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February 19 - 25, 2018 is Heritage Week in BC and across Canada. The theme of 'Heritage Stands the Test of Time' honours the endurance of heritage sites and buildings and their cultural significance as well as their contribution to a sustainable future. Vancouver Heritage Foundation invites you to celebrate Vancouver's unique 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 2018

Join us in celebrating Heritage Week by attending one of our special events! Each event highlights our varied communities, local history and the places that make Vancouver unique. Celebrate the lasting value and significance of our historic sites and buildings, their role in telling community stories and their rich contribution to our lives today. We are joining the rest of the province and communities across Canada in celebrating this important week with events and inspiration to get you out exploring historic places in our city.

Wednesday, Feb 21: Places That Matter: Community Celebration & Proclamation Reading

Celebrate the local, cultural and lesser known history of our city with a free evening of storytelling, community and refreshments. Local comedian Morgan Brayton will serve as MC introducing several speakers connected to *Places That Matter* sites. We will kick off Heritage Week with a reading of the official proclamation. There will be opportunities to share your own stories, or just listen in, as well as view displays related to the *Places That Matter* plaque project and the new website, the *Community History Resource*.

Kitsilano Neighbourhood House, 2305 W 7th Ave. 6:30pm - 9pm, FREE

Saturday, Feb 24: Gastown Revisited

Since its designation as a heritage district in 1971, Gastown has continued to evolve and adapt to a changing city. On this walking tour, historian John Atkin explores some of the more recent interventions. Join us to discover there's more to the district than initially meets the eye.

Gastown. 10am – 12 noon, \$15

Sunday, Feb 25: Sunday Morning at Punjabi Market

Enjoy a morning of cultural stories and local history starting at All India Sweets and Restaurant, one of our *Places That Matter* sites. Enjoy authentic chai and treats and hear about the people, businesses and stories that make this part of town so special. Then enjoy a walking tour of the area that highlights the past and looks towards the future of this vibrant area.

All India Sweets and Restaurant, 6560 Main St. 9:30am - 12pm, \$25

Examples of photos available (others available upon request)



ref: Punjabi Market/ All India Sweets



ref: Kitsilano Neighbourhood House



ref: Gastown

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

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