



## Vancouver Heritage Foundation's Old School Program Instructors

- **John Atkin**, local historian, heritage consultant and author of *Skytrain Explorer* and *Strathcona: Vancouver's first Neighbourhood*; co-author with Michael Kluckner of, *Heritage Walks Around Vancouver* and *Vancouver Walks*; co-founder of Heritage Vancouver and Editor of, *British Columbia History* for the BC Historical Federation; John consults on heritage conservation projects to local governments and teaches courses for Continuing Studies at UBC; for Old School he teaches the course on Historical Research and leads the VHF's popular summer walking tours
- **James Burton**, BSC, BArch, MAIBC, Principal, Birmingham & Wood Architects+ Planners; award-winning architectural firm known for its heritage conservation and adaptive re-use projects; the firm also prepares conservation plans, cultural landscape studies and statements of significance for heritage buildings; Member of the City of Vancouver Heritage Commission; teaches three courses in Old School: Conservation of Exteriors, Navigating City Hall: Permits, Zoning & Heritage Planning; and Heritage Project Planning and Managing.
- **Marco D'Agostini**, BA, Dipl US, Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver; over the last 20 + years at the City, he has worked on the development of the Gastown Heritage Management Plan, incentives program for the Downtown Eastside, city-wide policy development as well as reviewing development and rezoning applications; a founding member of DOCOMOMO.BC, he also served as the Coordinator for the local organization; author of numerous articles and frequent speaker and tour guide on Vancouver's architecture; teaches two courses in Old School: Heritage 101 and Navigating City Hall: Permits, Zoning & Heritage Planning
- **Denise Cook**, BLA, Dipl Public History, Prof. Spec. Heritage Conservation Planning, has worked in both the private and public sectors on projects that identify, document and protect sites of local, regional and national heritage significance. Three areas of specific expertise are landscape planning, heritage conservation and environmental graphic design. Projects include: facilitation of heritage values workshops, conservation an management plans, interpretive and museum exhibit plans, landscape planning, management and strategic projects, and wayfinding and sign design programs. She has created statements of significance and database information for the City of Vancouver, District of Maple Ridge and the City of Richmond. Denise teaches the Sustainable Heritage Landscapes course in Old School.
- **Al Diamond**, BA, BArch, MAIBC, MRAIC, Principal, Allan Diamond Architect; Since 1977, the award-winning firm has specialized in the adaptive re-use of older buildings, renovation projects and custom-designed residences in the Lower Mainland and Whistler; past member First Shaughnessy Design Panel and the City of Burnaby Heritage Commission; currently on the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board and Executive Committee and the Old School Program Planning Committee; teaches in the local case studies course in Old School
- **Kathy Dunster**, MBCSLA, RPBio; is a registered landscape architect and professional biologist. Her company Unfolding Landscapes specialized in the conservation of biodiversity within both natural and cultural landscapes, particularly on the Gulf Islands and South Coast of BC. Her projects include the identification, documentation, and protection of local, regional, and national sites of natural and cultural heritage significance. Her expertise is in landscape architecture, contemporary biogeography and plant ecology, and park planning. She has a particular interest in landscape history including place history, agricultural and early settlements, islands, industrial and transportation heritage, and 20<sup>th</sup> century home landscapes. Kathy teaches the Sustainable Heritage Landscapes course in Old School.

- **Graham Elvidge**, BA, MArch, a member of the design team at Allan Diamond Architects; former owner of a design/build practice with experience in building construction and conservation; winner of awards for the restoration of his own home built in 1899 in Strathcona; a member of the Strathcona Zoning Committee; teaches in the local case studies course in Old School
- **Phil Finlayson**, BA, SFU worked in construction for 10 years prior to graduating in history. After graduation he completed apprenticeships in Carpentry and in Joinery while working at Vintage Woodworks doing window restoration. Beginning in the Spring of 2010 he is opening Housewright Building & Restoration Ltd. specializing in the restoration of heritage buildings and homes in Lower Mainland.
- **Dwayne Friesen**, Architectural Technologist Graduate; Certified Brick Specialist, I-XL Industries Ltd.; he has 20 years experience in the construction industry—10 years with I-XL Industries Ltd.; he chairs the Masonry Institute of B.C.'s Marketing Committee; teaches Masonry Conservation in Old School
- **Jake Fry** Jake has been a carpenter for over 25 years. He started Smallworks with a desire to focus his time and energy in the building of small homes. For Jake, the idea of small homes not only provides a business opportunity but more importantly it aligns with his personal values and interest in building quality homes that will improve neighbourhoods and meet the new needs for families. Smallworks has also allowed Jake to further his desire to make sustainable homes while maintaining a true “craftsman” approach to home building. With this agenda guiding Jake, he has applied his blend of innovative techniques incorporating modern building science and prefabrication with the hand-built finishes and millwork done in the Smallworks workshop. Jake has been a strong advocate for the introduction of laneway housing over the last 3 years, working with the City of Vancouver and other municipalities in helping them develop the zoning by-laws based on his experience and interaction with over 100 potential small home clients.
- **Cheryle Harrison**, Conservator teaches in the Conservation of Interiors course.
- **Jeannette Hlavach**, BES, MCIP, Heritage Planning Consultant; Former Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver and Member of the Board of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden; heritage consultant recently completed the nomination of Chinatown as a National Historic Site; Member of the Old School Program Planning Committee; teaches the Exteriors Course in Old School
- **JP LeBerg**, CTR, Technical and Training Services, Masonry Institute of British Columbia; teaches Masonry Conservation in Old School
- **Donald Luxton**, BA, BArch, FRAIC, Principal, Donald Luxton & Associates, heritage consultant, preservation advocate, educator and author of award-winning publications: *Building the West: The Early Architects of BC*; *Lions Gate Bridge and Vancouver General Hospital: 100 Years of Care and Service*; specializes in heritage resource planning, building restoration and heritage program administration and statements of significance; current President of Heritage Vancouver; a founding Director of the Victoria Heritage Foundation, former Director of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board; teaches Heritage 101 and Historic Colours in Old School
- **Andrew Martin**, BA, MLS, Special Collections Librarian, Vancouver Public Library; for over 20 years, Andrew has worked in various parts of the Vancouver Public Library including the Social Sciences, Science and Technology Departments and the Carnegie Branch; he is very interested in Vancouver's history with a special focus on the history of moving picture presentation, e.g. movie theatres; he teaches the course on Historic Research for Old School
- **Bill McEwen**, PEng, LEED AP, Executive Director, of both the Masonry Institute of BC and the BC Chapter of the Canadian Masonry Contractors Association since 1995; Bill is a Professional Engineer with 20 years experience in the BC masonry industry; he chairs the CSA A371 committee on Masonry Construction, and has served on the Structural Design committee of the National Building Code of Canada, CSA S304.1 Masonry Design, and CSA A370 Masonry Connectors; teaches Masonry Conservation in Old School



- **Elsbeth McVeigh**, BA, MSc, businessperson and entrepreneur in the real estate field; formal education in economics and epidemiology; trained in conservation in the UK; has renovated older buildings in both B.C. and the UK; background in heritage issues; elected as a Board member and Treasurer of The Land Conservancy of British Columbia in August 2009; teaches in the local case studies course in Old School
- **Ann Merling**, DAHY, BEd., MASA, Manager, Cecil Green Park at The University of British Columbia. For the past decade, Ann has been responsible for the operation and management of the Cecil Green Park House designed by Samuel Maclure in 1912. Ann's professional background in both education and architectural history has guided her involvement with the ongoing maintenance of the Cecil Green Park House and the challenge of balancing its current use and requirements and at the same time, preserving its architectural integrity. Ann has been involved in The Vancouver Heritage Foundation's Heritage House Tour Planning Committee in 2003, 2004 & 2005 and she is one of the instructors in the Old School course, "Conservation of Interiors".
- **Judy Oberlander**, BA, MS, Principal, Judy Oberlander and Associates Inc; Curriculum Consultant to the Vancouver Heritage Foundation for the Old School Certificate Program; curriculum designer + fundraising consultant for community organizations; heritage consultant to local governments; she teaches continuing education courses at UVic and SFU; Governor + past-chair of the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation; teaches in the Heritage101 course for Old School
- **Eric Pattison**, BA, BArch, MAIBC, Principal, Eric Pattison Architect, New Westminster; Since registering as an architect in 1990, Eric has specialized in heritage buildings (residential and commercial/institutional and private country homes; Eric has extensive experience preparing conservation plans + heritage building assessments; currently completing the Cultural Resource Management Diploma at Uvic; he is a member of the New Westminster Design Panel and the Boards of the Heritage Society of BC and the Massey Theatre Society; he teaches the Conservation Plans course in Old School
- **Leslie Peer**, BAsc., PhD., PEng., BEP, LEED AP, Principal, Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.; Engineer and technical specialist in the Restoration and Building Science Group specializing in heritage conservation projects; he is a specialist in evaluating and predicting the durability of steel, concrete and timber buildings; he is a member of APEGBC; the BC Building Envelope Council, and the Technical Committee of the Canadian Masonry Contractors' Association; Leslie has extensive experience teaching for both professional and general educational audiences; he teaches Masonry Conservation in Old School
- **Diane Switzer**, BA, Executive Director, Vancouver Heritage Foundation since 2000; over the past decade, Diane has grown the Foundation from a home based organization with an annual budget of under \$100,000, dependent solely on the City of Vancouver for funding - into a community based organization with annual revenue sources of almost half-a-million dollars. Today the VHF offers a wide spectrum of education, public awareness and granting programs, and interacts in some way with about 5,000 people a year. Previously, Diane served as Executive Director of the Society for Preventive Health Care in BC. Her professional background is as a public school teacher and an education coordinator at the Vancouver Aquarium.
- **Elana Zysblat**, BFA, Programming Director, Vancouver Heritage Foundation since 2008. Elana worked in educational/cultural tourism in Israel, Spain and Italy for over 10 years. She was a tour guide, tour operator and program developer for educational tours focused on art, religion and co-existence. Elana joined the Vancouver Heritage Foundation as Administrative Assistant in 2003. At the VHF she combines her tour and program developing experience with graphic design. A few of her recent initiatives at the VHF have been the development of various architectural map guides for Vancouver, Old School: Courses for Building Conservation, the Vancouver Special Tour and Your Old House: An Interactive Encyclopedia of Traditional House Styles and their Architectural Components, a webtool to be launched in summer 2010.