



Welcome to VHF's Spring 2017 newsletter. Inside you can find key dates for house tours, workshops, lectures and more as well as updates on heritage happenings in Vancouver.

As we launch into a new year of programming, we are excited to acknowledge and celebrate the 25th anniversary of VHF! Since 1992, VHF has grown into an established charity with a wide variety of events year-round as well as granting programs. VHF board and staff have worked hard to engage as many Vancouverites as possible with our rich and irreplaceable heritage buildings and places, and to have a positive impact on efforts to secure a future for historic places in our city. We've come a long way, and will continue to expand our efforts into the future. Throughout 2017, the VHF team looks forward to a full and fascinating year.



VANCOUVER SPECIAL HOUSE TOUR



Photo Credit: One SEED Architecture + Interiors

Back for its 9th year, the Vancouver Special House Tour offers a chance to get inside 5 examples of the now iconic housing style unique to Vancouver. With its basic floor plan and simple construction, the Vancouver Special lends itself to creative solutions and inventive ideas to adapt it to meet the needs of new owners. This tour serves as a showcase for how older housing styles can be transformed for modern living.

Among the homes on tour this April is a Riley Park 1976 Special that remains in the same family. It has received a thoughtful update with help from a pioneer of the revitalization of the Vancouver Special, Architect Stephanie Robb, artfully blending memory with modern for the current generation. Another stop on the tour will be a dramatic transformation of a 1970s Special into a sophisticated modern space with incredible wrap-around wood dining area that plays off the cedar ceiling.

Often utilized for multi-generational living, or as mortgage helpers, the possibilities for two full floors of living space are plentiful. On this tour, ticket holders will get to see some of the ways homeowners have chosen to personalize and adapt these family homes from the middle decades. You can learn about how to improve energy efficiency, speak to owners and experts in construction and materials and come away with great ideas for retaining and reusing older housing.

Saturday, April 22

1pm - 5pm

\$30 / \$23 with valid student ID

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SAVE THE DATE!
15th Annual Heritage House Tour
 Sunday, June 4
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OLD SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Old School teaches homeowners and professionals skills and knowledge for the care and maintenance of older buildings.

This spring, Old School offers some favourites including *Researching the History of a Building* where attendees learn about the resources available at the City of Vancouver Archives and the Vancouver Public Library Special Collections.

Core course, *Heritage 101* also returns, offering a solid introduction to heritage conservation and its framework in Vancouver, taught by City of Vancouver Senior Heritage Planner, Marco D'Agostini and Heritage Consultants, Judy Oberlander and Donald Luxton.

A full-day workshop will take us through repairs, maintenance techniques and best practices for double-hung wood windows. The course is taught by Jim Stiven, founder of Vintage Woodworks, who has over 37 years experience.

Civic Historian, John Atkin will lead us on another intriguing *Neighbourhood Zoning Walk*, this time exploring Chinatown, one of the city's few official Historic Areas. John will explore the changes that have resulted in its current form and the social and economic pressures it now faces.

Many of our programs are eligible for Professional Development credits. Visit our website for more information.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN

NEW VENUE!

VPL Central Library, Alma VanDusen Room
650 W Georgia Street, Lower Level
Wednesdays, 12pm – 1:30pm
\$15 / \$9 with valid student ID (inc. tax)

Learn about the state of heritage in Vancouver today with experts in architecture and design, city planning and other related fields. Bring your lunch and your questions and hear about the issues, projects and topics that are relevant to the future of Vancouver's historic neighbourhoods and buildings.

EVENING LECTURES AT HYCROFT

1489 McRae Avenue
Tuesdays, 7:30pm - 9pm
\$15 / \$9 with valid student ID (inc. tax)

Located in beautiful Hycroft Manor, VHF's Evening Lectures offer illustrated talks that look at the history of Vancouver, covering the events, movements and people that have shaped our city.

Thank you to the University Women's Club at Hycroft.

Heritage 101: Understanding Heritage Conservation

March 4, 9am - 5pm, \$125 (includes lunch)

A comprehensive introduction to the theory and practices that inform the conservation of heritage buildings and sites.

Researching the History of a Building

Discover how to research the unique stories of a building and learn vital information that can be used to guide future conservation decisions.

- City of Vancouver Archives: with John Atkin
April 5, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, \$20
- Vancouver Public Library: Special Collections
April 11, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Free, but registration is required

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk: How We Got to Today's Chinatown

April 2, 10am - 12pm, \$30

Explore heritage by-laws, existing zoning and current initiatives with John Atkin.

Maintenance and Repair of Double-Hung Wood Windows

April 8, 9am - 5pm, \$100 (includes lunch)

Learn how to repair common issues and perform proper maintenance with Jim Stiven.

Masonry Maintenance Workshop

Coming this May

Subscribe to our e-newsletter or check the website for details

Reviving Tamura House: Restoring a Sheet Metal Cornice

April 5

w/ Mitch Sakumoto, Architect and Randy Sewell, Owner
Eagle Sheet Metal

Heritage and Real Estate: Vancouver's Challenging Heritage Environment

April 26

w/ Andy Yan, SFU City Program Director and Gordon Price, former City Councillor and SFU City Program founding Director

Stanley Park Sites and Stories: Then and Now

February 21

w/ Adrienne Brown, Landscape Architect and Author

Rum-runners and Border Wars: Prohibition in BC

March 28

w/ Daniel Francis, Historian and Author

Ten Myths About Vancouver: The Real Stories

April 25

w/ John Atkin, Civic Historian and Author

15th ANNUAL HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR



Sunday, June 4

10am - 5pm

\$40 / \$30 with valid student ID

On June 4th, the annual Heritage House Tour returns for its 15th year. The tour will once again offer a great opportunity to see a variety of historic homes, from modest to grand in neighbourhoods across the city.

Since the inaugural tour in 2003, we've explored homes from Grandview to

Southlands, and the West End to Strathcona to Marpole. We've visited homes of former Senators, business leaders and even a Lieutenant Governor of BC. We have shared the important history of railroad and mill workers, mariners, small business owners and others who have been part of Vancouver's story. The tour has showcased a diversity of architecture from the 1890s on, ranging from catalogue homes to architect-designed mansions, purpose-built apartments and other buildings adapted to residential use.

Thanks to the generous homeowners who open their homes and the help of enthusiastic volunteers, the tour is a wonderful way to explore and experience Vancouver's history and heritage. As we celebrate a landmark year for the tour, we look forward to another group of wonderful homes that won't disappoint, so mark your calendar and be sure to join us!

VANCOUVER BY NIGHT BUS TOUR

Join us for another mystery tour of Vancouver at night! Hop on the bus and get whisked away to a series of surprise locations to learn about the intriguing history of our city that can be experienced in the evening hours. On the inaugural bus tour last year, attendees were delighted and surprised with three stops including a timely arrival at the 9 o'clock gun in Stanley Park. With snacks and warm drinks provided, this bus is full of adventure.

Please be prepared to hop on and off the bus and possibly walk to specific sites. We go rain or shine so dress for the weather too!

Date and time will be confirmed soon and announced on our website. Sign up for our e-newsletter to be the first to know!

HERITAGE WEEK 2017



February 13 - 19

Heritage Week is an early opportunity in the year to celebrate built heritage across BC and Canada. In 2017, the theme of "My Canada!" is running in communities nation-wide in honour of the 150th

anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Here in Vancouver a series of events explores the city's unique heritage places, different experiences of Canada and our place within the history of the nation, before and since 1867.

Francophones in Early Vancouver (English)

February 13, 10am - 12pm, \$15

Walking Tour with Maurice Guibord exploring the legacy of early Vancouver Francophones.

Official Heritage Week Launch

February 14, 3pm - 4:30pm, Free

The official proclamation read by Councillor Heather Deal in the iconic Marine Building and a talk and local tour with Maurice Guibord marks the official launch of Heritage Week.

Thank you to event sponsor Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association and event partner JJ Bean Coffee Roasters

Before the City: Eburne, Marpole and the River

February 18, 1pm - 3pm, \$15

Explore the dramatic changes that unfolded on the north shore of the Fraser River with Civic Historian, John Atkin.

Sunday Morning at the Ashnola

February 21, 9am - 10:30am, \$21

Enjoy a talk and local tour with Michael Kluckner about the Ashnola Apartments' prominent first owner and connections to Confederation while savouring coffee and a donut.

Thank you to event partner Cartems Donuterie

New Liverpool: Before the West End

February 19, 2pm - 4pm, \$15

Learn about the ambitious plans of 19th century settlers that shaped the modern West End with John Atkin

WALKING TOURS: APRIL TO OCTOBER



All walking tours \$15/each (inc. tax)

John Atkin and Maurice Guibord return this April with a full season of walking tours. Exploring Vancouver's diverse architectural styles, cultural history and significant sites, John and Maurice will visit neighbourhoods across the city from well-known historic districts to less-discovered corners. Full tour schedules and specific walk themes will be posted on our website in the coming weeks.

PLACES THAT MATTER: ONLINE



This spring we will be launching a new website to share information and images relating to the 125 Places That Matter sites. We will be reaching out to all those involved with the project so far and to the wider community to add to the resources we already have for these community-nominated sites,

and hope to include more personal stories and photographs. This project is possible thanks to a grant from the Heritage Legacy Fund from Heritage BC. The aim is to provide an accessible, mobile-friendly digital space to share history and community stories about significant places for residents, visitors, students and researchers who are interested in our city's cultural history. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer on research or photography, please see the *Get Involved* section of our website.

On October 23rd, the Places That Matter Plaque Project acknowledged Temple Shalom as plaque #85. Presented to Rabbi Dan Moskovitz in Trimble Park, the plaque has been installed near the original site of the Temple on West 10th Avenue. Community members gathered to reminisce and celebrate the history of the Temple's Jewish Reform congregation, and remember how a firebombing in 1985 led to relocation from Point Grey to the Oakridge neighbourhood.

Thank you to plaque sponsors The Jewish Museum & Archives of BC and Temple Shalom.



HERITAGE SITE FINDER UPDATE



This past year, close to 40 volunteers contributed time and effort to one of our key educational tools, the Heritage Site Finder Interactive Map. Out of the over 2200 locations on the map, close to half now have text about their history, and more are produced each week. Our goal of sharing an image and information about every building and site on the City of

Vancouver's Heritage Register is within reach!

This progress would not be possible without the volunteers who have put in countless research hours.

"Volunteering at VHF has been a great learning experience. It gave me an avenue to transfer and apply some of the skills I have picked up in school, and to discover more of the magnificent heritage buildings in this city." – Nurlaila Jamil

If you have not visited the Heritage Site Finder recently, take a few minutes to do so on your mobile device or computer. It now offers a wealth of information to discover historic places in our city.

WEBSITE RENOVATION



During a six-month internship with VHF, Archaeology Masters graduate Jessica Blesch coordinated an overhaul of the information resources on our website.

After assessing feedback garnered through an online survey, our web pages have been streamlined to make it easier to find information. New pages have been added with important and helpful resources and existing resources have been updated and added to.

Some key changes:

- All tours, lectures, workshops and special events are now found under the *Attend An Event* heading. If you are looking to purchase tickets or find information about an upcoming event, this is where to start.
- The *Learn With Us* heading is now home to important new pages such as the *Building Owner's Guide*, which provides resources for owners of heritage buildings, and *Heritage Basics and FAQ's*, a great starting point for anyone looking to better understand heritage conservation.
- There are also pages on policies and by-laws that affect heritage, papers by VHF, resources for discovering Vancouver's history and heritage, case studies on heritage and sustainability, and more.

If you haven't had a chance to tour our updated website, please do, and let us know if there are other resources you believe we should include.

Jessica's work was made possible by a grant from the Government of Canada.



MID-CENTURY MODERN HOUSE TOUR



In 2016, the Mid-Century Modern House Tour opened five homes that showcased the lasting influence of Modern design in homes built between the 1950s and 1980s. By bus or self-guided, ticket-

holders explored homes of the era including the much-talked about Friedman Residence. This remarkable Frederic Lasserre home, with landscaping designed by Cornelia Oberlander, had been in the media as highly threatened due to its small footprint on a large lot. It was purchased by new owners and opened on the tour before any restoration work began. We also tested a new pricing structure to allow for a less expensive price-point allowing more people to attend and learn about this wonderful architectural style. A reception held at the Vancouver Maritime Museum was an added bonus for many and included a talk by UBC SALA professor and author, Christopher MacDonald.

LANEWAY HOUSE TOUR



At the 7th annual Laneway House Tour, over 400 people visited six unique lane homes all built behind existing homes, including one built as part of the restoration of the Walter and Mary Lee Chan

house in Strathcona. All the laneway homes showed different ideas on how these small residences can be part of the conservation of a character neighbourhood, allow families to stay together and offer space for new families to move in.

THE WALL: EMILY NEUFELD



The WALL at the CBC Plaza welcomed a new work by artist Emily Neufeld. Through her piece *Picture window*, Emily investigates the ways in which our homes are "repositories for our memories." Primarily working with sculpture, photography

and exploring spaces marked for demolition, Emily has found new ways of questioning the lived history of a space. An artist's talk in November officially launched the work and explained the meaning and process behind her practice.

We will be accepting proposals for a 2017 WALL artist until March 3, visit the *Projects* section of our website for further information on how to apply.

CITY DRINKS: CASA MIA



On September 30th, 150 guests attended City Drinks, a now annual fundraising event that supports VHF programs and projects. Starting in 2014, we've enjoyed special evenings in remarkable heritage spaces including the Sun Tower, a 1912 Shaughnessy mansion

and now the historic Vancouver estate home, *Casa Mia*. With a special performance by internationally-renowned artists Roy & Rosemary, guests also enjoyed a silent auction and tours of the remarkable home. The evening raised over \$20,000. Thank you to all who attended and to those who donated silent auction items, wine and desserts.

VHF GRANTING PROGRAMS



Read the newest case study featuring energy efficiency retrofits of a recent grant recipient on the *Heritage & Sustainability* page of our website

A new round of conservation grants has begun with applications for 2017 due on February 1st. In 2016, four houses were repainted in historic colours through the *True Colours* program, while other projects benefitted from the *Restore It* program. Supported projects included roofing works and restoration of exterior cladding, wood windows and decorative brackets. The program also assisted The Mission to Seafarers Heritage 'A' building in replacing their 111-year-old drainage system.

2016 saw the successful completion of VHF's pilot *Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant* program. Ten pre-1940 homes completed energy retrofits. Participants achieved a range of annual greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions from 0.18 to 6.52 tonnes, with an average reduction of 2.1 tonnes. Program participants implemented over \$100,000 worth of retrofits and qualified for almost \$20,000 in rebates from the utilities.

The renewed *Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant* program has added support for storm windows, water efficiency measures, and continued guidance for the most appropriate and effective retrofits for older homes. The program covers most of the cost of home energy evaluations to qualify for the grant and utility rebates, and can help older homes significantly reduce their energy costs and increase comfort. VHF thanks the City of Vancouver for the continued funding of the program which helps older homes be more energy efficient into the future.

HERITAGE IN VANCOUVER

Chinese Society Buildings Update



In December 2015, Council approved the Chinese Society Legacy Program, committing \$3.6 million towards the estimated \$36 million needed to rehabilitate important historic Society buildings in Chinatown. This will be a long-term project requiring funding partners and fundraising to achieve. In the meantime, some work has begun including the exterior rehabilitation of the 1903 building home to the non-

profit society, Lim Sai Hor Kow Mock Benevolent Association, with help from the City of Vancouver's Chinese Society Matching Grant and Heritage Façade Rehabilitation programs. This phase includes roof and masonry repairs as well as façade work and is scheduled to complete by summer. The distinctive building is an example of the significant heritage resources in the National Historic Site, Vancouver's Chinatown.

Burrard Bridge



Installation is underway on the Burrard Bridge of the reproduction pedestrian lamp standards and sconces, restoring this aspect of the bridge to its 1932 appearance. The original lamp standards were previously removed and utilitarian

street lighting installed in its place. The new scheme includes modern street lighting on the outer side of the bridge deck. The much-debated new fencing is also being installed with a design aiming to work with the restored pedestrian lighting and minimize its impact on the view from the bridge. VHF is also working with partners and city staff to get the four brazier towers restored to their full impact during the next year and hope to have good news on progress soon. The braziers are a dramatic and poignant part of the bridge as they were conceived by the bridge engineer and the architect, both WWI veterans, to commemorate the sacrifices of the War.

Character Home Zoning Review



Through November and December, the City of Vancouver held open houses and an online survey in a public consultation process on potential ways to improve retention of character homes in single-family areas. The consultation focused

on four study areas that currently have several different zoning schedules, in the north west, north east, south west and central areas of the city. There were over 1,000 attendees and 3,300 online surveys completed. A variety of tools were presented for feedback. The City will now compile all the data and responses and a report to Council on findings is expected for March 2017.

Arbutus Greenway



The Arbutus Corridor was originally the site of an important rail line through Vancouver's west side beginning in the 1900s, seeing both industrial and passenger use through a century of service. Unused for transport since the early

2000s, the community gardens and subsequent green space that grew over time came to also have significance for the community. Recently the City asked for ideas and feedback regarding the design of a new greenspace that makes use of the Arbutus Corridor. This initial consultation phase has now concluded, however you can sign up to receive updates about the project. Visit the *Heritage News* page of our website for more information.

Photo Credit: CVA Am54-S4:- Str P405 Crossing with Magee Road (now West 49th Ave.) looking west, c. 1902.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is a milestone year for Vancouver Heritage Foundation as we celebrate 25 years of operations in July, and the 15th annual Heritage House Tour in June. We have a full program planned to continue connecting Vancouverites with heritage buildings and places across the city and supporting them in taking on heritage projects. From lectures and walking tours to Old School workshops and house tours, there are plenty of opportunities to learn something new and explore different neighbourhoods. Don't forget to try out the Heritage Site Finder and other online resources that offer a wealth of information to explore from your desktop or out and about on a mobile device.

Heritage places and neighbourhood character are much in the news and at VHF we continue to take an active role to support good policy as well as individual projects. Through our grants programs we are able to directly encourage homeowners and building owners going the extra mile to do good conservation work, and it is heartening to see public projects also proceeding such as the reinstatement of the original-style lighting on the Burrard Bridge. We look forward to assisting more conservation work through the year.

There are many ways to get involved and support our efforts – by attending an event, volunteering your time or making a donation. I hope you will join us during the coming months and help us make it a truly special year for VHF!

Judith Mosley
VHF Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



2017 will be an exciting year for Vancouver Heritage Foundation as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. In that time, VHF has become a well-respected organization, a resource for heritage homeowners and a voice for heritage in our city. Delivering some 70 events annually including house and walking tours, lectures and talks, Old School courses and workshops along with special events, the work that VHF does is vital to the heritage community.

The impact of VHF programs is both measurable and impressive. Since providing our first grants in 1999, the True Colours grant and other VHF conservation grants have now assisted more than 133 heritage projects across the city. In the 15 years since our first Heritage House Tour, VHF has opened over 285 homes and buildings to the public, welcoming thousands of visitors each year and providing an up-close look at Vancouver's built heritage. Heritage enjoys a higher profile and priority today for Vancouverites than it did even a decade ago and VHF has played a key role in this.

I want to extend my gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers, dedicated staff and board members who have worked with us over the past 25 years. In particular, I would like to thank VHF's early board members and former Executive Director, Diane Switzer, individuals who were so instrumental in growing the organization into where we are today. As we celebrate our first 25 years and honour those who have built VHF, we also look ahead with focus on our goal of honouring those who have built our city. The heritage of our city is critical to a rich cultural future and so we look forward to working with you as we continue to knit the history of our city into the fabric of its future.

David Dove
VHF Chair

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our annual fundraising campaign concluded earlier this month and it was another successful year. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported us through the campaign, and reaffirmed that you value our important work. As a registered charity VHF relies on private donations to deliver as much as we do.

There are many ways to support VHF. While the annual fundraising campaign is an important funding source, we accept donations year round and can also set up monthly automatic payments. You can also consider a legacy donation and join long-time VHF supporters like Robert Lemon and Donald Luxton in bequeathing a gift to VHF from your estate. Please contact us to learn more about ways to donate or to discuss a planned gift. However you choose to support VHF, we greatly appreciate every contribution.

VOLUNTEERING



VHF invites volunteers to sign up for our 2017 house tours! Tour dates that have been firmly scheduled are the Vancouver Special House Tour, Saturday April 22nd, and the Heritage House Tour, Sunday June 4th. If you have not received an invite to volunteer, please email rebecca@vancouverheritagefoundation.org.

If you are interested in becoming a VHF volunteer, please visit the *Get Involved* section of our website to read the volunteer guidelines on the *Volunteer With VHF* page. You can learn about current opportunities and expectations. Below that is a link to sign up.

Don't forget that after volunteering on two tours or doing research or photography sets on the Heritage Site Finder, you qualify for free seats in Brown Bag Lunch & Learn talks and Evening Lectures at Hycroft. Seats are limited so sign up early. Contact us for more information!

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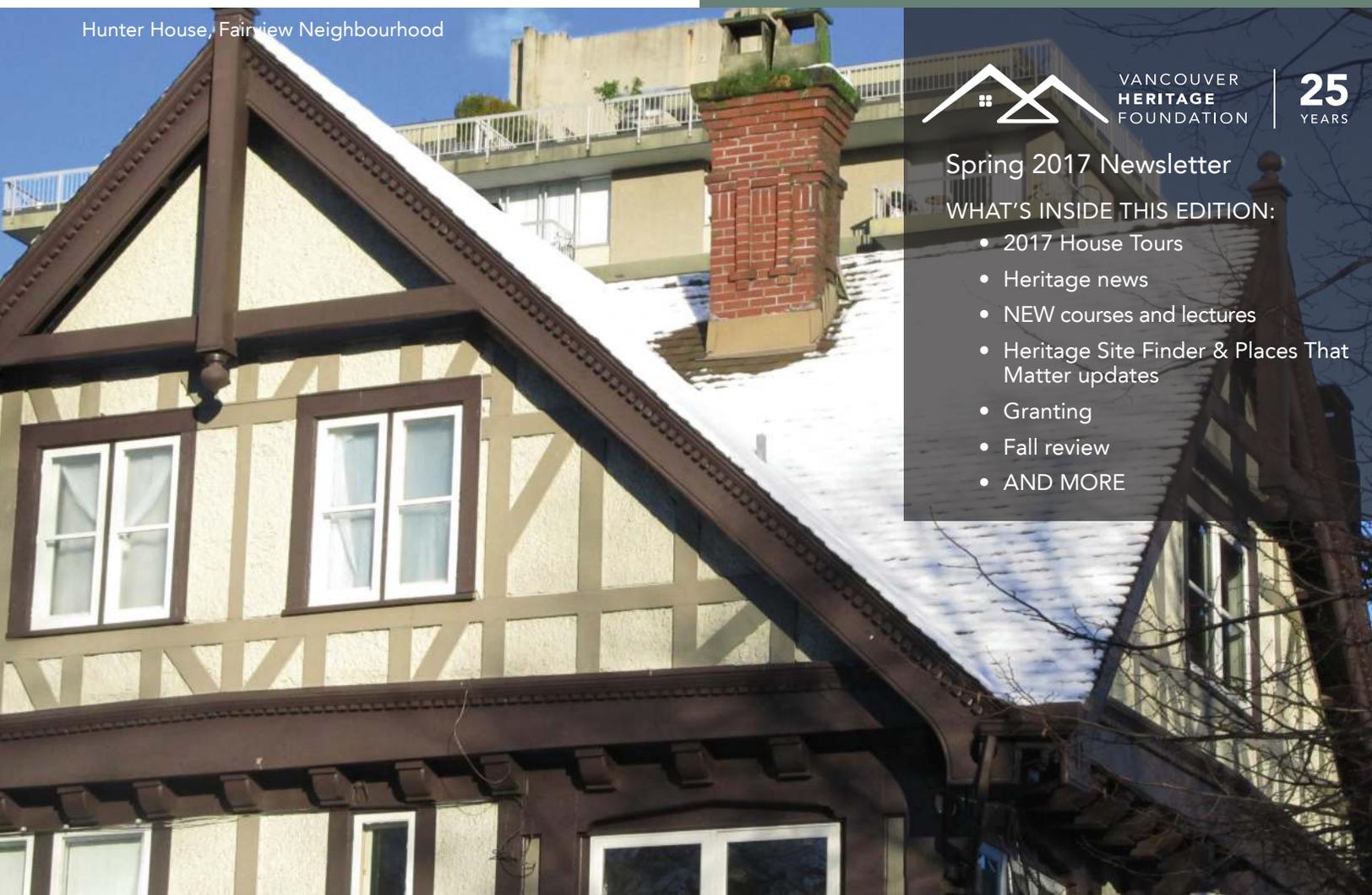
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Hunter House, Fairview Neighbourhood



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