



CITY DRINKS at THE VANCOUVER CLUB



Our annual fall fundraiser returns, this year at the historic Vancouver Club. Established in 1889, The Vancouver Club sits in the heart of Vancouver's financial district past and present. Membership has changed over the years from exclusively male, many residing in nearby "Blueblood Alley" of the young city, to today's lively mix of business professionals. The current building was erected in 1913 by renowned architectural firm Sharp & Thompson and designed to resemble a London gentlemen's club of the Victorian era. The club is a proud steward of the building and its history which remains a landmark on a street with its fair share of significant heritage buildings.

We invite you to join us for a special evening in this private heritage venue, not usually open to the public. Guests will have the opportunity to take a tour through the historic spaces in the club, enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres and a good dose of history, along with music from celebrated local jazz performer Andrea Superstein. A silent auction of donated items and experiences will round out the evening. Learn about the history of the club with author and artist Michael Kluckner. Celebrate our city's historic places and support VHF's educational programs and projects.

Tuesday, October 3rd

7pm - 10pm

\$110 (includes \$50 charitable tax receipt, advance tickets only)



PLACES THAT MATTER: COMMUNITY HISTORY RESOURCE

This spring we launched the *Community History Resource*. Beginning in 2011, *Places That Matter* marked sites significant to Vancouver communities that had not previously been recognized. That project now lives on in an online format that combines written history, photographs and submitted stories to provide an interactive and evolving record of these important people, places and sites.



Thanks to many *Places That Matter* site representatives, public submissions and our dedicated volunteers, we'll have completed the first 85 pages on the new website by the end of September. Visit the *Community History Resource* to see a map of the sites as well as historical context, current and archival images, videos and community stories. There is also space for you to send us your memories, comments and images. We welcome your input and hope you'll help us continue to recognize these significant community places.



The *Places That Matter* plaque project also continues with a plaque presentation this fall recognizing The Francophone Village.

Visit the new website at vancouverheritagefoundation.org/places-that-matter

Thank you to Heritage BC's Heritage Legacy Fund and the Vancouver Historical Society for their support of this project.

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EDUCATION

OLD SCHOOL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Practical workshops and courses for heritage conservation



Presenting Your Heritage Project to Planning

October 17, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, \$30

Creekside Community Centre (Meeting Room 2), 1 Athletes Way

Researching the History of a Building: City of Vancouver Archives

November 14, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, \$20

City of Vancouver Archives, 1150 Chestnut St

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: Kitsilano

November 25, 1pm - 3pm, \$30

Stripping Painted Wood Surfaces Workshop

Date TBC

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

OTHER EVENTS

PERSPECTIVES: TALKS & DISCUSSIONS

In honour of the Vancouver Lookout's 40th anniversary, we have partnered with this iconic attraction to offer a series of history-based events from a unique vantage point. View the city in 360 degrees while hearing place-based stories and insights from five different presenters. Ticket cost includes access to the Lookout and morning events include coffee.

Sept 23 - Nov 16

Tickets through the Vancouver Lookout only, details available on our website

MAINTENANCE WEEK



In November, we will be highlighting the importance of looking after older buildings with Maintenance Week. Annual maintenance is important to any building, including heritage and character. For one week in November we will take the opportunity to remind home and

building owners of the simple yet necessary tasks to complete every fall. We'll be offering tips, tricks and how-to's to make fall maintenance more manageable and take a bit of the guess work out. Watch our social media pages and website for great information and ways to get involved.

September Tip! Check for last-minute painting needed before the wet weather sets in.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN TALKS

Current Vancouver heritage projects and topics
\$15 or \$9 with valid student ID (includes tax)

The Mah Society Building Rehabilitation: Talk & Site Visit

Fred Mah, Mah Society President and James Weldon, Project Manager - JTW Consulting

October 4, 12pm - 2pm

Chinese Cultural Centre board room, 50 E Pender St

Please note this talk includes a site visit to the 5th floor of the Mah Society Building, 137 E Pender St. The building is not mobility device accessible and there is no elevator.

St. Andrew's-Wesley Future Restoration

Kate Robertson, Heritage Consultant

November 1, 12pm - 1:30pm

St. Andrew's-Wesley Church, 1012 Nelson St

EVENING LECTURES AT HYCROFT

Illustrated lectures on Vancouver history
University Women's Club at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Ave

7:30pm - 9pm

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

Shaughnessy's Backstory

Michael Kluckner, Artist and Author

September 19

What a Mess: False Creek, the Industrial Waterway

John Atkin, Historian and Author

October 24

Kitsilano Indian Reserve: Contact to Today

Douglas Harris, Nathan T. Nemetz Chair in Legal History at UBC

November 7

CHINATOWN & DIM SUM

Tour the historic Chinatown neighbourhood with Historian and Author John Atkin, including a look at the impact of the ongoing recent efforts to restore Chinese Society buildings and retain the cultural heritage of the community. Then warm up with the flavours of the area with a lunch of authentic Dim Sum.

November 19, 10:30am - 1pm

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

VANCOUVER BY NIGHT BUS TOUR



Join VHF and John Atkin for a mystery night-time bus tour around Vancouver's heritage streetscapes. See what's changed, what remains and what's ahead in the

city's urban landscape from a uniquely 'after dark' perspective. Four mystery stops will take us through different neighbourhoods where we'll hop off the bus and explore. John will share archival images, anecdotes and stories along the way. There will be a night-time snack, plus a few surprises!

November 9, 5:30 - 9pm, \$40

Thank you to tour sponsor International Stage Lines

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STAFF UPDATE



There have been some changes to our staff team this summer. After 8 years with the organization, Rebecca Bishop has relocated to Victoria. We are currently searching for the right candidate to take on the role of Program Manager. Caili Bell has been taking on a new role as Office and Program Coordinator, and is now the main point of contact for volunteers.

This summer we also welcomed Laura Moberg as an 8-week summer intern, who made progress on the digitizing of our map guides and Hannah Edmunds

has joined us until the end of the year as Heritage Resources Assistant.

PROJECTS

THE WALL - MICHAEL LOVE



In September a new artwork was installed on The WALL at the CBC plaza. Michael Love's *Excavations* is inspired by his observations on certain dominant narratives that persisted in historical documentation. The composite artwork utilizes numerous archival images found at the Vancouver Archives. A full list of all images used in the composite work is available in the

Projects section of our website, under The WALL.

VANCOUVER HOUSE STYLES WEBTOOL UPDATE

Several years ago we launched the Vancouver House Styles webtool. This useful online resource explains and offers examples of the most common housing styles found in Vancouver. While full of useful information, the web tool is due for an update. Heritage Resources Assistant, Hannah Edmunds is researching additions to the tool as well as ways to improve the

presentation of the current information.

Look for a new and improved Vancouver House Styles in the coming months!



FALL TOURS ANNOUNCEMENT

After two successful house tours this spring including the 15th annual Heritage House Tour, we will be taking the opportunity this fall to review and refresh these key events in our 2018 programming. As a result, we will not be presenting house tours this fall. Look for news early in 2018 on our house tours line-up for the year. We are excited to take this opportunity to consider how we can make our tours an even better experience in the future.

HERITAGE SITE FINDER: CITY OF VANCOUVER HERITAGE AWARD

Thank you to all our hard-working *Heritage Site Finder* volunteers, as we won an Award of Honour for this new resource! We are thrilled to have received this recognition after several years of dedication from VHF staff, volunteers and the team at Split Mango Media Inc.

SPRING RECAP

HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR 2017



On June 4th we presented the 15th annual Heritage House Tour. The tour once again offered a diverse array of homes, including a stunning First Shaughnessy home with some modern touches and a sustainably upgraded character home complete with a hive to help the local bee population. We also visited Strathcona to see the completed renovation of a *Places That Matter* site, the Walter and Mary Chan House. Guests marveled at the recent restoration of the principal rooms

in B.T. Rogers' dream home, *Shannon*, as well as a stop inside the gatehouse and a chance to take in the Italian garden.

BUILDING RESILIENCE: OLDER BUILDINGS IN A SUSTAINABLE CITY

As we celebrated the 15th year of the Heritage House Tour, we took the opportunity to reflect on how our understanding of heritage conservation has changed in that time. With a modern emphasis on sustainability goals, we invited Conservation Architect Mark Thompson Brandt to speak about why it's important to make the connection between heritage and sustainability. The talk saw 70 people attend and sparked a conversation about the future of heritage conservation.

VHF 25: CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

2017 marks 25 years of operations for VHF! We celebrated this milestone with a fun online promotion, #25WaystoHeritage. We compiled a list of 25 ways, including free and family-friendly options, for people to celebrate our city's heritage and posted the list online, featuring different ideas over two weeks on social media. Partner organizations, the Museum of Vancouver and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, had promotional offers to encourage attendance, and we gave away a VHF prize pack through a social media contest.

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HERITAGE ENERGY RETROFIT GRANT

The *Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant* program has proven that significant reductions in GHG emissions and energy costs are possible in older homes. One participant saw an amazing recent reduction of over 7 tonnes per year in greenhouse gas emissions. Since the relaunch in fall 2016, 33 homes have enrolled in the program, and there is still opportunity to apply. All projects that are accepted into the program have 12 months to complete their retrofits. Popular retrofits have included insulation,

air sealing and heating devices and the program also offers support for installing storm windows. For more information visit our website or call to speak to someone about your project.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1st, 2018

The deadline to apply for any of VHF's conservation grants is February 1st, 2018. Details of the *True Colours*, *Restore It*, *Get on the Register* and *House Call* grants are available on our website.

HERITAGE UPDATES



BURRARD BRIDGE

The restoration of the historic lamp standards on the Burrard Bridge is almost complete, an important investment that VHF has been seeking for a long time. Reinstating this heritage element restores a lot of the bridge's original character. We are currently working with the City to ensure the restoration of the braziers that flank the entrances to the bridge with updated lighting elements already in the works.

JOY KOGAWA HOUSE

The City of Vancouver has purchased the Joy Kogawa house after its future became uncertain. Part of the assets of the Land Conservancy, the house was threatened when the TLC got into financial difficulties. Kogawa House is the childhood home of Canadian author, Joy Kogawa and is now run by the Historic Joy Kogawa House Society.

HERITAGE ACTION PLAN

On September 19th a public hearing considered incentives and new housing options to preserve character homes with proposed zoning and by-law amendments in single-family zones. The full report is available at vancouver.ca/heritageactionplan and a decision is due early October. Further progress on the Heritage Action Plan is expected later this fall.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2017

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 and projects. 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 The Vancouver Club*, coming up on October 3rd (details on page 1.)



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



With fall days just around the corner, we are delighted to offer a fresh program of events from Vancouver Heritage Foundation including lots of ways to explore and enjoy our city's history and its heritage places. Evening lectures continue to highlight fascinating topics, while a new series with the Lookout, *Perspectives*, explores history from this unique vantage point, and two lunchtime talks go on-location for an up-close experience of conservation projects.

House tours will return in the spring – after our 15th annual Heritage House Tour and with over 40 house tours to date, we are taking the opportunity to review and refresh for 2018. But there are still many ways on offer to get out and explore. The new *Places That Matter* website, the *Community History Resource* is a fascinating place to start and we would love to hear from you with stories and photos that relate to these special places in our city. The *Heritage Site Finder* continues to grow and on our website, you will also find lots of valuable resources for heritage projects including maintenance topics – an essential activity for anyone looking after an older home or building as the fall sets in.

Next month, we will launch our annual campaign for support and I hope you will consider Vancouver Heritage Foundation in your year-end giving. In the meantime, I and the staff team hope to see you at an event soon and we are happy to help with your heritage conservation questions at any time.

Judith Mosley
VHF Executive Director