



Welcome to VHF's Spring 2019 newsletter. In the first part of the year we have some exciting new events, as well as returning favourites, including the 17th annual Heritage House Tour.

Inside this newsletter you will also find information about special projects we are working on and ways to get involved. VHF is continually searching for volunteers, sponsors and donors, and there are many ways VHF can grow and thrive with the help of our generous community.

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## NEW! PUBLICATION GRANTS

A Publication Fund has been established with Vancouver Heritage Foundation through a generous donation from Dr. Yosef Wosk. This spring, VHF will launch a grant program to support new publications on Vancouver's history and heritage places, and their conservation.

A variety of media can be eligible for support through the program including printed books, digital publications and film. Projects could include architectural history, heritage conservation techniques and case studies as well as publications that increase understanding of the role of historic buildings and sites in the cultural, economic and environmental sustainability of Vancouver. Details of the Yosef Wosk Publication Fund grants will be posted on the VHF website in March.

Visit the *Get a Grant* web page this spring for more information.



## HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR 2019

The Heritage House Tour returns this June for its 17th year! This event is still our biggest of the year, offering a wonderful selection of heritage and character homes across Vancouver. Explore local history through the diverse homes built over the past century or more. The tour will include a selection of styles which showcase the evolution of housing in Vancouver. Your tour brochure, along with our helpful volunteers, will share the stories and interesting details of each home.

**Sunday, June 2**  
**10am - 5pm**  
\$40 / \$30 with valid student ID

*Presenting Sponsor: Stonehouse Team*

## 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, core course Heritage 101 moves to a new venue, The Cultch. Using this site as a case study, three heritage professionals offer a comprehensive look at the fundamentals of heritage conservation. Taught by Heritage Consultants Donald Luxton and Judy Oberlander, and City of Vancouver Senior Heritage Planner, Zlatan Jankovic this course is essential for anyone taking on a heritage project.

In March, founder of Vintage Woodworks Jim Stiven returns to offer advice and tips from his long career in maintaining and repairing wood windows. Then in May, a new workshop with Author Christine Allen will explore how a thoughtful garden plan can add to the beauty of a heritage or character home. This course will include time at Hycroft Manor to view the gardens.

### Heritage 101: An Introduction to Heritage Conservation

March 2, 9am - 5pm, \$115 (includes lunch)  
 Jim Green House Studio, The Cultch (1895 Venebles St)  
 A comprehensive introduction to the theory and practices that inform the conservation of heritage buildings and sites. An essential course for anyone working with historic buildings.

### Maintenance and Repair of Wood Windows

March 16, 9am - 1:30pm, \$60  
 MakerLabs, 780 E Cordova St  
 Learn how to repair common issues and perform proper maintenance with Jim Stiven.

### Planning a Heritage Garden

May 2, 6pm - 9pm, \$45 (includes light refreshments)  
 University Women's Club at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Ave  
 Discover how to enhance a heritage or character home through garden design with Christine Allen.

## EVENING LECTURES

### Tuesdays, 7:30pm - 9pm

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

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.

*Thank you to event partner The University Women's Club of Vancouver*



CVA Bu N435.2 Heather Pavilion, 1912

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

Visit our website for more information.

## ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP at THE ORPHEUM

This three-hour workshop and tour returns to explore the history and architecture of the Orpheum, a National Historic Site. Historian John Atkin will discuss the unique architecture, while professional architectural photographer, Martin Knowles will offer guidance and tips on how best to photograph it.

**Saturday, February 9, 1pm - 4pm, \$30**

### Vancouver's Hidden Heritage Building: The Resurrection of the Heather Pavilion

February 26, VLTBC (1630 W 15th Ave)  
 w/ Donald Luxton, Heritage Consultant and Author  
 Join Donald Luxton to hear about the history of the Vancouver General Hospital, the construction of the original Heather Pavilion, and its potential for restoration.

### Japanese Hall 1928-2018: The Extraordinary Story of Community Resilience, Survival and Transformation

April 9, University Women's Club at Hycroft (1489 McRae Ave)  
 w/ Laura Saimoto, Board Member at Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall  
 Laura Saimoto will tell the story of the Japanese Canadian Internment during WWII, of forced dispossession and community resilience through the lens of the 112 year-old organization and their building.

## WALKING TOURS APRIL TO OCTOBER

One of the best ways to learn about a new area or neighbourhood is on foot. Get up close to the city's heritage buildings and distinctive neighbourhoods with a new line-up of walking tours. Historian John Atkin explores industrial heritage and John Belshaw returns with his popular trio of walks. We also welcome Michael Schwartz, Director of Community Engagement at the Jewish Museum and Archives of BC, to our walking tour program.

Special event walking tours will also be offered throughout the season so be sure to sign up for our e-news or follow us on social media to be the first to know!

### April to October, 2019

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

## HERITAGE WEEK 2019

### February 18 - 24

Heritage Week in 2019 celebrates the theme "Heritage: The Tie That Binds" and how heritage in all its forms has the power to bring people together. Gathering places, traditional sites, artifacts, and intangible heritage, including language, food, music and dance, are at the heart of communities.

Here in Vancouver we are offering a series of events that explore neighbourhood histories, and that celebrate cultural heritage.

#### Tea at Chinatown House

February 23, 1:30pm - 3pm, \$20  
Advanced booking advised

Join us at a new co-working and cultural programming space in a converted building. Learn about the project, explore the intangible heritage of Chinatown and hear about the traditions and practices of tea with a certified tea master.

#### Oakridge Community History Walking Tour

February 24, 10am - 12pm, \$20

Explore the history and legacy of Vancouver's Jewish community in the Oakridge neighbourhood with Michael Schwartz, Director of Engagement at the Jewish Museum and Archives of BC.

### PLACES THAT MATTER: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



#### February 20, 6pm - 8:30pm

Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street  
FREE

Join us 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. The Places That Matter project highlights the lesser-known people, places and events that have shaped Vancouver. 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 with our emcee, Historian Aaron Chapman, as well as live music and refreshments.

*Thank you to our event partners Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Association, Cartems Donuterie and All India Sweets and Restaurant*

## BOAT TOURS: GRANVILLE ISLAND AND FALSE CREEK



After a successful and popular first run in October 2018, two more False Creek boat tours will return this spring! Two special opportunities will offer diverse perspectives on the growth and change of Granville Island and False Creek. Hop aboard a False Creek Ferry boat and enjoy a fun vantage point on this historic area. Space is limited.

#### Granville Island and False Creek by Boat: Explore the Transformation with Architect Joost Bakker

Sunday, April 7, \$35

Join Architect Joost Bakker in exploring the history and transformation of False Creek from the water. Joost and fellow Architect Norman Hotson led the award-winning adaptive reuse of Granville Island beginning in the 1970s. Historic buildings, industrial artifacts, and old and new uses are all ingredients in the success of the area.

#### False Creek by Boat: 150 years of Industry and Change with Historian John Atkin

Sunday, April 14, \$35

Cruise the length of False Creek with Historian John Atkin and explore the extraordinary changes brought by over a century and a half of development on its shores. Including innovative and ground-breaking housing on the south shore, pioneering green development in the south east and the ongoing transformation of the north shore, the Creek offers a catalogue of urban planning and design that helped put Vancouver on the map.

## ALL ABOARD! HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE AT PACIFIC CENTRAL STATION



Join us on a unique tour to mark the 100th birthday of Pacific Central Station. Sitting on hundreds of piles driven into the mud of the former upper reaches of False Creek, the station was built for the Canadian National Railway and formally opened in November 1919. On this tour with John Atkin, we will poke into the nooks and crannies of the building, explore a few dark and damp places, get out onto the platforms and enjoy refreshments in the Panorama Lounge.

**Saturday, April 13, 2pm - 4pm, \$20**

## HERITAGE STUDY GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS



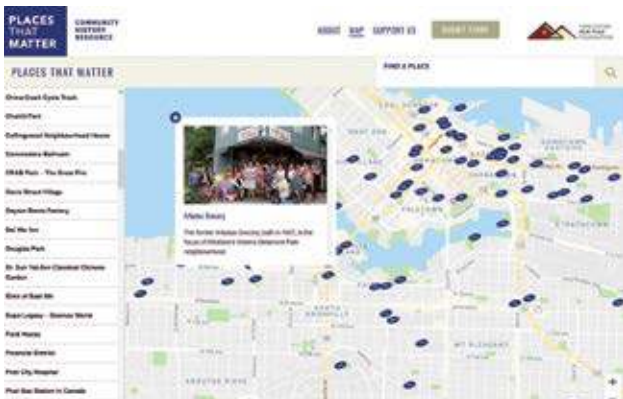
Vancouver School Board, 1962

VHF is working with local educators to develop an online Heritage Study Guide to engage young learners in Vancouver's diverse local history and heritage places. The guide will include lesson plans and resources, project and field trip ideas for Grades 4-5 and 9-11 Social Studies, tied to the BC Curriculum.

In the past year, VHF has visited local classrooms and connected with teachers, sharing current educational resources such as the Places That Matter Community History Resource and the Heritage Site Finder Interactive Map. The response has been enthusiastic, with students and teachers eager to have the opportunity to explore local history and places in their communities. As the project rolls out, VHF hopes students and educators will also become active participants in creating, archiving and sharing knowledge around local heritage places. Consultations in classrooms and input from educators will continue in the coming months as we work to launch the guide ready for the 2019/20 school year.

Funding support for this project is being provided by Heritage BC through the Heritage Legacy Fund, and the GMR Foundation, as well as individual donors. If you would like to dedicate a donation to help launch and sustain this project, please contact us.

## INTERNSHIPS AT VHF



Over the past 10 months, VHF has hosted three internships, providing opportunities for students and a recent graduate to gain experience working on key projects and programs in our office and helping VHF to grow our online resources. Grants from the Government of Canada through the Young Canada Works and the Canada Summer Jobs programs have made this possible. Art History graduate and Interior Design student Sarah Delaney spent June and July at VHF researching and adding content to the Places That Matter Community History Resource website and the Heritage Site Finder, adding substantially to the depth of information available, tracking down sources and images for many sites.

UBC student Kacey Ng joined us for eight weeks in the summer to develop a timeline of Chinatown's role in wholesale food networks

throughout the city and region and identify key locations, both past and present. Her internship followed participation in the UBC Asian-Canadian and Asian Migration Studies program as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree.

In September, recent SFU Archaeology graduate Charlotte Bailey joined VHF for a six-month internship as Heritage Resources Assistant. She has helped coordinate the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program and Conservation Grants, and assisted with research and input for the development of the Heritage Study Guide for schools. Charlotte has also added further information to the Heritage Site Finder, enriching the resource for hundreds of sites.

In 2019, VHF hopes to be able to offer further internship opportunities. Available positions will be posted on the website and in the e-newsletter when funding is confirmed.

## THE WALL: NEW ARTIST & CALL FOR 2019 PROPOSALS



In 2018, a new installation went up on The WALL at the CBC Plaza. *Building A - Livestock Building* by Henry Tsang is an infrared photograph of the 1929 Livestock Building located on the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) fairgrounds. In WWII, the Livestock building was used during the Internment of Japanese Canadian families.

The image has been captured by a thermal imaging camera, attempting to detect and expose not only the current condition of this building but also the past and hidden histories inscribed within.

In coming weeks we will be seeking proposals for the 2019 art installation. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, be sure to check our website this February.

## ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS IN OLDER HOMES



For three years, the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program has been encouraging homeowners to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from their home, with guidance and incentives tailored to pre-1940 and Heritage Register homes. Forty-eight homes are enrolled in the program or have already completed retrofits. Starting with a home energy evaluation by a Registered EnerGuide Rating System Energy Advisor is a great way to identify ways to reduce energy use, improve comfort and cut GHGs. For the program, VHF has worked with program partner City Green Solutions and energy advisors knowledgeable about historic construction and the best ways to improve performance of older homes while respecting heritage character and avoiding unnecessary demolition and waste.\*

If you are planning retrofits for an older home or building, here are some key tips to consider:

**Air sealing:** Air leakage is the main cause of drafts so reducing it is a key way to improve the comfort of a home and reduce energy use. Priority areas to address are large holes anywhere in the house, followed by any holes in the top floor (ceiling penetrations around light fixtures or attic hatches), then holes in the bottom floor (cracks in foundation walls, basement doors, electrical boxes). Finally address any holes on the main floor such as around windows and doors, top and bottom of baseboards, and electrical outlets. Installing a chimney damper for an open fireplace is a typical recommendation.

**Insulation:** Older buildings may not have adequate insulation and it can be a relatively easy way to make a big difference. Start with the roof space but you can also look at adding insulation to foundation walls and the underside of floors that are exposed to the outside. Cellulose insulation can be blown into wall cavities by an experienced installer without the need to remove interior or exterior finishes.

**Windows and doors:** The performance of historic wood windows and doors can often be improved significantly through repairs, weather-stripping and air sealing measures, avoiding unnecessary replacement. The installation of interior or exterior storm windows can improve thermal performance, and cut drafts and noise. Retaining original windows and doors is often key for the heritage character of a house or building. It also keeps repairable materials out of the landfill and avoids replacement with new non-repairable energy intensive materials.

**Heating devices:** GHG emissions can be reduced by installing more efficient space and water heating options. When it is time for a new furnace or water heater, choose a high-efficiency model, and consider a heat pump space or water heater.

You can find a case study on our website of a home that completed the Heritage Energy Retrofit Grant program.

*\*For homes and buildings with heritage significance, any changes, including energy efficiency improvements, should be considered with reference to the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada, and the companion publication, Building Resilience: Practical Guidelines for the Sustainable Rehabilitation of Buildings in Canada. Both are available on the VHF website.*

### ALL CANDIDATES BRIEFING, FALL 2018

Ahead of the 2018 municipal election in November, Vancouver Heritage Foundation produced and distributed a briefing document for candidates about heritage places and conservation in Vancouver. It aimed to assist candidates in being informed, providing information about the level of support for heritage buildings and places, the benefits of retaining and rehabilitating them, the key tools available for recognition, protection and management, and current City of Vancouver initiatives.

Municipal governments in BC have a key role in recognizing and protecting heritage places and their significance, and enabling and incentivizing their preservation and use. The City of Vancouver as well as the Vancouver School Board and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are also stewards of many heritage buildings and sites through direct ownership and management of them.

The briefing is on our website under the *Learn with Us* tab.

### VHF ONLINE STORE



On our website you will now find an easy to navigate listing of antiques and other items we have for sale, including stained glass, antique lighting and furniture. Over the past few years we have been gifted architectural salvage and antiques from some generous donors. While we are not currently accepting these kinds of donations, we still have some lovely items looking for new homes.

Also listed on our new VHF Store page are special items from VHF, like our one of a kind tote bags. We invite you to scroll through our wares and support heritage through every purchase. Information on how to purchase items is on the website. All proceeds benefit our educational programs, online resources and grants.

## FALL REVIEW

### West End Heritage Tour



In September of 2018 we launched a brand new neighbourhood tour event. The West End Heritage Tour offered a chance to walk, cycle or take transit around 16 sites located between Burrard Street and Stanley

Park, Robson Street and English Bay. Over 500 people attended this one-day event getting inside unique spaces including century-old apartment buildings, churches, monuments and Mid-Century architecture, all of which mark the transformation of the West End over the last 130 years. Highlights for each guest were as varied as the tour offerings, however the Queen Charlotte Apartments, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Office and the Leslie Lane House were all popular stops.

We were encouraged by the positive response to this new style of tour. Be on the look out for news of a similar heritage tour this fall, highlighting another Vancouver neighbourhood.

Thank you to our event partner, West End Business Improvement Association and all of our sponsors.

### Mystery Bus Tour

The Mystery Bus set off into the evening last November, a return of this perennial favourite event. In 2018, the bus took an adventurous crew to Bloedel Conservatory, Lord Strathcona School and the Vancouver Police Museum. Each stop included lots of history and the chance to explore inside. Refreshments with a local flavour were also served. The Mystery Bus will return in 2019 with a new list of surprise heritage locations!

### Heritage Pop-Up



During the summer months, we partnered with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association to offer a series of free events. On six select dates in July and August we set up our tent at Lot 19, the park at the foot of Hornby and

West Hastings Streets, and brought a selection of archival images, antiques, music and art. Each week highlighted a different era in downtown history. People were invited to look at the items on display or simply enjoy the ambience on their lunch break.

### Granville Island & False Creek: Explore The Transformation By Boat



In October, we embarked on a new way to view the city's heritage; by boat! Partnering with False Creek Ferries, an enthusiastic group stepped onboard and enjoyed a guided tour with Architect Joost Bakker, who along with fellow

architect Norman Hotson, led the award-winning adaptive reuse project at Granville Island. Guests heard about the transformation of Granville Island and False Creek, while sailing calmly on its waters.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported VHF throughout 2018. Whether you donated to our annual campaign, contributed at other times of the year, or attended our annual fall fundraiser, City Drinks, we appreciate every contribution. As a not-for-profit organization we rely on the generosity of supporters through donations, sponsorship and partnerships. For more information on the many ways you can support VHF's activities and our goals for heritage places, visit our website. You can also contact our office if you'd like to discuss opportunities.

We also invite you to save the date for the return of City Drinks this fall! Join us on October 24th at another fabulous heritage venue for an elegant evening of history, hors d'oeuvres and silent and live auctions.

### CITY DRINKS at SEAFORTH ARMOURY



On November 22nd, VHF was welcomed into the recently renovated mess halls of the Seaforth Armoury. Enjoying the hospitality of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, our annual fall fundraiser took place inside this historic space and included a brief history of the regiment, including some of

the artifacts on display and a look at some military antiques, a live auction hosted by TV personality Fiona Forbes and a silent auction of donated items and heritage adventures, music by Rosemary Seimens and Eli Bennett, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Over 140 people attended the evening, and we raised over \$45,000 towards our educational programs and grants.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On a recent visit to a grade 9 class, we asked students for their opinions on “What makes a place heritage?” The question generated a wide range of answers and wonderful suggestions of places in the city. Students talked about places that they connect to, often a park, community centre or favourite field trip destination as well as landmark buildings and historic districts.

This spring, we have a range of opportunities to explore and learn about diverse heritage places in Vancouver. Starting in Heritage Week with a fun

free event at Heritage Hall, talks and tours will continue through the spring. We will also be launching a grant program to encourage new publications in a range of media to provide even more ways to learn about Vancouver’s history and heritage.

If you would like to get involved with VHF, there are numerous ways to do that. Volunteer opportunities include helping at events as well as research and photography assignments that you can do on your own schedule. If you are a student or recent graduate, be sure to look out for internship opportunities posted in our newsletter. If you are looking after a heritage place, we are always keen to hear about your efforts or the history you’ve discovered. Check with us for information resources and grant opportunities that may be available.

We are grateful to everyone who supports Vancouver Heritage Foundation to ensure heritage places are appreciated and part of the future of our city. Donating, volunteering and attending an event all help to sustain our programs. I look forward to seeing you at a VHF event in the coming months.

Judith Mosley  
Executive Director

## VOLUNTEERING



At VHF we are lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers to help out each year with our events and projects. These dedicated people are most visible at our annual house tours, as they assist you through the tour homes, but volunteers also participate on our Board of Directors, as instructors and guides and as researchers, photographers and videographers. 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 2019 house tours. If you are interested in helping out on tour day for the Heritage House Tour on June 2nd or our fall neighbourhood tour on September 28th, please send an email to Caili Bell at [caili@vancouverheritagefoundation.org](mailto: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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