



Vancouver Special House Tour

presented by:

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Saturday September 21

1pm - 5pm, \$30 + tax

Love it or hate it, it's very Vancouver! Once a blemish on Vancouver streetscapes, the Van Special is now appreciated for its adaptable layout and spacious floor plate. VHF is opening five renovated Specials on the 2013 tour - each home is unique. For some owners these are their retirement dream homes, for others a sustainable income-producing alternative to Vancouver's expensive housing market.



2013 Tour House near Mountain View Cemetery



Laneway House Tour

presented by:

Smallworks Studios/Laneway Housing

Saturday October 19, 1pm - 5pm, \$30 + tax

Since the program began in 2009, Laneway houses have had mixed reviews in Vancouver. Some people see benefit in using city lanes to increase housing choice, while others are unhappy with the second floor massing, parking, shadowing and general densification that comes with lane homes. In response to public feedback COV has tweaked their laneway housing policy to encourage more one storey homes.

Opening eight laneway houses built behind original homes, not behind new construction, VHF is encouraging you to check out this new twist on an old form of housing

in our city. Each lane house on the tour has a unique design and floor plan. Some are studios, some are one bedroom and some have two bedrooms. Out of necessity born through the use of small spaces, these houses all share creative storage ideas.



To purchase tickets call 604-264-9642 or visit our website www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING WORKSHOPS for heritage conservation

VHF has new programs this Fall in addition to seasonal visits to the Archives and Special Collections at the Public Library. John Atkin will lead a walk through Shaughnessy and Mount Pleasant to demystify zoning and visit some great architecture. Old School revisits a program from a decade ago with Don Luxton who will explain historic house paint schemes after which homeowners will have the opportunity to talk to Don and designer and heritage consultant Margot Keate West for advice and suggestions on historically authentic paint schemes for their houses.

Brand new are workshops in drafting Statements of Significance, delivered by the Province of BC Heritage Branch; and outlining your options for most effectively retrofitting your older building to be more energy efficient.

All Education programs qualify for credits towards professional development and our Heritage Conservation Certificate. Visit our website for details

Neighbourhood Zoning Walk (1 credit)

October 12, 9am-12pm, \$30

Walk from Shaughnessy to Mount Pleasant with John Atkin: learn how zoning shapes neighbourhoods

Researching the History of a Building (1 credit)

- Vancouver Public Library, October 22 6:30 - 8:30pm
- COV Archives, October 29 6:30 - 8:30pm \$15

Drafting a Statement of Significance (SOS) (2 credits)

November 16, 9am - 1pm \$25

Learn to write an SOS, a required document for addition to city or national heritage registers, with Berdine Jonker, Provincial Senior Heritage Planner. Sponsored by the Provincial Heritage Branch, Victoria.

Historic Paint Schemes (1 credit)

November 6 & 20, 7 - 9pm - Benjamin Moore,

1838 W Broadway. Free, pre-registration required.

Learn about exterior paint schemes from Don Luxton.

Bring a house photo for suitable colour recommendations.

Improving your Energy Efficiency (2 credits)

November date TBA, 5:30 - 9pm \$25

How to improve your older home's energy efficiency

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND LEARN BCIT Downtown

555 Seymour St - Room 870

Wednesdays 12pm - 1:30pm

\$12/talk

Join VHF on your lunch break for illustrated talks about current projects and issues affecting Vancouver's built landscape. Bring your lunch!

Reimagining The Hudson's Bay

September 25

w/ Sarah Bjornson, Design Dialog

Sustainable Renovations: 3 Case Studies

October 30

w/ Sam McFaul, UBC SALA student

Burns Block Micro-Lofts: Meshing City, Developer and Heritage Interests

November 13

w/ Bruce Carscadden, Bruce Carscadden Architect

EVENING LECTURES at the University Women's Club at Hycroft

1489 McRae Avenue

Tuesdays 7:30pm - 8:45pm

\$12/lecture

Spend Tuesday evenings learning about Vancouver's unique history through fascinating heritage themed lectures. Sign up to enjoy dinner before the lecture!

**To book seats call 604-264-9642
or visit www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org**

Vancouver's Big Band Music Scene

September 17

w/ Music great Dal Richards and reporter John Mackie

1913: The 100 Year Building Boom

October 15

w/ Civic Historian, John Atkin

Heather's Picks: Best of the Archives

November 5

w/ City Archivist, Heather Gordon

Film Nights with VHF

The return of movies at the historic Hollywood Theatre, 3123 West Broadway

Entry and Concession by donation. All films start at 7:30pm

VHF offers four nights of films and facilitated Q&A that take a look at the impact and influence of architecture and design.



October 1

Eames: The Architect and the Painter
(2011) 85 mins

Directed by Jason Cohn & Bill Jersey, Starring Charles & Ray Eames and James Franco

The husband-and-wife team of Charles and Ray Eames were America's most influential and important industrial designers. Admired for their creations and fascinating as individuals, they have risen to iconic status in American culture.



October 22

Pruitt Igoe Myth (2011) 79 mins
Directed by Chad & Jaime Freidrichs

Destroyed in a highly-publicized implosion, the Pruitt-Igoe public housing complex has become a widespread symbol of failure amongst architects, politicians and policy makers. The Pruitt-Igoe Myth explores the issues that led to the decline of conventional public housing in America, while tracing the personal and poignant narratives of several of the project's residents.



November 12

The Good and the Bad of Mid-20th Century Vancouver

Four short films on Vancouver from post WWII through to Expo 86.

- Vancouver Honeymoon, 1960 (10 mins)
- To Build a Better City, NFB 1964 (15 mins) Exploring the 'cure' to urban blight
- Rainbow War, 1985 (20 mins) Oscar nominated film created for Expo 86
- Sleeping Tigers, the story of the Asahi baseball team, 2003 (50 mins)



November 26

The Fountainhead (1949) 114 mins
Directed by King Vidor and starring Patricia Neal & Gary Cooper

Based on the Ayn Rand novel, an uncompromising, visionary architect struggles to maintain his integrity and individualism despite personal, professional and economic pressures to conform to popular standards.

Join us for Sunday Morning at the Marine



September 15, 10am - 12pm, \$20

The Marine Building, 355 Burrard Street

VHF is once again teaming up with JJ Bean Coffee Roasters to reprise this very popular coffee-meets-heritage event. **Sunday Morning at the Marine** includes a talk by Design Dialog about the renovated JJ Bean space in the iconic Marine Building, and a tour of the lobby space with Maurice Guibord. John Neate of JJ Bean offers a tasting of their unique coffee blends, plus you get a bag of coffee to take home. Space is limited and this event is sure to be another sell out!

Case Studies



Sam McFaul is a Fourth Year Environmental Design Student in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at UBC. As a VHF summer intern Sam is researching and writing three Case Studies including the Gow Block: Cedar Cottage Townhomes

project (photo below), which is a wood frame Edwardian commercial/residential structure built in the Commercial Street Village and restored by Jerry Prussin and Norah Johnson. The second Case Study is Shaun St-Amour's renovated Vancouver Special in Sunset. The third Case Study is a new Laneway House in Grandview Woodlands.

Check out the first of his Case Studies, the Gow Block, on the VHF website or here: <http://goo.gl/FcwMXG>



Volunteering

Volunteers are a critical part of VHF programs, and 2013 has offered some fun new opportunities. 180 people helped with the Heritage House Tour in June, and a dozen folks served popcorn and collected tickets at our new film series at the Hollywood Theatre! This summer was the first time volunteers helped with the Mid-Century Modern Tour which enabled us to increase attendance at this annually sold-out event! Still coming up are the Vancouver Special and Laneway Tours. Get in touch with rebecca@vancouverheritagefoundation.org if you want to help on a fall tour or the fall movie series!

Volunteers continue to be able to attend our talks, lectures and courses for free (limited seats, so call us), and the 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Evening will return to the Museum of Vancouver to recognize our volunteers, enjoy treats, and visit the Foncie Photo Exhibit. **Put December 3rd on your calendar now!**

Thank you to the 200+ volunteers who have already volunteered in 2013 - your contribution of time and energy is sincerely appreciated!



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Places That Matter PLAQUE PROJECT



Marking people, places & events that matter in Vancouver, **Places That Matter** will celebrate new sites and some of the more than 70 existing sites. New transit and/or Bike Tours will be offered so be sure to watch the website for dates and more details.

Follow us on social media for updates and presentation photos on Facebook and Twitter. There may even be a giveaway or two! We've been contributing a weekly feature on the blog, Vancouver Is Awesome, so look for our posts.

We thank our incredible plaque sponsors, volunteers and supporters who have helped us to raise awareness of Places That Matter sites, and to engage communities and neighbourhoods in discovering Vancouver's rich and layered history.

Plaque events this winter:

The Commodore, Smilin' Buddha Cabaret, BC Place Stadium, First City Hospital.
(dates and times to be confirmed)

Watch for more plaque sites to be announced.

 [Facebook.com/placesthatmatter](https://www.facebook.com/placesthatmatter)

 [#placesthatmatter](https://twitter.com/vanheritage)

VANCOUVER IS AWESOME.COM Read the blog at www.vancouverisawesome.com

VHF's new Special Project Coordinator

This past July, VHF welcomed Karen Estrin as Special Project Coordinator for Places That Matter, taking over for Jessica Quan who is on maternity leave. Karen joins us most recently from the Vancouver Foundation, with an extensive history in arts and heritage and experience working with Alberta Historic Sites, the Provincial Archives of Alberta, The Banff Centre and the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay.



Save On Meats



Lions Gate Bridge



Hogan's Alley

A LOOK BACK AT VHF SUMMER PROGRAMS...

HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR



The 2013 Heritage House Tour was the biggest yet with 12 houses! A new hit this year was the Heritage Info Fair located in the backyard of an East Side tour home. It featured experts in heritage restoration and renovation, the Grandview Heritage Group, and hotdogs prepared by our volunteers. Surrounding the fair were 5 character homes all with their own

unique styles and stories. The West side offered spectacular homes including a handsome Edwardian with stately curb appeal and a remarkable modern addition.

MID-CENTURY MODERN TOUR



In 2013, VHF ventured away from previous years with two big changes to the MCM tour. Firstly, the tour was opened up to include a self-guided option, versus previous years as strictly a guided bus tour. Secondly, 2013 became the first year VHF visited West Vancouver. Extending the tour by an hour to facilitate transit time, the tour was a huge success expanding its reach to 250 people, and showcasing beautiful West Coast Modern homes.

The day concluded with a wine reception at the fabulous VanDusen Gardens.

SAVOURING HERITAGE AT THE YALETOWN BREWPUB



Inspired by the wildly successful Sunday Morning at the Marine, VHF ventured into the world of craft beer with Yaletown Brewing Company. An evening of warehouse history in Yaletown with walking

tour guide John Atkin concluded with a lesson in craft brewing with Master Brewer Iain Hill, and a tasting of local ales. 100 attendees took home a tasting glass and some new found knowledge of our city.

ON LOCATION AT THE GOW BLOCK

Ramsay Worden Architects and VHF summer SALA intern, Sam McFaul, led an informative evening looking at the restoration and infill project at the Gow Block. VHF welcomed 30 people to the Commercial Street Cafe to present an illustrated talk and tour of the heritage revitalization agreement that resulted in the beautiful restoration of the 1906 Gow Block, with a sympathetically built complex of townhouses behind.



JAPANESE CONSULATE RECEPTION



Heritage House Tour owners, key volunteers and donors were welcomed by Japanese Consul General Seiichi Okada and his wife Yasuko into the beautifully designed Samuel McClure Consul

residence. After a private bus tour of four homes, guests attended an elegant evening of Japanese flavours and culture. After a delicious meal including a selection of sakés, traditional Japanese music and theatrical performances rounded out the evening.

GEORGIA VIADUCT WALKING TOUR

VHF's loyal social media followers enjoyed a special treat this August, with a guided tour of the Georgia Viaducts. This special event was only available to participants of a social media promotion, who shared a special VHF post to gain a coveted spot on the tour.

The tour itself was led by SFU city program's Gordon Price, and Civic Historian John Atkin. John and Gordon guided a group of 30 lucky participants through the tumultuous history of the Georgia Viaducts, pointing out the few remnants still visible of the original 1915 viaduct, and opened a conversation about how the removal of the current viaduct would affect the city.

Meet Judith Mosley, VHF's new Executive Director



Vancouver Heritage Foundation has appointed a new Executive Director. Judith Mosley will start in the post on September 16th and is thoroughly looking forward to joining the team and working with everyone involved with the Foundation. Judith grew up in York, England and took a degree in History at the University of Cambridge. Since then, she has enjoyed a career in marketing and communications, moving to Vancouver in 2000 and becoming involved in a variety of community projects. A long-term interest in older buildings and their future led Judith to pursue further education in the field and she recently spent a year at the University of Bath, studying for a Master's degree in the Conservation of Historic Buildings.

Granting Updates

As we went to press, several 2013 projects had finished and a number were still underway. This year has so far seen a new roof, restored windows on a historic church conversion, and two houses repainted including a Kitsilano Craftsman (images to right) and Colbourne House in Marpole (below). The Hollywood Theatre on West Broadway is undergoing a facade restoration and they are fundraising to restore the historic neon sign. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to see films at the Hollywood.

To apply for a Restore It, True Colours, Get on the Register or House Call grant, visit our website:

www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant/



Marpole Museum & Historical Society / Colbourne House repainted in Strathcona Red and Edwardian Buff



This Kitsilano home received the True Colours treatment - right Heritage Consultant, Margot Keate West, identifying the original Harris Green colour on the shingles and Edwardian Buff on the siding, now repainted on the house, above.

Grant application deadline:
February 1, 2014.

Visit the Granting website page for details about qualifying for a VHF grant.

Message from the Chair



This Fall promises to be packed with a wide variety of tours and education events including the Vancouver Special and Laneway House Tours. The popular film series will continue with four evenings of films celebrating architecture, urban design, and development in Vancouver over the last 60 years. Course offerings range from helping homeowners and new professionals to write Statements of Significance by the Province of BC to an evening with an energy advisor giving tips

on how to make your old house more energy efficient – identify the greatest ‘bang for your renovation buck’.

Evening lectures at Hycroft continue with Dal Richards and a look at big band venues in the city; 1913 – the building boom of a hundred years ago with John Atkin, and What’s New at the Archives with City Archivist Heather Gordon. The Brown Bag Lunch and Learns are set for three Wednesdays at BCIT Downtown; this series is now in its fourth year.

The presentations of Places that Matter plaques continue in the Fall under the coordination of Karen Estrin who has ably stepped in while Jessica Quan is on maternity leave. The Board is thrilled with the success of these events and how many people are involved in the programs.

While programs continue and expand, VHF will be undergoing a big change in our leadership this Fall with Diane Switzer leaving the role of Executive Director after 14 years – years that saw VHF grow to a staff of six and a wide range of programs and publications that have contributed to Vancouver’s knowledge and appreciation of its built heritage and its history. Diane’s shoes will be hard to fill. A selection committee of current Board members, the first Chair of the Board, and experienced leaders from the non-profit sector worked together to find her replacement. We welcome Judith Mosley in mid-September.

Finally, a note about our Annual Friends of VHF fundraising campaign: letters will be coming in the mail at the end of October but you can donate anytime at vancouverheritagefoundation.org.

Marta Farevaag, VHF Chair

Become a Friend of VHF

VHF relies on donations from our Friends to keep our doors open and to continue to expand our wide range of award-winning programs. November & December are Become a Friend of VHF months.

Visit www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org and hit the **DONATE NOW** button on the home page. It could not be simpler, and by doing so you will help us spread that word that history and heritage matter in Vancouver. If you prefer to send a cheque, watch for the Friend of VHF letter that will arrive in your mailbox in late October.

Thank you for supporting VHF!

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WHAT'S INSIDE THIS EDITION:

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- The return of fan favourites: Sunday Morning at the Marine and Films at the Hollywood Theatre
- NEW! Old School Courses
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JJBean Coffee Roasters in the Marine Building. Join us for coffee and an architectural talk about the space - see page 3.