



VHF once again has a full calendar as we head into the fall season with fresh opportunities to learn about and experience Vancouver's heritage. Read on for details as well as heritage news updates, the latest on special projects and online resources from VHF, along with details of a new grant program.

LANEWAY HOUSE TOUR

Living on the lane is not a new idea to Vancouverites but one that has gained in popularity since 2009 when lane housing was reintroduced as a densification option for RS zoned neighbourhoods. In 2015, VHF will look at five newly built homes in a variety of neighbourhoods, all built behind retained homes. The lane homes we select for the tour showcase thoughtful design that fits in with neighbourhood and main house character. On this tour you will see how one home was designed to complement a beautiful character home, while another worked around a mature magnolia tree in order to preserve it.

The sixth home on tour this year is an infill built in 1990, well before current laneway housing became an option. Built behind the 1936 Modernist Barber Residence, designed by Ross Lort, this infill helped protect the home from potential redevelopment. Straddling two lots, the Barber Residence was vulnerable, but the addition in 1990 of a strata-titled infill enabled preservation, protection and rehabilitation of a remarkable Modernist home. Compatibly designed, the infill draws on distinctive elements of the main house while the shared lot uses careful landscaping to offer privacy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

1pm - 5pm

\$30/ \$23 with valid student ID

Presented by Smallworks Studios/Laneway Housing Inc.



Photo courtesy: Smallworks Studios/Laneway Housing Inc.

House tours are a great way to raise awareness of heritage and related topics, generate discussion and encourage people to see how heritage can be part of Vancouver's future.



NEW! HERITAGE ENERGY RETROFIT GRANT

This month, VHF begins a one-year pilot grant program to assist with the costs of energy retrofits for older Vancouver homes. Homes built before 1940 and those listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register are eligible to apply. Full details along with the application form are now posted in the "Get A Grant" section of our website.

The Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant offers up to \$3,000 per house to up to 20 homes for retrofits that deliver measurable reductions in greenhouse gases (GHG's). Retrofits in the program aim to improve the comfort of your home while reducing energy use and running costs in ways that are compatible with heritage fabric and character elements. A wide range of retrofits may be eligible including insulation, window repair and heating system upgrades. Only houses with primarily oil or gas heating are currently eligible as these offer the largest GHG reduction opportunities.

Applications will be assessed as they come in, so early application is encouraged. VHF is grateful for funding from the City of Vancouver and development support from City Green Solutions.



To learn more or to apply visit the 'Get a Grant' section of our website

EDUCATION

OLD SCHOOL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Practical workshops and courses for heritage conservation



Researching the History of a Building: Vancouver Public Library

November 3, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Free, Registration Required

VPL Central Library, 350 W Georgia St, Special Collections 7th Floor

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: Mount Pleasant

November 14, 2pm - 4pm, \$30

Researching the History of a Building: City of Vancouver Archives

November 17, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, \$20

City of Vancouver Archives, 1150 Chestnut St

Drafting Conservation Plans

November 19, 5:30pm - 9:30pm, \$60

BCIT Downtown, 555 Seymour St

All Old School workshops and courses are eligible for Professional Development credits, most qualify for Core Learning Units. Courses are recognized by AIBC, PIBC, BCAAIC, BCSLA, IDIBC and BOABC. Full information is available on our website.

To book any of our educational programs visit
www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org or call 604 264 9642

FALL EVENTS

This fall we offer unique opportunities to learn about heritage. Check back on our website or sign up for our e-news to be the first to know about other special events as they are announced.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PAST: RETRACING SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY IN KITSILANO

Join Curator and Community Engagement Specialist Naveen Girm, and Filmmaker and Researcher Paneet Singh, for a walking tour that will retrace the living legacy of North America's first Gurdwara. Naveen and Paneet will point out sites that illustrate the intercultural past, the fight against racial discrimination, and stories that still resonate today.

September 20, \$15 or \$9 with valid student ID (including tax)

DOORS OPEN VANCOUVER

The City of Vancouver will once again open the doors to a number of civic buildings, offering free access to all Vancouverites. VHF is pleased to support the organizing of this event. More information, including how to sign up as a volunteer, is available at doorsopenvan.ca. Be sure to stop by City Hall and visit us at the Heritage Hub.

October 3, free and open to the public

CHINATOWN WALK AND DIM SUM

Tour the historic Chinatown neighbourhood with Civic Historian John Atkin, including a look at the impact of the 2014 City of Vancouver grant program which is providing funding to restore Chinese Society buildings. Then warm up with the flavours of the area with authentic Dim Sum.

October 25, \$35 (includes Dim Sum at a local restaurant)

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN TALKS

Current Vancouver heritage projects and topics

BCIT Downtown Campus, 555 Seymour St

12pm - 1:30pm

\$15 or \$9 with valid student ID (includes tax)

Mole Hill: Preservation for the Community

Sean McEwan, Architect (Mole Hill Restoration, 1999)

September 30

Fire Hall No.15: Retaining a Historic Fire Hall

Roger Hughes, Architect and Barry McGinn, Engineer and Heritage Consultant

October 28

Vancouver's Housing Renewal Initiative Update

Mitch Sakamoto, Merrick Architecture

November 25

EVENING LECTURES AT HYCROFT

Illustrated lectures on Vancouver history

University Women's Club at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Ave

7:30pm - 9:30pm

\$15 or \$9 with valid student ID (includes tax)

Vancouverism: 1954 to 1991

Michael Gordon, Senior Downtown Planner, City of Vancouver

September 29

Artists, Architects and Artisans: Canadian Art 1890-1918

Charles Hill, Curator of Canadian Art Emeritus, National Gallery of Canada

October 27

Sponsored in part by Heritage BC

BC: Lumberyard of the World

John Atkin, Civic Historian

November 10

FALL FUNDRAISING



CITY DRINKS: AN EVENING IN SHAUGHNESSY

Support VHF while enjoying an elegant evening at the impressive Disher House in First Shaughnessy. Built in 1912 for John Binns Johnson, Disher House is one of the only homes in Vancouver to be attributed to Architect Paul Phipps. The home will serve as a stunning backdrop for an evening of conversation about heritage in our city.

Enjoy a private piano performance by Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Music Director Bramwell Tovey, a talk about the history of the home, music from local artists, wine and hors d'oeuvres and participate in a silent auction of local items.

October 2, 7pm - 10pm

\$100 (includes \$50 charitable tax receipt)

INNOVATIONS

STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAM

It has been almost a full year since we launched the Student Access Program and we are pleased to see the word is getting out and students are taking advantage of the program. Students are offered discounts on specific ticketed events as well as the opportunity to benefit from donor support for seats in Old School workshops and for house tour tickets. Those interested in becoming Student Access donors, and students interested in accessing free or 50% discounted entry to specific events can learn more [here](#).

SPECIAL PROJECTS



VANCOUVER BUILDING BY-LAW: HOMEOWNERS GUIDE

On January 1st, 2015 a new Vancouver Building By-Law came into effect. The Building By-Law governs what changes and updates need to be made when making alterations to existing houses and buildings. Requirements can seem daunting and be a concern for homeowners looking to retain and update their home. VHF has created a short introductory document that aims to demystify some commonly misinterpreted aspects of the By-Law and clarify the key requirements.

An Introduction for Homeowners: The 2014 Vancouver Building By-Law is a downloadable PDF available under the "Learn With Us" section of our website.

VHF UPDATES

STAFF UPDATE

There have been a few changes to the VHF team. Caili Bell joins us as Administrative Assistant, replacing Corey Ratch who is pursuing higher education at Columbia University. We also welcomed Roxanne Nesbitt over the summer months as Research Assistant, working on a study of heritage conservation incentives.

ANNUAL REPORT NOW ONLINE

The 2014 Annual Report is now available as a PDF download on our website. Visit vancouverheritagefoundation.org and click on "About VHF" to view or download this and previous reports.

HERITAGE SITE FINDER: MOBILE FORMAT

Officially launched this spring, the Heritage Site Finder is now compatible with mobile devices and is also available as an app for Apple products. This mobile-friendly version makes it easy to take the Vancouver Heritage Register out into the city with you to learn more about listed heritage properties. We are currently working with a team of volunteers to add photographs and site information to over 2,200 properties on the Register.

THE WALL - FAITH MOOSANG

After receiving a number of excellent proposals for the 2015 WALL installation, the committee chose Vancouver-based artist Faith Moosang. Faith is a multi-media artist with an interest in media, mediated imagery and mechanically reproduced images. She also has a passion for history and archives which she will utilize, along with imagery from the CBC Archives, to create a new work at the CBC Plaza. Watch for news of the installation and a launch event in October.



ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

VHF has renewed the architectural salvage program with several "pop-up" style sales featuring items collected by volunteers. We have also begun the initial planning for establishing a social enterprise to collect and sell architectural salvage removed from heritage homes either slated for demolition or undergoing renovation. [Check the webpage](#) and e-newsletters for donation and sale information.

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2014 True Colours grant recipient

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1st, 2016

The deadline to apply for any of VHF's core grants is February 1st, 2016. Details of the *True Colours*, *Restore It*, *Get on the Register* and *House Call* grants are available on our website.

While there, check out the recently created PDF about Mole Hill (a collection of heritage homes in the West End), containing all the paint schemes used in this vibrant community. The homes in Mole Hill served as a testing ground for gathering colour data needed to create the *True Colours* paint palette back in 1999 - 2000.

GRANT STORY: 4371 VICTORIA DRIVE

Featured on the 2015 Heritage House Tour, the small home with unique brick and stone work at the corner of Victoria Drive and Kingsway is also a 2014 *Restore It* grant recipient. After generations in the same family, new owners purchased this cozy home, retaining and restoring wherever possible. They did choose to replace the aging roof with sympathetic slate-look roofing materials, with the assistance of a VHF grant. The home is as charming as ever, with a new roof that fits the character of the home.

HERITAGE UPDATES



BURRARD BRIDGE

On July 22nd, the City of Vancouver approved proposed work to the Burrard Bridge including means prevention fencing. The initial concept of this fencing was considered high impact to the heritage value of the bridge. Further design work is underway and City staff have been consulting with stakeholders, including VHF to try and find the best solution. Since 2005, VHF has advocated for the reinstatement of the historic lamp standards and is encouraged that this may now occur with the proposed work.

HERITAGE ACTION PLAN

The HAP process is due to conclude by the end of this year. VHF has kept up to date, sharing information and providing input to the process as a member of the Public Advisory Committee. For a record of the past year and current information visit the [Understanding the Heritage Action Plan](#) page of our website.

The public hearing on creating a Heritage Conservation Area in First Shaughnessy reconvened on September 15th. A decision is due September 29th. Further information can be found at vancouver.ca/heritage-action-plan

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2015

Later this month we will be launching our annual fundraising campaign. As a registered charity VHF relies on the generous support of donors each year to deliver our programs. Our innovative programs, online resources, communications and grants play a crucial role in engaging new people with the history of the city and supporting those who want to maintain our built heritage. There are several ways to donate including online, over the phone or by mail. Look for details by email and online in October.

MID-CENTURY MODERN HOUSE TOUR

Later this month approximately 220 people will join us for the 2015 Mid-Century Modern House Tour. Featuring the private home and garden of renowned architect, the late Arthur Erickson, and the award-winning B.C. Electric Building now known as The Electra, the tour also features several homes strongly influenced by the tenets of Mid-Century Modernist design. There are still a limited number of self-guided tickets available, however the bus option and the post-tour reception are currently at capacity.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As the weather cools it is a perfect time to plan some VHF events into your calendar. We are excited to offer a full program with lots of opportunities to get up close with Vancouver's heritage, and get help with heritage projects.

The launch of our new pilot grant program puts a spotlight on older homes as part of a sustainable future. Updating buildings with retrofits that minimize impacts on historic fabric is a very 'green' approach. We hope to see lots of interest in this program so please help us spread the word.

Through the fall, we will continue to share updates on the Heritage Action Plan. This is a very important process to see the City of Vancouver's programs for heritage reviewed and updated and VHF encourages you to participate where you can. With the proposal for Vancouver's first Heritage Conservation Area, the first comprehensive review of the Heritage Register since its adoption in 1986, and other aspects due to come forward before the end of the year, this is set to be an interesting few months.

This is also an important time of the year for VHF as we start planning for 2016. We will shortly launch our annual fall fundraising campaign. The support of donors is essential for us to deliver the programs we do, and I hope you will consider giving to VHF this year. We start October with a special evening event in Shaughnessy – do join us if you can and help us get our campaign off to a great start.

However you are able to support VHF – as a volunteer, attending a program, or with a donation – I look forward to your involvement this fall in our work to raise awareness and promote heritage at the heart of our city.

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