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2014 HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR

Discover the Possibilities

VHF house tours provide inspiration for turning older buildings into wonderful 21st Century homes. Now in its 12th year our largest event of the year, the Heritage House Tour, offers a unique opportunity in Vancouver to tour 10 private homes of different sizes, eras and styles. Witness the potential seen by owners and learn how they unlocked it. Whether you are seeking design inspiration, conservation know-how or just an enjoyable day out with a good dose of history and architecture, you can find it on this tour.

Open on the 2014 Heritage House Tour is this great example of the smaller Vancouver heritage home that many heritage buyers will come across; the B.C. Mills 'kit' house. Located in Grandview-Woodlands and built in 1906, this home has seen several renovations over the years including a major rear-addition in the 1920s. With heritage features from several early eras, the home is beautifully restored and updated. Using great care to understand its history and construction, the home retains a modern aesthetic while allowing the character of the home to shine.

Every home on the tour, from grand to modest, illustrates a part of Vancouver's history. In the full colour guidebook you'll learn the history of each house and information about any renovations. Some homeowners, heritage experts, and restoration and renovation professionals will be on hand to answer your questions. To further whet your heritage appetite, VHF is bringing back the **Heritage Info Fair** in 2014. This backyard event offers a unique opportunity for attendees to learn from heritage experts, contractors and suppliers. If you would like to include your expertise in the 2014 Fair, please contact our office.

Come by yourself and meet people along the way, tour by bike, or carpool with friends. Don't miss this highlight in the calendar!

Sunday, June 1st
10am - 5pm
\$40

Tickets now available on our website or call 604-264-9642
Get Involved! Sign up to volunteer on our website

NEW for 2014!
The Vancouver Special House Tour
is now on April 26th!

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OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Old School courses teach homeowners and professionals skills and knowledge for the care and maintenance of older buildings. Taught by experienced professionals and specialists, the program ranges from conservation concepts to practical techniques, from understanding historic paint schemes to getting to grips with zoning, and approaches and solutions to improve energy efficiency in older homes and buildings.



"I've been frequenting VHF's courses for over a year now, and each has been a worthwhile experience for me. All the information was practical, and imparted in the most effective manner. The courses are relevant to homeowners, professionals in the conservation field, and those whose interest is purely to see Vancouver's buildings maintained and preserved. This skill set is fundamental to my work with the Heritage Commission, and gave me greater understanding of the City's Heritage Registry. I highly encourage you to take a look at the new courses coming up in 2014. It'll be worth your while!"

-Britney Quail, Richmond Heritage Commission

Heritage 101: Understanding Heritage Conservation

February 26 & March 5, 5pm - 9pm \$130

How and why we should keep old buildings. New format! Now presented over two evenings.

Historic Paint Schemes

February 27, 7pm - 9pm, no charge (registration required)

History of paint schemes in Vancouver & personalized consultations.

Interior Wood Paint Stripping

March 11, 7pm - 9:30pm \$25

How to safely remove paint and prepare wood for repainting.

Researching the History of a Building

- Vancouver Public Library: April 1, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- COV Archives: April 8, 6:30pm - 8:30pm \$15

Energy Retro-fits for Older Buildings

April 2, 7pm - 9:30pm \$25

Ways to increase efficiency while maintaining heritage integrity.

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: Strathcona

April 5, 9am - 12pm \$30

Explore Strathcona and learn how zoning shapes development.

Windows: Storefront Walk

May 21, 5:30pm - 7pm \$25

Take a closer look at windows and storefronts to learn how and why wood windows stand the test of time.

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN BCIT DOWNTOWN

555 Seymour Street - Rm 870
Wednesdays, 12pm - 1:30pm
\$12/talk

Join us on your lunch break for illustrated talks about three heritage revitalization projects. Hear the challenges and successes of each project from the architects and designers behind them. Bring your lunch!

The HiVE: 128 West Hastings

February 26

w/ Eesmyal Santos-Brault, Sustainability Designer and founding member of HiVE

The Yale Hotel Restoration

March 26

w/ Brent Beatson, Rize Alliance

Crofton House Restoration and Rehabilitation

April 30

w/ Simon Richards, Cornerstone Architecture

EVENING LECTURES UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB AT HYCROFT

1489 McRae Avenue
\$12/lecture

The 2014 Evening Lecture series welcomes guests from the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning and author Larry Kreisman. Mr. Kreisman's talk is in partnership with the Hycroft Heritage Preservation Foundation.

Vancouver as a Sustainable City: Rhetoric or Reality

January 21, 7pm - 9pm

w/ Dr. Tom Hutton, Professor at UBC SCARP

Challenges and Trends: Public Engagement for Community Planning

March 4, 7pm - 9pm

w/ Dr. Maged Senbel, Assistant Professor at UBC SCARP

The Arts & Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest

April 15, 7:30pm - 8:45pm

w/ Larry Kreisman, Author and Historian

NEW DATE! VANCOUVER SPECIAL HOUSE TOUR



The 2014 Vancouver Special tour, on its new spring date, features a Van Special bought and renovated by a couple who had never liked the style. After seeing the potential from other updated Specials, the couple realized that renovating a Special offered the space their growing family needed, but for less money, including the renovation, than a new house. Also featured in 2014 is an example of 1970s design similar to Specials but uniquely Strathcona known as the 'Joe Wai Special' after their architect. Joe Wai homes were built to replace homes destroyed during the first phase of the proposed freeway that would have cut through Strathcona.

Saturday, April 26th
1pm - 5pm
\$30

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MID-CENTURY MODERN HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, September 20th
1pm - 5pm
\$100 by Bus
\$85 by Car
(All tickets receive a \$50 tax receipt)

Vancouver's Mid-Century Modern homes explored new forms, construction techniques and concepts of living that focused on interaction with landscape. Visit 5 homes that offer insight to the style, the architects and the legacy. A post-tour reception is included in your ticket.

LANEWAY HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, October 25th
1pm - 5pm
\$30

Laneway homes offer the possibility of retaining older homes while adding density. This October, VHF will open several great examples that are built behind existing properties. Look for more details soon.

SUNDAY MORNING AT HINGE PARK

Sunday, February 23rd
9am - 11am (coffee service from 8:30am - 9am)
Tickets \$28

Hinge Park is a newly designed public space which combines a century of industrial heritage with the creation of a naturalized wetland in Southeast False Creek. Join us at the new JJ Bean location nestled in the heart of this historically significant area for a morning of coffee and history. The morning includes a JJ Bean specialty coffee and baked good, a coffee tasting led by JJ Bean founder and owner John Neate, and a talk about the café's design by Brady Dunlop, Associate Architect with DIALOG. Derek Lee of PWL Partnership Landscape Architects will then talk about the industrial history of Southeast False Creek and lead a guided tour of Hinge Park.

WALKING TOURS START FEBRUARY

All walking tours \$15/each

Our full program of walking tours begins this month. Explore the fascinating history and architecture of Vancouver which is essential for understanding where the city has come from and where it is going. Hear the stories of well-known sites, and lesser known corners of our city with expert guides. Check our website for full details.

HERITAGE WEEK 2014

Monday, February 17th – February 23rd

Heritage Week celebrates built heritage across BC. In 2014 the focus is 'Heritage Afloat', BC's connection to waterways and the coast.

Heritage Week begins on the national celebration of Heritage Day with the theme of 'Have Fun with Heritage: Places Made for Play'.

To honor both these celebrations, VHF is hosting a week of walking tours and special events. Visit our website for full event listings including prices and registration.

Baseball, the Olympics, and an Arboretum

'Places Made for Play' in Riley Park
February 17, 10am - 12pm

Up the Coast and Overseas

Shipping history in Burrard Inlet
February 22, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Sunday Morning at Hinge Park

The industrial legacy of Southeast False Creek
February 23, 9am - 11am

The Kitsilano Shoreline

False Creek to English Bay
February 23, 1pm - 4pm

NEW! MUSQUEAM TOUR: WITNESS IT, REMEMBER IT, TELL IT



VHF is pleased to partner with Musqueam First Nation on a new series of bus tours exploring Musqueam history in today's Vancouver.

Proposed stops for the tour include xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, the main village of the Musqueam people; ʔəy̓alməxʷ, a Musqueam village site at the time of the warrior Capilano, which is present day Jericho Beach; and cəsnaʔəm, an ancient village and burial site of the Musqueam people.

NEW! INTERACTIVE MAP OF THE VANCOUVER HERITAGE REGISTER

VHF has been developing a new webtool that will make the Vancouver Heritage Register more user friendly. The tool plots each site on a map and includes specific location information and images.

It will be a valuable resource for anyone wanting more information on current Heritage Register properties as well as those exploring the city. The webtool is expected to be live in coming weeks.

THE WALL PUBLIC ART PROJECT



In March an exciting new exhibit will be installed on The WALL at CBC plaza. Now entering its 5th year, this public art project explores Vancouver's built environment utilizing the CBC archives for inspiration.

The work by artist, Laiwan, will focus on the metaphor of water and expressions of fluidity in the city's built environment. To complement the printed piece, she is also creating an interactive web work, exploring ideas of contemporary information flow and sharing, and the changing nature of the archive in our digital age. The work is curated by Joni Low in collaboration with the arts organization Centre A.

The WALL exhibits are funded through the generous donation of a percentage of revenue from the JJ Bean kiosk on the CBC Plaza. JJ Bean Coffee Roasters has been a WALL project partner with VHF and the CBC since its inception.

Look for more information soon about the launch of the new exhibition and in the meantime, please support the project by filling up your coffee cup at JJ Bean at the CBC.

Photo credit:
At the CBC media archives (left to right): Joni Low, CBC archivist Colin Preston, and Laiwan. Photo by John Fukushima.



PLACES THAT MATTER



WISE Hall



Nat Bailey Stadium



Hogan's Alley

In 2013, VHF celebrated the history of over 20 Places That Matter sites, including Hogan's Alley, Nellie Yip-Quong House, The WISE Hall and Nat Bailey Stadium.

Thanks to our incredible plaque sponsors and dedicated supporters who have helped us to raise awareness of Places That Matter, and to engage communities in discovering Vancouver's layered history. A big thank you also to everyone who has come out to one of our presentations, sharing in Vancouver's history.

We are continuing to commemorate the history of people, places and events that matter in Vancouver, by celebrating exciting new sites in 2014 including Robson Square, The Commodore Ballroom and the legacy of Pauline Johnson.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for upcoming events, information and news about sites, and for presentation photos. Check out our regular feature exploring the history of Places That Matter sites on Vancouver Is Awesome.



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read the blog at www.vancouverisawesome.com

VANCOUVER SPECIAL HOUSE TOUR



VHF hosted our 5th Vancouver Special House Tour in late September. The rain held off and the sun broke through as ticket holders toured through 5 homes and saw just how adaptable this home design can be. All

offered wonderful surprises for those stepping through the front door, from light-filled spaces and luxurious finishes, to reconfigured accommodations to suit modern family needs, and even an indoor pool.

LANEWAY HOUSE TOUR



The number of laneway homes continues to grow across the city and a recent expansion and update of the City's program boosted interest in our 4th Laneway House Tour in October.

Considerable variety in design and lots of inspiring ideas were offered through 7 homes. In all cases, the principal residence had been retained and the lane home built as additional accommodation, for family members or rental income. Several offered ultra-modern spaces, others more traditional styling. One built behind a 100 year old home took its design cues from the main house to become part of the streetscape.

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN: FILMS AT THE HOLLYWOOD



After a very popular first run, VHF presented a second series of film nights in the fall of 2013. Featuring four nights of architecture and design themed films, VHF once again enjoyed the hospitality of The Church at the Hollywood in the historic Hollywood Theatre on West Broadway. A highlight to the series was Vancouver Shorts night where we screened 3 Vancouver based films including 'Rainbow War', the Oscar nominated 1986 film made for Expo 86.

At time of going to press, the future of the Hollywood Theatre remains uncertain but we are hopeful for a positive solution that will see this now rare venue retained for many more to enjoy.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE MARINE



Once again sold out, Sunday Morning at the Marine saw 60 people enjoy coffee, baked goods and architectural history on a Sunday morning in September. Hosted in the JJ Bean café in the Marine Building, a talk by DIALOG and a tour of the spectacular lobby by historian Maurice Guibord highlighted this successful blend of old and new.

VHF GRANTING PROGRAMS



In 2013 VHF gave 9 grants which aided in the maintenance and repair of heritage buildings.

Restore It grants were given to 4 projects to assist with a new roof, 2 window restoration projects, and a sleeping porch and roof repair.

True Colours grants repainted a Kitsilano home, the Marpole Museum/Colbourne House, the Hollywood Theatre façade and a Queen Anne in Strathcona.

Get On The Register helped add 1 house to Vancouver's Heritage Register when, after 30 years of carefully maintaining their home, the homeowners were frustrated watching surrounding houses demolished one by one. Their desire was to have the 1922 house formally recognized and keep a piece of the neighbourhood's history intact.

Applications for our 2014 granting cycle will be accepted up until 12pm noon Monday, February 3rd. For more information visit www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/granting

ENERGY ASSESMENTS AND HERITAGE HOMES

A guest feature from Energy Advisor Monte Paulson



Owners of heritage homes sometimes feel 'trapped' by high heating bills but we're not sure how to make our homes more energy efficient while maintaining heritage value. Starting in 2014, Vancouver homeowners will be steered toward professional advice by the new Vancouver Building By-Law (VBBL):

- Where the construction value is greater than \$5,000, a current energy assessment (EnerGuide report) is to be provided, and where the scope includes a new boiler or furnace, it must be rated AFUE 90 or higher
- Where the construction value is greater than \$25,000 and the air leakage is greater than 5 air changes per hour (in a blower-door test), air sealing measures are required
- Where the construction value exceeds \$50,000 additional insulation may be required in attics and ceilings

The city has conducted affordability analysis on each of the energy-related measures and concluded they will result in cash savings for most homeowners within a modest 5-year timeframe. My experience suggests the city may have underestimated the energy-savings benefits. An energy assessment, furnace/boiler upgrade, air sealing and attic insulation would have paid for themselves in almost every one of the 400 homes I've assessed. I advise the owner of every character or heritage building to obtain both a heritage assessment and an energy assessment before beginning work on anything. The best, and most affordable renovations result from carefully balancing professional advice with clearly stated objectives.

Monte will lead an Old School workshop **April 2nd**, 'Energy Retrofits for Older Buildings' at Vancouver City Hall. To sign up for the course or read Monte's full report on the new by-laws, visit www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/learn-with-us

Monte Paulsen operates Red Door Energy Advisors, an energy modelling, green building and Passive House planning consultancy. He lives in a heritage home in East Vancouver.

The 'Energy Retrofits for Older Buildings' workshop is sponsored by



HERITAGE ACTION PLAN



On December 4th 2013, Council approved a Heritage Action Plan to update the city's existing Heritage Conservation Program. The Plan identified a total of fourteen action items with five immediate actions including updating the Vancouver Heritage Register. To read the full report visit the Resources and Research section of our website (under Learn with Us).

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been a very busy few months getting up to speed with programming at VHF, meeting the many people involved in our efforts, and hearing from those who attend our events. I am grateful to VHF staff and Directors, and to former Executive Director, Diane Switzer, for supporting me during the transition and planning ahead for VHF.

In 2014, we will continue to focus on sharing the many benefits of retaining and reusing older buildings and historic places within our growing city, backing that up with information and training to help building owners and professionals undertake projects. Please help us to continue to expand our community and increase our impact – share this newsletter with a friend, invite someone to join you at one of our events, and let us know if you see other ways we can help.

I look forward to seeing you at a VHF event during the year.

Judith Mosley, VHF Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Last year brought some significant changes at Vancouver Heritage Foundation with Judith Mosley taking over as the Executive Director from Diane Switzer who left after 14 years of leadership that saw the organization grow and expand its programming more each year. Diane ensured that VHF was on a strong footing and ready to put on an interesting program during the fall of 2013.

One of VHF's recent initiatives was the research paper and public survey into citizens' opinions on the value of heritage buildings in our city and their effect on our sense of place. The results of the paper demonstrated that our community feels deeply about its heritage resources and enjoys their contribution to the fabric of our neighbourhoods.

VHF was pleased to see the survey results quoted in City staff's recent report to Council on a Heritage Action Plan to Update Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program in November. The Heritage Register will receive a review after 25 years that will bring it up to date with the status of the existing buildings on the list and with current heritage conservation practices. Many other strategies in the City's Plan are of interest to VHF and its Board – we hope to follow and participate in the upcoming engagement process.

The spring will see new tours, classes, and lectures and more presentations of Places That Matter plaques. A new project that will make information on buildings on the City and Federal heritage lists available through a user-friendly map interface on our website is an initiative that I think many people will find engaging and useful.

Marta Farevaag, VHF Chair

FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to all who supported VHF during our Fall Campaign. Your generosity helps us with programming and our ability to build information resources that support heritage conservation. Thank you also to our 2013 sponsors who generously supported our programs and helped us to get the word out about VHF.

We are always interested to hear from anyone about potential partnership opportunities. Please contact Judith Mosley, Executive Director to discuss.

VOLUNTEERING



2013 was a busy year for volunteers with the addition of the Mid-Century Modern Tour and Film Nights at the Hollywood Theatre to our already packed year. 2014 promises to be just as busy, with the return of house tours including the Vancouver Special House Tour which is moving to Saturday April 26th!

Returning volunteers can sign up via the email invitation, while new volunteers are invited to get in touch and share a bit about themselves and their past volunteer experience. Send an email to mail@vancouverheritagefoundation.org and we will respond right away. Don't hesitate to ask questions!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for VHF. Our programs depend on your time and efforts so we like to make it fun and worthwhile. Volunteers continue to enjoy free seats in our courses, talks and lectures after making some volunteer commitments.

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