



HERITAGE ENERGY RETROFIT GRANT RELAUNCH

The 2015 Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant pilot program, launched last September, filled quickly and assisted 20 homes. The City of Vancouver has agreed to renew the program's funding and the program is re-launching with some adjustments. The new program offers more inclusions such as water conservation measures, as well as the possibility of higher funding amounts.

The Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant is VHF's newest grant and is meant to assist with energy retrofits for older Vancouver homes. Homes built before 1940 and those listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register may be eligible to apply.

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.

HERITAGE UPDATES



HERITAGE ACTION PLAN: CHARACTER HOMES

The Heritage Action Plan is ongoing with the next phase of work being the Character Home Zoning Review. This review will look at ways to encourage greater retention of pre-1940s character homes in Single Family zones, and there will be opportunities for public input and discussion this fall. Other aspects on the horizon through the HAP include the Vancouver Heritage Register update and Heritage Conservation Program review. Opportunities for public review and discussion of these components are anticipated to begin towards the end of the year and continue into 2017. We will post information on our Heritage News and Understanding the Heritage Action Plan web pages as we get it.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2016

This fall 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 or visit our website to donate now.

In the meantime you can also join us at our fall fundraiser, City Drinks at Casa Mia, coming up on September 30th (details on page 2.)



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



September is upon us, and the crisp weather of fall is a wonderful time to plan for some VHF events. 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 re-launch of the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant will allow us greater impact in assisting with the maintenance of older homes and promoting heritage as part of our sustainable future. With new inclusions in the program and potentially more funding available, this granting program helps with the costs of retaining a heritage home, ensuring them a place in our communities. We hope to see lots of renewed interest in this program so please help us spread the word.

Over the past year we have been actively sharing updates on the Heritage Action Plan. The HAP will continue to move forward this fall and into 2017 with the next phase looking at character homes and the update of the Vancouver Heritage Register. More opportunities for engagement are promised in coming weeks, so please keep checking our website and social media for updates. It is important that those who care about our built heritage take part in this process and express what is important in maintaining our communities.

This is also an important time of the year for VHF as we start planning for 2017. We will shortly launch our annual fall fundraising campaign, kicking off this year's efforts with a glamorous evening at Casa Mia. 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 invite you to join us at our fall fundraiser 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.

Judith Mosley
VHF Executive Director

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, online resources and grants from VHF.

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 2016, VHF will look at six newly built lane 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 October 22nd we take a look at how lane homes can be part of a heritage conservation plan with one that has been built behind the Walter and Mary Lee Chan house. The Chan house has been under significant restoration this past year including the new lane home. This and the other five homes offer an evolution of smart, small space design. From modest homes to a single-floor 850 square foot laneway, these homes are enabling family members to remain in the same neighbourhood, by offering space for relatives to live or as income helpers. Come hear owners' stories and speak with builders about the

process and regulations for building lane homes.
Saturday, October 22nd

1pm - 5pm

\$30/ \$23 with valid student ID

Presenting Sponsor 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.

MID-CENTURY MODERN HOUSE TOUR

Join us to explore the iconic architecture of Mid-Century Modernism. In 2016, we look at five examples of this significant design movement found in Vancouver including the impeccably-retained Friedman Residence. Designed by Fred Lasserre in 1953, this split-level home is uniquely sited on an irregular lot at UBC. It recently came on the market and many were concerned it would be demolished. However a buyer passionate for the style scooped it up and it will now be featured on our tour.

Also on the tour is an intriguing later example in a 1982 Dalla Lana/Griffin Architect designed home. Ray Griffin and Fred Dalla Lana were part of a second wave of architects picking up where earlier Modernists left off. Having learned from the masters such as Arthur Erickson and Barry Downs, Griffin and Dalla Lana's early homes updated many of Erickson's design aesthetics. This home shows the development of the style and how it continues to influence contemporary architecture.

The tour is offered either as a bus tour, with expert guides and stress-free experience without worrying about parking or navigating, or as a self-guided option. After the tour, those who select the reception option will join us at the Vancouver Maritime Museum for a wine and cheese post-tour reception including a short lecture from guest speaker Christopher MacDonald, Professor of Architecture at UBC SALA and author of *A Guide to Contemporary Architecture in Vancouver*.

Saturday, September 24th

1pm - 5pm, reception 5pm - 7pm

Bus + Reception \$110, Self-guided + Reception (currently at capacity) \$85, Self-guided without reception \$60



EDUCATION

OLD SCHOOL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Practical workshops and courses for heritage conservation



Drafting a Statement of Significance

October 15, 9am - 1pm, \$30

The Strathcona Church, 431 Princess Ave

Navigating City Hall

October 25, 5pm - 9:30pm, \$60

Vancouver City Hall, 453 W 12th Ave (Town Hall Room)

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: Delamont Park

October 29, 10am - 12pm, \$30

Researching the History of a Building: City of Vancouver Archives

November 15, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, \$20

City of Vancouver Archives, 1150 Chestnut St

Researching the History of a Building: Vancouver Public Library

November 22, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Free, Registration required

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

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

STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAM

It has been a 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 on our website.

SPECIAL WALKING TOUR

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

We are bringing back one of our more popular tours of 2015, featuring the lesser known South Asian history of Kitsilano. Naveen Girn, Curator and Community Engagement Specialist, Paneet Singh, Filmmaker and Researcher and Dr. Milan Singh, Lecturer and Historian will lead this tour.

In 1908, the first Sikh Gurdwara in North America opened in Kitsilano. This religious, social and political gathering place was situated next to homes owned by the South Asian community and the sawmills where they worked. This walking tour will retrace the living legacy of this important space by pointing out lost - and still existing - buildings that illustrate the intercultural past of Vancouver, the fight against racial discrimination, and the stories that still resonate today.

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

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)

Rehabilitation of the Burrard Bridge

Donald Luxton, Heritage Consultant

September 28

Rejuvenating Christ Church Cathedral

Ian Birtwell, Parishioner, Trustee and Volunteer Project Manager for Christ Church Cathedral

October 26

The Impacts of Real Estate and Speculation on Heritage in Vancouver

Andy Yan, UBC Adjunct Professor & Researcher and Gordon

Price, SFU City Program Director

November 30

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)

Sawmills and Opera Houses: The Origins of Chinatown

John Atkin, Civic Historian

October 18

The Legacy Sites and Stories of the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games

Jason Beck, Curator at BC Sports Hall of Fame

November 1

Who Was Major Matthews?

Heather Gordon, City Archivist

November 29

FALL FUNDRAISING



CITY DRINKS: CASA MIA

Support VHF during an exclusive evening at one of Vancouver's most well-known heritage mansions, Casa Mia. Built in 1932, the Ross A. Lort designed home is a fine example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture with the special addition of a children's nursery hand-painted by Disney artists and a lower level ballroom with ties to an impressive list of performers. Tours of parts of the home will be offered during the evening. Imagine the glamour and incredible stories these historic walls hold while enjoying wine, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. We will also enjoy music from Canadian instrumentalists Roy and Rosemary who are internationally renowned for their cinematic style.

September 30, 7pm - 10pm

\$110 (includes \$50 charitable tax receipt)

VHF UPDATES

STAFF UPDATE

In 2016 we welcomed Lisa Wilson as Special Projects Coordinator, while Jessica Quan takes a one-year maternity leave. We also brought on two interns: Jessica Blesch as Heritage Resources Assistant and Chantelle Lupieri as Summer Intern.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

In April of this year Marta Farevaag, VHF Chair of the Board for the past 5 years, retired from the Board. David Dove, Vice-Chair, has stepped into the role and is now serving as Chair. David, Architect AIBC, MRAIC, is a Principal at Perkins + Will in Vancouver. He joined the Board in 2013, where he served as Vice-Chair from 2014.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

UPDATED MAP GUIDES



VHF has a great collection of map guides that are full of useful information but the format of some is now a little dated. Thanks to a partnership with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, the Historic West Hastings map guide received a makeover including a new cover and site updates. Re-prints of the renovated guide are available at our office or through Tourism Vancouver.

We are also working on creating more usable online versions of all our map guides. Currently the Historic West Hastings and Historic Kitsilano map guides are available in a web and mobile friendly PDF format. The Chinatown, Japanese Historic District and Mid-Century Modern map guides will also soon be available in this easy-to-use format. If you are interested in sponsoring a re-print of any of the updated guides please contact us.

VHF WEBSITE: MOBILE FORMAT

Thanks to the hard work of Split Mango Media Inc. our website is now compatible with mobile devices. You can now access our many online resources including case studies, reports, guidebooks and map guides easily from your smart phone. We are also working on updating our map guides to make them simpler to view from all devices.



ANNUAL REPORT NOW ONLINE

The 2015 Annual Report is now available as a PDF download on our website. Visit our website and click on "About VHF" to view or download this and previous reports.

THE WALL - EMILY NEUFELD



We received a number of great proposals for the next WALL public art installation, and are pleased to announce the new artist! Emily Neufeld was born and raised in Alberta, but now lives and works in North Vancouver. She graduated from Emily Carr University of Art + Design with her BFA in 2013 and has been exhibiting across BC and Alberta since then. Her prairie roots run

deep and her current work investigates how the layers of memory and traces of psychic history accumulate in particular domestic spaces. The new artwork will be installed on The WALL in coming weeks.

ONLINE RESOURCES UPDATE

We launched the Online Resources and Map Guide Survey in July. Thank you to all who participated! The data was used to assess our current map guides and website content. We are now in the process of updating our online resources to better reflect your interests and creating new content.

As part of this process we created a new page under the Get A Grant heading on funding opportunities available outside of VHF. This information was researched as part of a study on financial incentives for heritage as input to the Heritage Action Plan. Even with programs such as the Cultural Infrastructure program and the Heritage Legacy Fund it can be challenging to find funding. VHF grants can be helpful for smaller projects but we hope in the future to have a larger program to offer. Stay tuned for more updates and new resources throughout the fall.

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