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## 100 Years of Living on the Lane on the 2014 Laneway House Tour

Laneway housing is not a new idea in Vancouver. It can be seen in Vancouver's historic neighbourhoods dating back as far as the 1890s. Recently infills have shown potential to be a positive tool in heritage conservation adding density without demolition. We'll get inside heritage and modern examples at the 2014 **Laneway House Tour on Saturday, October 25th from 1pm – 5pm**. See 8 examples of living on the lane including a c.1890s character lane home and a strata infill designed in the 1980s by respected architect Paul Merrick. We will also look at 6 modern examples built after the City of Vancouver's 2009 laneway housing initiative came into effect. To purchase tickets for VHF's Laneway House Tour visit [www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org](http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org) or call 604 264 9642.

### Living on the Lane: Modern Ideas and Heritage Concepts

As far back as the late 19th Century Vancouver has made use of lane access. Early lane homes often served as temporary residences while the main home was built, or as secondary housing for staff, guests or extended family. There are many examples of early Vancouverites living on the lane. This year we add two structures built before the concept gained wider popularity in 2009 to a line-up of modern builds constructed behind existing residences.

We'll take a look at a truly charming 900 sq ft home, built c.1890, that became a lane home with the addition of a larger residence in 1910. The lane was added after the two structures, and the smaller home has since been moved to share a closer relationship with the principal residence. This early home has all the character detailing of a grand Victorian, just in much smaller scale. We will also explore zoning variations with a home that it is part of a strata arrangement with the larger principal residence. This home is not only independently owned and larger than most lane homes, it also has the distinction of being designed by nationally renowned architect Paul Merrick and was featured in *Western Living* (December 1990).

For those looking for modern examples of laneway housing, we also have six recently constructed residences, built behind existing homes, that showcase the latest in urban design. You'll see the \$300,000 home with a \$3 million view and another small home that promises to have one of the best Energuide ratings in the city.

### Examples of photos available (others available upon request)



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ref: VS7



ref: VS5

### Laneway House Tour Details

Vancouver Heritage Foundation's 2014 Laneway House Tour

Saturday, October 25th

1pm – 5pm

Tickets: \$30+tax or \$23+tax for eligible students

To purchase tickets for VHF's Laneway House Tour visit:

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