



HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR 2020

On June 7th, the Heritage House Tour will return for its 18th year. This unique opportunity to explore a variety of heritage homes in neighbourhoods across the city is Vancouver Heritage Foundation's biggest event of the year. Each stop on the tour has its own story, past and present, from early architects, builders and residents to more recent restorations and adaptations. The day offers a wonderful way to explore Vancouver's diverse neighbourhoods as well as architectural styles, design ideas and garden landscapes.

Featuring on the tour will be the impressively well-retained 1913 residence pictured above. Designed by American architect G.H. Clemence in the Dutch Colonial Revival style popular at the time, its spacious rooms and original wood finishes have stood the test of time. Step inside this unique home and a selection of others on tour day!

The self-guided tour can be enjoyed at your own pace. Your ticket is a guidebook that provides information about each home on the tour along with local history and information to help you plan your day. Tickets for the tour can be purchased from early February with guidebooks available to be mailed or picked up in May.

Sunday, June 7

10am - 5pm

\$45 / \$30 with valid student ID

Presenting Sponsor: Stonehouse Team

NEW GRANTS PROGRAM GETS PROJECTS UNDERWAY



Last year, VHF launched two new grant programs and relaunched a third. The Heritage Conservation Grants Program expands on 20 years of VHF granting for conservation work, while the Yosef Wosk Publication Grants enable us to support new original publications. The renewed Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program has increased incentives available for improving energy efficiency in heritage and character homes.

The Heritage Conservation Grants Program supports both planning and conservation projects for buildings and sites listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register. With new funding support from the City of Vancouver, VHF is able to offer \$230,000 to conservation projects in the 2019/20 grant cycle.

The initial intake has resulted in some exciting projects moving forward. Applicants included homeowners and non-profit organizations that care for Vancouver's historic places across the city, from Hastings-Sunrise to Marpole and West Point Grey. Supported projects include roofing and gutter replacement, window rehabilitation, stained glass restoration and painting projects using the True Colours palette. The current application intake closes February 18th, 2020. Applications for 2020/21 grants will be due in October.

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OLD SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Old School teaches homeowners, building owners and professionals skills and knowledge for the restoration and maintenance of older buildings. This spring, two new opportunities for professional education join core course Heritage 101 and we will offer a new event all about improving energy efficiency in older homes and buildings. The popular workshop on planning a heritage garden returns in May.

Mid-Project Tour: St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church Seismic Upgrade and Heritage Restoration

February 21, 4pm - 6pm, \$85

Join a special opportunity to tour inside the venerable church as it undergoes seismic upgrading and a heritage restoration. Participants must supply specific safety equipment. Details on the website.

Professional Historical Colours Analysis Workshop

February 29, 9am - 5pm, \$110 (incl. lunch)
Strathcona Church, 431 Princess Ave

Learn in depth about authentic colour schemes for heritage restorations in Vancouver. Instructor and heritage consultant Donald Luxton will cover the history of exterior colour use and demonstrate sampling techniques. This workshop is geared towards heritage and design professionals.



Heritage 101: An Introduction to Heritage Conservation

April 25, 9am - 5pm, \$115 (incl. lunch)
St. Mary's Kerrisdale, 2490 W 37th Ave

A comprehensive introduction to the theory and practices that inform the conservation of heritage buildings and sites. This is an essential course for anyone working with historic buildings and places including owners and professionals.

Planning a Heritage Garden

May 21, 6pm - 8:30pm, \$45

Christine Allen, author of 'Gardens of Vancouver', will show you how to design a heritage garden including an overview of traditional garden styles and how they were interpreted in early Vancouver.

Sustainability Forum: Improving Energy Efficiency in Older Buildings

Details coming soon

Which energy retrofits make sense for your heritage home or building? Bring your questions and join VHF and an expert panel for a lively evening of presentations and discussion about improving the energy efficiency and sustainability of heritage and character homes.

Many of our programs are eligible for Professional Development credits including AIBC, PIBC, BCAAIC, BCSLA, IDIBC and BOABC. Visit our website for more information.

EVENING LECTURES

Select Tuesdays, 7:30pm - 9pm

\$16 / \$10 with valid student ID (incl. tax)

University Women's Club at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Ave

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. This spring we will celebrate the 50th lecture in this series with event partner University Women's Club of Vancouver.

A Century of Planning: From Bartholomew to City Plan

March 3

w/ Michael Kluckner, Author

90 years on from Vancouver's first city plan, Michael Kluckner will take a look at its impact on the modern city, including what was implemented, what worked and what didn't.

Chinatown Through a Wide Lens: The Hidden Photographs of Yucho Chow

March 31

w/ Catherine Clement, Community Curator and Designer

From his Chinatown studio (1907-1949), Yucho Chow chronicled life during a tumultuous time. Catherine Clement will share this extraordinary collection of photographs and explore what they tell us about Vancouver and the role of Chinatown in people's lives.

History on the Ground: Enhancing Community with Heritage Retention

April 28

w/ Scot Hein, Adjunct Professor of Urban Design, UBC SALA

Can heritage values and local context underpin and enhance the forthcoming citywide plan for Vancouver? Scot Hein will explore local examples of development with heritage retention, including the role of community, how local narrative and meaning were revealed, the value of authenticity and the considerations for adding housing to neighbourhoods.

HERITAGE WEEK 2020

**2020 Vision: Bringing the Past into the Future
February 17 - 23**

Heritage Week is a nationally recognized week of exploration into Canada's cultural heritage and historic places. In 2020, the conversation is focusing on the future of heritage.

Adaptation and restoration are key to a sustainable future, preserving diverse spaces for community gathering, cultural activities, affordable retail and residential use. The vision for the future also includes continued reconciliation with Indigenous communities and a more inclusive telling of the stories of the past for all communities.

VHF is offering three events during Heritage Week – join us to explore Vancouver's history and heritage places and how they can be part of the future.

**Mid-Project Tour: St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church
Seismic Upgrade and Heritage Restoration
February 21**

Professional education opportunity.
See "Old School Workshops & Courses" for more information.

**Something Old/Something New: Adaptive Reuse
and Industrial Heritage**

February 23, 10am - 12pm, \$16

On this walking tour, historian John Atkin will explore the challenges and benefits of adaptive reuse in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood.

**PLACES THAT MATTER:
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

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February 19, 6pm - 8:30pm

Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street

FREE

Join VHF to learn about the special places recognized in the Places That Matter project, and hear about them from the people and organizations involved in bringing their history forward. This free celebration includes displays from a variety of organizations, institutions and individuals related to Places That Matter sites and local history, a short program of storytelling, as well as live music from bluegrass band, Viper Central and refreshments.

Thank you to our event partner Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Association and in-kind donations from Cartems Donuterie, COBS Bread and All India Sweets and Restaurant

**WALKING TOURS
APRIL TO NOVEMBER**

In 2019 walking tours were one of our most popular offerings with events selling out as quickly as we could confirm them. We are excited to offer a new line-up of tours running from April to November. Please note we will be releasing walking tours for registration in several phases this year.

Historian John Atkin will explore a slice of the city along Victoria Drive, Christine Hagemoen will tell us stories of Mount Pleasant and Rob Howatson heads south with points of interest in Fraserview.

Additional tours will also be announced throughout the year, so be sure to sign up for our enews and follow us on social media to keep informed.

April to November

All walking tours \$16 each (incl. tax)

SPECIAL EVENT TOURS**False Creek by Boat: 150 Years of Industry and Change
April 4, \$35**

Cruise the length of False Creek with historian John Atkin and explore the extraordinary changes brought by development on its shores. Including ground-breaking housing, pioneering green development and the ongoing transformation, the Creek offers a catalogue of urban planning and design that helped put Vancouver on the map.

**Architectural Photography Workshop and Tour of UBC
Mid-Century Modernism**

May 9

The clean lines and innovative materials of Mid-Century Modern architecture can be found all over the UBC campus. In this unique tour, develop your photography skills with architectural photographer, Michael Perlmutter, and learn about the architectural history with UBC SALA Professor Emeritus Sherry McKay. Open to all skill levels. Please bring your own photographic equipment – tripods are recommended.

Further special events, including a bus tour featuring Vancouver's stained glass with architectural historian Jim Wolf, are being planned for the coming months. Check for details on the website and in the e-newsletter.

10 YEARS OF THE WALL: A PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION



The current exhibit on The WALL is the tenth installation on this unique public art platform in downtown Vancouver. As we mark this milestone, we are pleased to confirm the renewal of this prominent street-side project for the next five years. The WALL has featured artworks by both upcoming and established artists, exploring the theme of Vancouver's built environment on a massive scale in the 43' x 32' frame above the CBC plaza. Each artist has the opportunity to explore the CBC Archives for inspiration and consider local history and built heritage.

The WALL was launched with the redesign of the CBC building and plaza in 2009 by Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects and is the result of a partnership between CBC Radio-Canada and Vancouver Heritage Foundation. VHF produces the artworks in partnership with the City of Vancouver Public Art Program. Additional funding is provided by JJ Bean Coffee Roasters and in-kind support comes from Process Color and Knight Signs for the printing and installation of the piece. The artist is selected

each year by the VHF WALL Committee who volunteer their time and share their expertise.

The artworks to date have explored a wide range of topics from lesser-known histories to demolition and change. Information about each featured work is on the VHF website including the current exhibit by Deanna Bowen, *Night Prowl*. The call for proposals for the 2020 exhibit will go out in February, with a new artwork due for installation in the summer.



"The WALL is a vital opportunity for artists and audiences to explore this dynamic city we live in and what is often hidden, forgotten or submerged. Thanks VHF for the invaluable experience in delving into our city's past, present and future!" - Laiwan, 2014 WALL artist

"Working on Laiwan's *Fountain* project was an exciting, memorable and supportive experience. Thank you for providing this ongoing platform - it's exciting to see the first 10 years of artists' projects, and looking forward to the next decade" - Joni Low, Independent Curator



"Creating the piece, *down.town.*, for The WALL was the perfect coming together of all the things that fuel my practice. I am still mesmerized by the images I found in the archival film at the CBC archives" - Faith Moosang, 2015 WALL artist

VANCOUVER'S LOCAL HISTORY PACKAGED FOR A NEW GENERATION



After a year in development, working with teachers and volunteers, VHF launched the new Heritage Study Guide for Schools in the fall. It offers activity ideas, connections to curriculum themes and a wealth of resources to assist teachers and their students in exploring Vancouver's local history and heritage places. The guide is available as a downloadable PDF on our website and we invite educators to explore it, use it and give us feedback on your experience as well as suggestions for improvements. You can also request a class visit or contact us for support using the guide.

Educators are also now able to apply for a VHF School Grant! The \$150 grants are available throughout the 2019-2020 school year to help with costs associated with a heritage-related field trip or to provide local history books for class use.

Professional Development With VHF

Join VHF and fellow educators for a day of history and heritage. In the morning, learn about Japanese Canadian communities in pre-WWII Vancouver at the Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall. VHF will share a brief overview of the Heritage Study Guide for Schools and ways to explore local heritage. After lunch, civic historian John Atkin will lead a walking tour from the Historic Japanese District through Gastown ending at Waterfront Station.

February 14, 9am - 3pm, \$20

Contact Special Projects Manager, Jessica Quan for more information or to register.

RENEWED GRANTS FOR ENERGY RETROFITS



It's the beginning of a new decade, and sustainability is on the minds of many people. To assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from older buildings, VHF has relaunched the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program.

It now offers increased financial incentives of \$10,000 - \$14,000 to implement retrofits in homes built before 1940 or that are listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register and is designed to complement other available rebate programs. Home energy evaluations and a comprehensive report provide participants with customized recommendations for their home. There is a direct grant available for adding storm windows, as well as for the installation of heat pumps and high efficiency toilets.

Visit vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant for more information. Thank you to our project partners City of Vancouver and City Green Solutions.

RESTORATION OF HISTORIC TILE PATHWAYS



Through the Heritage Conservation Grants Program, VHF is supporting tile restoration at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. Over time, thousands of visitors have compressed the paths and tiles have been displaced or removed. As part of the restoration, loose pebbles are being collected and reset into place with new composite mortar and edging tiles are being rotated or split to reinforce the interlocking borders. Where new materials are needed, staff and volunteers are sourcing local pottery and porcelain to recreate the traditional tile compositions.

Built in 1985, the garden is situated in Vancouver's historic Chinatown neighbourhood. It is a place of reflection and an exploration of how local and traditional cultures cross paths. The authentic materials used to construct the garden, along with the methodology of the 52 Suzhou artisans who completed the work, brought to life the traditions of centuries ago. The incorporation of local plants connect the garden to its site here in Vancouver.

SUPPORT FOR NEW PUBLICATIONS



In November, the Publication Fund Granting Committee reviewed a number of interesting projects submitted for consideration for the inaugural intake of the Yosef Wosk Publication Grant. Ultimately four projects were selected to receive funding, representing a range of media including printed books and digital video. Watch our website and social media for project updates and completed projects later in the year.

The 2020 application period will open in late spring with a deadline in September. We look forward to supporting further projects that add to awareness and knowledge of Vancouver's historic places and heritage conservation.

Please contact Special Projects Manager Jessica Quan at jessica@vancouverheritagefoundation.org to discuss your project.

For further information about VHF grants, please visit vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant

For questions or to inquire about eligibility for the Heritage Conservation Grants Program and the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant Program, please contact Grant Programs Manager Rosslyn Shipp at 604 264 9642 or rosslyn@vancouverheritagefoundation.org

FALL REVIEW

Grandview Heritage Tour



Following the success of the West End Heritage Tour in 2018, we once again explored a neighbourhood through a selection of its heritage sites in September. The Grandview Heritage Tour highlighted ten locations around Grandview and

Commercial Drive including legacy businesses, residential buildings, and community spaces. Guests enjoyed an opportunity to get behind-the-scenes at Dayton Boots Factory, visit the ᓃx^wq^welawən ct carving centre, and see inside several private heritage residences. This unique way of exploring a diverse array of heritage sites that tell the story of a neighbourhood's history and evolution has proven popular and we look forward to bringing the tour to a new area this fall.

Night Photography Workshop and History Tour of Bloedel Conservatory

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, the Bloedel Conservatory in Queen Elizabeth Park offered an inspiring opportunity for participants to develop their photography skills while discovering the history of the site. Architectural photographer Martin Knowles offered expert tips for working in the low-light conditions of the tropical garden at night, as well as the expansive views available from the highest point in Vancouver. Historian John Atkin spoke about the history of the building and park before the group was able to wander and practice their newly-acquired skills.

City Drinks at the Panorama Roof



On October 25th, VHF and guests enjoyed a glamorous fundraising evening in the Panorama Roof ballroom at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Celebrating the city's big band music past, we heard about the history of the hotel from historian John Atkin and listened to songs from the great American songbook from a quartet of local jazz musicians. Guests also enjoyed tours of the historic spaces of the hotel with concierge David Reid and colleagues. The evening was rounded out by a live auction hosted by TV presenter Fiona Forbes and a silent auction of donated items and heritage adventures. Over 150 people attended, and we raised more than \$42,000 to support our educational programs and grants.

Places That Matter Plaque Project



Two more nominated sites received Places That Matter plaques in 2019. The J.W. Sexsmith Community School was honoured not only as one of the first to be named a community school and to offer

education to a diverse student body, but also for being the first in Vancouver to employ a female vice-principal, and to institute a hot lunch program.

BC Place Stadium was also recognized with a plaque presentation. The BC Sports Hall of Fame provided a wealth of historic materials and stories of the many momentous events that occurred here were shared. Visit the Places That Matter Community History Resource to view the updated pages for both of these sites.

New National Historic Site Designation

In 2019, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada confirmed designation of the Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall as a National Historic Site. It joins nine other sites with this recognition in Vancouver that include Chinatown, Stanley Park and the Orpheum Theatre.

The VJLS&JH has been at the heart of Vancouver's Japanese Canadian community and historic district for more than a century. As one of few buildings returned to Japanese Canadians after internment, it highlights the perseverance and resilience of the community and the contribution of Japanese Canadians to Canada's story.

HELP VHF SUSTAIN AND GROW OUR PROGRAMS

Donations and fundraising events contribute 25% of VHF's annual budget - essential support for educational programs, projects and grants. With your help we can continue to develop and deliver engaging events and workshops, expanded online resources, outreach to teachers and their students, grants that provide real support for heritage conservation, and more.

There are several ways to support VHF in the year ahead including the annual campaign and fundraising events. Gifts of any amount are gratefully received at any time and will help sustain VHF's work. A donor gifting \$1,000 or more will be recognized as a Major Donor. You can also donate to a specific project.

Donations can be made by cheque or credit card, online or by phone or mail. Visit the VHF website or call the office for more information. All gifts of \$20 or more will receive a charitable donation tax receipt.

TAKING HERITAGE FORWARD IN 2020



Welcome to our spring newsletter and a new season of programming with Vancouver Heritage Foundation! We are pleased to offer fresh opportunities to learn about local history, and to get out and explore and enjoy heritage places in our city. Starting with a free, fun community event on February 19th to mark Heritage Week and celebrate the Places That Matter project, I hope you will join us this spring – for lectures, walking tours, workshops and the return of the Heritage House Tour on June 7th.

The theme we will explore as part of the nationally celebrated Heritage Week is about taking heritage forward into the future. Heritage buildings and places have much to offer, connecting us to the past but also contributing directly to sustainability, and to the cultural and economic vitality of our neighbourhoods and city.

As we start a new decade, we are moving forward with our mandate to help people learn about local history and heritage places and support their conservation. Over the past 10 years, VHF's programming and reach has grown thanks to the encouragement and support of many donors, volunteers, program partners and sponsors, the enthusiasm of participants in events and projects, and the creativity and determination of a small staff team. Established programs including the WALL project, house tours and lecture series as well as recent initiatives such as the expansion of grant programs and the new study guide for schools, are all helping make a real difference to conservation efforts and broader appreciation of Vancouver's diverse heritage places.

I hope you will come to an event, check out our grants and online resources or get in touch with us this spring. With this new decade, join us in making sure heritage is very much part of our city's future.

Judith Mosley
Executive Director

VOLUNTEERING



In 2019, a large team of volunteers supported our activities in numerous ways including as instructors, guides, researchers, photographers, videographers, and committee and board members. We also rely on a large team of volunteers to help make our house tours a success. If you are interested in dedicating some of your time to support heritage conservation in Vancouver, we invite you to get in touch!

This month we are actively searching for volunteers for our 2020 house tours. If you are interested in helping out on tour day for the Heritage House Tour on June 7th or our fall neighbourhood tour on September 26th, please send an email to Caili Bell at caili@vancouverheritagefoundation.org.

If you have not previously volunteered with us but would like to find out more, 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 and see if these roles could be a good fit for you. Below that is a link to sign up.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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Mount Pleasant, 2019