



WEST END HERITAGE TOUR



This September Vancouver Heritage Foundation is offering a brand new tour, with a twist from our usual house tours. With over 15 sites between Robson Street and English Bay, and Burrard Street and Stanley Park, the West End Heritage Tour offers a self-guided journey at your own pace through this diverse and unique neighbourhood. Explore the storied area by foot, bike, public transit or car and get inside private residences, gardens and commercial spaces as well as community buildings and sites that help tell the story of the West End. Learn the history of each site and discover its part in the rich cultural heritage and community of the area.

With so many stops open on the day, ticket holders can choose the stops that interest them the most or visit all the sites to see the full diversity of the area's history. We have partnered with local companies to make tour day more enjoyable. Ticket holders will have access to special offers on bike shares through Mobi by Shaw Go, parking from EasyPark and coffee and treats from JJ Bean Coffee Roasters. Full offer details will be provided with your ticket brochure.

If you missed the Queen Charlotte Apartments on the 2015 Heritage House Tour, now is your chance to see inside including a suite not previously opened. You can also explore the Mid-Century Modern staff spaces at the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation office, two heritage churches and many more sites.

Saturday, September 29

12pm - 5pm

\$30/\$23 with valid student ID

*Thank you to presenting sponsor
West End Business Improvement Association*

CITY DRINKS at the SEAFORTH ARMOURY



Our annual fundraising event returns this fall on Thursday, November 22nd, this time generously hosted by the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada at the historic Seaforth Armoury. Join us for a special evening inside the recently restored mess halls at this landmark building, designed in Scottish Baronial style by architects McCarter & Nairne and completed in 1936. Guests will enjoy music, wine, hors d'oeuvres and of course lots of history, including the opportunity to view artifacts from the Seaforth Museum and hear from archivist James Calhoun about the regiment's

long history in Vancouver. Both live and silent auctions will offer an array of items to bid on and help VHF achieve our fundraising goal. All proceeds support our educational programming and projects.

If you would like to donate an item for the auction or become an event sponsor, please contact the VHF office.

Thursday, November 22

7pm - 10pm

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

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EDUCATION

EVENING LECTURES AT HYCROFT

Illustrated lectures on Vancouver's history and development

University Women's Club at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Avenue

7:30pm - 9pm

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

Private Property, Public Regulation, and the History of the Arbutus Corridor

Douglas Harris, the Nathan T. Nemetz Chair in Legal History at UBC
September 18

Vancouver's Police Museum: Stories from 240 E Cordova

Rosslyn Shipp, Director and Elizabeth Peterson, Curator at the Vancouver Police Museum

October 9

Granville Street: 1886 to Today - Commerce, Entertainment and Historic Buildings

Michael Gordon, Senior Central Area Planner, City of Vancouver and Aaron Chapman, Author and Musician

October 30

To book any of our educational programs visit vancouverheritagefoundation.org or call 604 264 9642

OTHER EVENTS

POINT GREY AND ABERTHAU MANSION TOUR

West Point Grey has been home to the original Vancouver Golf Club, a boys school, a Royal Canadian Air Force base and Aberthau Mansion. Join Historian John Atkin for a tour that will look at the history and development of the area around Aberthau, before touring rooms inside the mansion and ending with refreshments.

October 21, 10am - 12pm, \$20

THE ELECTRA: REPROGRAMMING A MID-CENTURY LANDMARK

From corporate to residential landmark, a quarter century ago work began on the adaptive reuse of the 1957 BC Hydro head office as The Electra. Hear about this successful Vancouver project, its history and legacy from Architect Paul Merrick in conversation with Heritage Consultant Donald Luxton.

November 7, 6:30pm - 8pm, FREE (registration required)

The Electra, 989 Nelson Street

Thank you to event partners University of BC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and The Electra

GRANVILLE ISLAND & FALSE CREEK: EXPLORE THE TRANSFORMATION BY BOAT

The transformation of False Creek began in the 1970s with the rethinking of Granville Island, now a top tourist destination and the heart of a popular residential and commercial district. Historic buildings and industrial artifacts are ingredients in the success of the area. Join Architect Joost Bakker aboard a False Creek Ferry boat to explore the history and transformation of False Creek from the water.

October 7, 2pm - 3:30pm, SOLD OUT

Thank you to event partner False Creek Ferries

OLD SCHOOL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Practical workshops and courses for heritage conservation

Researching the History of a Building: Vancouver Public Library Special Collections Re-Opening

November 13, 6pm - 8:30pm

Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 W Georgia St

Join VHF and Assistant Manager for Information Services, Timothy McMillan for a special evening to explore the VPL's Special Collections, re-opened after 14 months. Learn about the remarkable historical resources available for researching a building or site and how to use them for your own project.

Heritage Register and Heritage Designation – and What It Means for You

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

Roundhouse Community Centre, Room B, 181 Roundhouse Mews

What does it mean to be on the Heritage Register or to Designate a property? Join Heritage Consultant Donald Luxton for a presentation and discussion – bring your questions.

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.

HISTORIC VANCOUVER BY NIGHT BUS TOUR



The mystery bus is setting off through the evening once again! Join VHF and Historian John Atkin for a night-time bus tour around Vancouver's heritage streetscapes. See several historic sites across the city from a uniquely after-dark perspective and learn the fascinating stories of each stop. Where the tour goes is a mystery and different every year. John will also share archival images, anecdotes and stories along the way, and a snack will be provided.

We will be getting off the bus several times, rain or shine, so be sure to dress for the weather.

November 15, 6pm - 9pm, \$45

Thank you to event partner International Stage Lines



FALL MAINTENANCE



September is a great time to start planning for your fall maintenance tasks, as many can be done while the weather is still warm, in preparation for the wet and cold temperatures to come. Jobs such as cleaning the gutters and installing gutter guards, ensuring your outdoor drainage systems are working and changing out furnace filters can be done in a weekend and save you headaches in later months. If you're looking for inspiration, pop over to our website to view our short film *Maintaining History* to see how others work to maintain heritage buildings, including the much bigger project of maintaining the Marine Building. Visit vancouverheritagefoundation.org/maintaining-your-heritage-building to view the film and find other great maintenance tips.

PROJECT UPDATES

MAP GUIDES



This spring we completed work on two map guide updates: Vancouver's Chinatown and Historic Japanese Canadian District (Paueru-Gai). In April, we worked with historians and community members to update the Chinatown map guide in time for the City of Vancouver's official apology for past discrimination against people of Chinese descent. The guide received updated information and images and was printed in both English and Chinese. In May, the

Historic Japanese Canadian District guide was also updated with new images and information, working with partners including the Vancouver Japanese Language School in order to have the guides printed in English and Japanese in time for their 90th anniversary celebrations. Both guides are available as PDF downloads on our website, or in print from our office.

Funding support from the City of Vancouver and the Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall made these projects possible.

PLACES THAT MATTER: COMMUNITY HISTORY RESOURCE



The *Community History Resource* has several updated sites due to the hard work of Special Projects Research Assistant Sarah Delaney. Over a 10-week summer placement at VHF, Sarah researched over twenty *Places That Matter* sites including the original Georgia Street Viaduct, Crab Park and the Yada Apartments discovering history, stories and

images. You can visit and explore these and the many other sites at vancouverheritagefoundation.org/places-that-matter/

Work is ongoing to complete pages on all of the *Places That Matter* sites and we always welcome personal stories and images that grow the project. Click on the 'Submit a Story' button if you have a story to share about a specific site on the *Community History Resource*.

SCHOOLS PROJECT

This past spring we worked with a local high school teacher and his class to introduce VHF's educational resources to a younger demographic. We met with the class in early 2018, introduced them to VHF and what we do, and offered students the opportunity to explore our *Places That Matter Community History Resource* and the *Heritage Site Finder*. Many of their favourite places included historic spots like Science World or the Bloedel Conservatory, as well as local parks. Some students submitted their own stories which are available on the *Community History Resource* website.

With partial funding from Heritage BC through a Heritage Legacy Fund Grant, we will take this project forward, working with educators and students through 2019 to produce a VHF Heritage Study Guide in line with the BC curriculum and other learning objectives to be used in classrooms around the city. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, we can accept donations specifically for the Schools Project. Please contact our office at mail@vancouverheritagefoundation.org or call 604 264 9642.

SPRING RECAP

HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR 2018



On June 3rd we hosted the 16th annual Heritage House Tour with beautiful homes across Vancouver. Guests learned about West Point Grey with several homes in this neighbourhood and The Old Hastings Mill Store Museum was open special hours for tour day. Fans of the "Hobbit House" enjoyed the unique design of a Tudor Revival cottage built for a French Baron by the same contractor and we also explored the history and exquisite architecture of

Aberthau and its renowned Oak Room. Classic car aficionados were also treated to a chance to get up close to two historic vehicles parked at tour homes during the event.

VHF IN THE COMMUNITY

This summer, VHF offered several chances to learn about history free of charge to the general public. In June and July, we set up our booth at Car Free Day Main Street and Car Free Day on the Drive where we invited the public to learn about the free resources we offer and add places significant to them to our heritage map. In July and August, we partnered with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association to offer a series of Heritage Pop-Up events at the Perch at Lot 19 on West Hastings Street. Each week featured a historic era and offered music, art and history over the lunch hour.

ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

In March, eager photographers joined Architectural Photographer Martin Knowles and Historian John Atkin for a private tour of the impressive Orpheum Theatre. John offered a brief history of the storied venue, while Martin provided tips and tricks to best capture the beauty of the space. The tour was very well received and we are likely to repeat this event. Sign up to our e-newsletter to be sure to know when we announce a new date!



2018 Restore It grant recipient

HERITAGE ENERGY RETROFIT GRANT

Older homes often have lots of potential to improve energy efficiency and comfort and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program provides valuable guidance and financial support for homeowners. Since fall 2016, 38 homes have enrolled in the program and popular retrofits have included insulation, air sealing and heating devices. However the program also offers support for installing

storm windows and water conservation measures. The program is accepting applications until October 31st, 2018. All accepted projects will have up to 12 months to complete their retrofits. For more information, visit our website or call to speak to someone about your project.

CONSERVATION GRANTS

Details of the 2019 *True Colours*, *Restore It*, *Get on the Register* and *House Call* grants will be available on our website by October 31st, 2018. The deadline to apply for any of VHF's conservation grants is February 1st, 2019.

With help from a Restore It grant, the porch restoration of this century-old home (above), listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register, went ahead earlier this summer. It is just one step in the exterior restoration, with painting in historic colours planned for next year.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As the season changes, it is the perfect time to make some plans and put Vancouver Heritage Foundation events in your calendar. Not to be missed in late September is VHF's first large-scale neighbourhood heritage tour, visiting a diversity of places in the West End. I hope you will join us for this fresh take on one of our longest-running programs. A boat tour on False Creek, a mystery evening bus tour and a fireside discussion at a mid-century landmark all add unique opportunities this fall to explore Vancouver's history and the value of heritage places.

Some key VHF projects have taken shape this year including updated map guides. The *Places That Matter* and *Heritage Site Finder* websites continue to grow with more information added regularly, thanks to the contributions of volunteer and staff researchers, and others who have shared their own stories. The development of a study guide to help high school students discover the history and heritage of the city will be a focus for the fall, drawing on these rich learning resources.

In November, we are looking forward to VHF's 5th annual City Drinks fundraising evening and hope you will join us for this very special event. Through this and the annual campaign, your support helps us plan another rich calendar of events and sustained support for heritage conservation in our city.

Judith Mosley
VHF Executive Director

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2018



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. Vancouver Heritage Foundation relies on the generous support of donors to deliver our programs, with 25% of our annual funding coming from donations and fundraising. Our annual campaign each fall provides a significant boost to our activities and allows us to plan

with confidence for the year ahead. Please consider making a donation.

There are several ways to support VHF at this time of year. You can make a donation to the annual campaign or set up a monthly donation to provide sustained support to our work. You can also make a donation to support a specific VHF project such as the creation of a study guide for high schools, or the continued research for the Heritage Site Finder. Donations can be made online, over the phone or by mail.

Our annual fundraising event, City Drinks (see page 1), is another great way to support VHF. Proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorship and the auction contribute greatly to our programs and projects.

You can also support VHF's efforts to ensure a future for historic buildings and places in our city with a legacy gift. Bequeathing a gift from your estate creates a lasting contribution. Please contact VHF for information about different ways you could direct a gift.

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