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February 15 - 21 is Heritage Week in BC, with a theme of 'Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places' honoring the vibrant tourism history of our province and the heritage places that make Vancouver a distinctive destination today. It all kicks off on February 15, National Heritage Day, celebrated across Canada. VHF invites you to celebrate Vancouver's unique and distinctive historic sites and places with a week of events. To purchase tickets or for more information visit www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org or call 604 264 9642.

VHF Celebrates Heritage Week 2016

Monday, Feb 15: National Heritage Day and Official Launch of Heritage Week 2016

Join us for this fun, free public event where Deputy Mayor, Councillor Heather Deal, will read the official City of Vancouver proclamation celebrating Heritage Week. Guests can also sign up to be part of a group of 30 people to take a short walking tour of the area with Civic Historian John Atkin. Sign-up for the walk will begin at 12pm and will be first-come, first-served. Complimentary coffee will be provided.

Roundhouse Community Centre, Turntable Plaza. 12 noon - 1pm, FREE

Tuesday, Feb 16: Selling Vancouver to Tourists: 1890 - 1960

Author and Artist, Michael Kluckner will explore how Vancouver was marketed by the Canadian Pacific Railway and others as a tourist destination in an illustrated lecture at beautiful Hycroft Manor. He will look at the influence of natural attractions and how people traveled, the rise of tourist hotels and later "auto-court" hotels as well as how First Nations culture was first represented.

Hycroft Manor, 1498 McRae. 7:30pm - 9:30pm, \$15 or \$9 with valid student ID

Saturday, Feb 20: Spending the Night: Vancouver's Historic Hotels

John Atkin leads this walking tour of downtown Vancouver hotels, past and present, to discover the history and architecture of these storied buildings. Vancouver's historic hotels speak of the way early travelers experienced our city, and how design was integral to the type of clientele the hotel was hoping to attract. From humble structures hugging the shoreline on the edge of a forest, to the grandeur and elegance of the iconic railroad hotel now updated with today's luxury offerings.

Downtown Vancouver. 10am - 12 noon, \$15

Sunday, Feb 21: Historic Stanley Park: From British Enclave to Urban Oasis

Historian Maurice Guibord leads a walking tour and illustrated lecture on Stanley Park. After centuries of use by local First Nations, Stanley Park was transformed into an ode to British gardens, where Vancouver's settler population could feel at home. It has become one of the most famous city parks in the world, drawing thousands of tourists every year. We'll explore elements of the park's First Nations history along with some of the sites that launched the park as a British enclave. From there we'll enjoy the comfort of the Vancouver Rowing Club with warm beverages, a short introduction to the history of the Club from General Manager Keith Jolly and an illustrated talk on other aspects of the park's fascinating history by Maurice.

Stanley Park and Vancouver Rowing Club. 9:30am - 12pm, \$20 or \$15 with valid student ID

Examples of photos available (others available upon request)



ref: Vancouver Rowing Club



ref: Stanley Park



ref: Hotel Vancouver, City of Vancouver Archives

Tickets and Information about VHF Heritage Week events visit: www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org or call 604 264 9642

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