September 2014



As we head into fall, join VHF for a new season of house tours, courses, workshops, talks and walking tours. Read on for updates on special projects and events, changes in the VHF office, and a new Student Access Program. It is also a great time to be gathering required details for applying for VHF grants which assist in the maintenance and restoration of buildings on the Vancouver Heritage Register.



LANEWAY HOUSE TOUR

The VHF Laneway House Tour showcases examples of laneway homes built in the allowed RS zones, newly introduced as an option in 2009 and extended to all RS zones in 2013. The primary motivation for the introduction of laneway houses was to add density to Vancouver's established residential neighbourhoods where single family homes predominate, creating additional units and a different type of accommodation. Living on the lane was not unusual in the early years of Vancouver's development and infill housing has remained an option for many years as a heritage retention tool. But this latest program has taken it city-wide.

VHF launched the first tour five years ago, showing laneway houses built behind existing older homes. This October, the tour will again highlight how infill projects such as laneway housing can be a positive tool in retaining heritage and character buildings. As pressures continue to add density and new development across the city, VHF will show successful examples of how this can be done without demolition. From ultramodern to more traditional styling, you can explore some of the options for laneway living presented by this old, but new again, concept.

> SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 1pm - 5pm <u>Tickets \$30</u> Presented by Smallworks Studios/Laneway Housing Inc.

House tours are a great way to raise awareness of heritage and related topics, generate discussion and encourage people to see how heritage can be part of Vancouver's future. By showing examples of real people living with heritage, we aim to encourage Vancouver to embrace our built history.



HERITAGE SITE FINDER INTERACTIVE MAP

Now live on our website is this useful interactive map of sites included on the Vancouver Heritage Register. Previously the only way to discover if a building was listed on the Register was to search through the online pdf version available through the City of Vancouver website. Thanks to a *Get Youth Working* grant from the Province of BC and the sponsorship and hard work of Split Mango Media Inc., we recently launched the beta version of our latest webtool. The webtool places heritage listed sites on the map with information and images. We are working on having site details, images and history for every site, currently 400 sites have complete information.

The Vancouver Heritage Register also includes monuments, bridges and other historically significant sites that are not currently on our map, but we will include them in the future. We invite you to take a look and let us know if you are able to help us complete this project. We are looking for volunteers to help photograph and fact check sites.

To view the interactive map visit the 'Learn with Us' section of our website.

EDUCATION

OLD SCHOOL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Practical workshops and courses for heritage conservation



Researching the History of a Building: Vancouver Public Library October 1, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Free, Registration Required VPL Central Library, 350 W Georgia St

Researching the History of a Building: The Archives

October 8, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, \$15 City of Vancouver Archives, 1150 Chestnut St

Kerrisdale Walk: How Zoning Shaped this Neighbourhood October 11, 9:30am -12pm, \$30 Meet at Vine St and W 41st Ave

Heritage 101: Introduction to Heritage Conservation October 29 and November 5, 5pm - 9pm, \$140 VHF Office, 402-510 W Hastings St

Knob & Tube Wiring: Keep or Replace? November 19, 7pm - 9:30pm, \$20 Creekside Recreational Community Centre Rm. 4, 1 Athletes Way

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

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN TALKS Current Vancouver heritage projects

BCIT Downtown Campus, 555 Seymour St 12pm - 1:30pm \$12/person (includes tax)

The Renovation of 564 Beatty St Glen Stokes, Bruce Carscadden Architect September 17

Challenges Facing Wood Window Retention in Heritage Projects Keri Briggs, Vintage Woodworks October 15

Heritage and the SRO's Robin Latondresse, BC Housing November 19

EVENING LECTURES AT HYCROFT

Illustrated lectures on Vancouver history University Women's Club at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Ave 7:30pm - 9:30pm

\$12/person (includes tax)

Heritage, Gentrification & the Future of Vancouver Michael Kluckner September 30

Samuel Maclure in Shaughnessy Jim Wolf October 21

Vaudeville's Great White Way John Atkin and Tom Carter November 4

FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

This fall we offer unique opportunities to learn about heritage. Check back on our website or sign up for our e-news to be the first to know about other special events as they are announced.

CHINATOWN WALK AND DIM SUM

Tour the historic Chinatown neighbourhood with John Atkin, then warm up with the flavours of the area with authentic dim sum. November 2, \$35 (includes dim sum at a local restaurant and tax)

BASEBALL, THE OLYMPICS & AN ARBORETUM

Join John Atkin for a tour of the playful areas in Riley Park including Queen Elizabeth Park. Then meet up with JC Fraser, General Manager of the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club, for an inside look at Nat Bailey Stadium. October 10, \$15 (includes tax)

HISTORIC KITSILANO MAP GUIDE

We are currently editing and designing a historic map guide of Kitsilano. Researched by historian Amy Adams, the guide covers the north east corner of Kitsilano. We plan to launch the guide in the next few months.





DOORS OPEN VANCOUVER

The City of Vancouver will host Doors Open, a free event that provides access to significant buildings, on October 4. VHF has been invited to support this city-wide event. Watch our website and social media for updates.

RESTORING COMMUNITY

This fall we will officially launch a three-part documentary series that looks at heritage, community and sustainability using VHF case studies of heritage projects. Filmed by local filmmakers with the assistance of a Telus Optik TV grant the films take a closer look at the people behind the projects who offer insight into their experience working with heritage.

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INNOVATIONS

STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAM

VHF wants to ensure as many people as possible have access to our programs so we have instituted a new program for students that offsets the costs associated with attending. Options include volunteering to earn tickets, discounted tickets to certain events, and a *Sponsor a Student* program where individuals can donate to help students attend tours and lectures. For more information visit the **'Get Involved' page of our website**.

NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Utilizing information gathered in our Communications Survey, we have decided to move away from the bi-annual 8-page glossy printed newsletter. Instead we will mail an annual newsletter in the spring, and a smaller newsletter in the fall. We view this as a positive move towards ensuring VHF is a sustainable source of heritage information. If you no longer wish to receive paper-based communications, you can sign up to recieve an electronic notice when the newsletter is available in pdf form on our website, or sign up for our bi-weekly email newsletter which contains the most up-to-date information. To change your subscription status, please contact our office.

VHF UPDATES



CASE STUDIES

Early in 2015 we will publish a new series of heritage revitalization case studies. Investigating current projects which show positive re-use, rehabilitation or revitalization of heritage assets, these case studies are great examples of the creative ways heritage can be given new life. Previous years' case studies are available on our website.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Heritage has become a top issue with increased media attention on the loss of character in the face of development pressure. VHF is continually monitoring media and public engagement in heritage issues. Using social media we are able to share important news stories, city initiatives, local projects and other positive advancements in the goal of increasing public awareness about heritage issues. Keep up to date by following us on social media.

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FUNDRAISING

STAFF UPDATE

There have been a number of changes to the VHF team this summer. Jessica Quan has returned as Special Project Coordinator, a role in the capable hands of Karen Estrin for the past year. Corey Ratch recently joined us as Administrative and Programming Assistant, picking up the torch from Jen Baynes. Katie Filek will be with us until November as this year's intern working on heritage revitalization case studies. Welcome to all new and returning staff members, and best of luck to those moving on.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering continues to be an important asset to successful events. VHF greatly appreciates the time and expertise of our volunteers who not only staff our events and serve as the face of VHF at tours, but also help with research and editing, offer lectures and talks and educated advice. If you are interested in volunteering with VHF visit the <u>'Get Involved' page of our website</u>.



Later this month we will be launching our annual fundraising campaign so watch your mailboxes! We hope you will be able to support this campaign as we are a registered charity that relies on the generous support of donors each year to deliver our programs. 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. There are several ways to donate including **online**, over the phone or by mail.

Good deeds don't go unrewarded! We are able to offer charitable tax reciepts for donations over \$20. Also keep a look out for more great fundraising events such as our popular City Drinks. The first one was held at the historic Sun Tower where we enjoyed local jazz, specialty cocktails, raffle prizes and tours of the partially renovated upper floor. We'll be sure to host another City Drinks event in a different heritage building, with just as much history.

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PREPARING FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS



TRUE COLOURS

Restore the exterior of a building to its traditional colour scheme. The building must be in good condition, and you must hire from our list of approved painters. The grant covers up to \$1000 of the project cost plus all required paint.

For more information on the Benjamin Moore True Colours paint palette, including completed paint restorations, an online version of the paint palette and the history of how we selected these colours, visit the <u>'Special Projects' section of our website.</u>

GET ON THE REGISTER

Receive up to 50% (or \$500) towards the cost of hiring a heritage consultant to prepare a Statement of Significance and apply to list a building on the Vancouver Heritage Register.

HOUSE CALL

Receive 50% (up to \$500) towards the cost of a conservation report. The report offers guidance and advice for how best to restore and maintain the historic building, assess the current state and outline future plans for the structure's maintenance.

The 2015 grant application deadline is February 1st. Now is the time to start doing the research and gathering information, quotes and recommendations you will need for your application.

VHF offers four different grants. To be eligible the applicant must be the owner of the building and that building must be listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register (except in the case of Get on the Register applicants). **Application forms** as well as examples of projects that have received grants in the past are available on our website.

RESTORE IT

Repair or restore the character defining exterior elements of a building. Examples include window restoration and reconstructing porches. The grant will cover up to 50% (or \$1000) of the project cost.



MID-CENTURY MODERN HOUSE TOUR



VHF's 2014 tour includes outstanding examples of architect-designed homes from the two decades after World War II. The 1947 Saba Residence, designed by Ned Pratt, is A-listed on the Vancouver Heritage Register. Pratt was instrumental in the early stages of the Modernist movement in the region and this home was among the earliest to utilize post and beam construction. A 1956 home by Duncan McNab features landscape design by internationally renowned landscape architect, Cornelia Hahn Oberlander, also one of the first women to be accepted to the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Three other homes round out an afternoon immersed in mid-century design and an unusual opportunity to explore these remarkable private homes.

September 20th, 1pm - 5pm \$100 bus, \$85 self-guided by car



A post-tour reception will be held at the Vancouver Maritime Museum where we will hear from UBC SALA Associate Professor, Sherry McKay, on the Modernist movement in Vancouver.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As summer wraps up we have a full fall program ahead of us. Old School workshops, along with lunchtime and evening lectures resume this month and for those who like to learn on the move, there are still several walking tours to experience.

Two key points in the calendar continue the house tour series. The Mid-Century Modern House Tour will provide a rare inside view of this remarkable era in Vancouver's architectural

history. Following close on its heels, the Laneway House Tour will explore important themes of density and new housing forms alongside heritage and conservation goals.

Several key projects are coming to fruition this fall. We were excited to launch the Heritage Site Finder and will continue to work on building its content and function. A new historic map guide for Kitsilano and further sustainability case studies will be ready in the coming months. VHF is also engaged in developing guidance for homeowners for the new building code and working with City staff to see how impacts on heritage and character buildings can be reduced. We continue to communicate widely on heritage topics from Vancouver history to conservation successes. Our new Student Access Program is another way we aim to open up heritage to more Vancouverites.

We hope to see you at one of our fall events. If you would like to be involved with our work, do get in touch – there are many different ways to help.

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