on the VHF website in the late spring.

The fall house tours, including the innovative December 11 Laneway House Tour were sold out successes. Laneway Houses can be a way of saving Vancouver's historic streetscapes and houses from demolition, while serving the housing needs of our increasing population without encouraging urban sprawl. This type housing is not a new idea – think historic carriage houses and watch for our summer “Laneway Houses of the past” walking tour.

November's Heritage & Sustainability Symposium sold out with a waiting list, showing that everyone is beginning to understand that heritage preservation and sustainable development have a lot in common – with both focused on saving valuable resources for future generations.

To toot the VHF horn a bit, 2010 saw the Foundation complete a full decade of award winning public programming in support of Vancouver's historic buildings and communities. It is a Board and staff priority to continue producing interesting and innovative programs. We are now working with Compton Fundraising Consultants to develop a plan to further grow the scope and number of our public programs.

Peeking ahead at 2011, there are some exciting new program ideas on the drawing board. One is the development of a Places That Matter program to mark places, people and events that have shaped the city. We just received a grant from the City to help launch the program in celebration of Vancouver's 125th birthday.

We always want your ideas and feedback too. Please never hesitate to share them with us. We are well aware that we couldn't do what we do without all of your continued and generous support. Thank you. And here's wishing you the best of everything in 2011!

Mollie Massie

Mollie Massie, VHF Chair 2010

Two special offers for VHF Old News readers



Shen Yun Performing Arts is offering a special 10% discount to readers of Old News for its performances of classical Chinese dance and music at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre April 1st - 2nd, 2011.

Use the code **HERITAGE123** when buying your tickets at www.shenyunperformingarts.org

Get your Heritage House Tour tickets early and enter to win two tickets to the Shen Yun performance of classical Chinese dance and music at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on April 1st, 2011.

All tickets bought before March 15 will be entered in this draw. The winner will be contacted on March 15th.

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