

**HERITAGE**  
**Vancouver**  
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See what we've been doing



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HERITAGE

# Vancouver

PRESENTS

October 18, 7.00 - 9.00 PM,

special presentation

Vancouver Museum

***Hops, Barley, and Water:***

*a short history of beer in Vancouver*

Join heritage Vancouver for a beer tasting of local brews between 7 and 8 and then sit back as Vancouver Museum executive director Greg Evans takes us on a rollicking journey through the local history of beer. Apart from his day job, Greg is a brewing consultant and historian.

**Advance tickets only at the Vancouver Museum 734-7368 as it will be a sold out event:**

*\$5.00 for members and*

*\$10.00 for non-members*

November 15, 2000

8.00 PM, Vancouver Museum

***Hey buddy, you got the time?***

***Prostitution: Past and Present***

Its always been here and no matter how hard we try it always will be. Prostitution. Join Linda Eversole and Michael Kluckner for this peek at the world's oldest profession in Vancouver.

Linda Eversole is writing a book on the life of a Victorian madam and Michael Kluckner is a well known author and historian who has written many books on Vancouver.

*Free for Heritage Vancouver and Vancouver Museum members, \$5.00 for everyone else.*

December 20, 2000

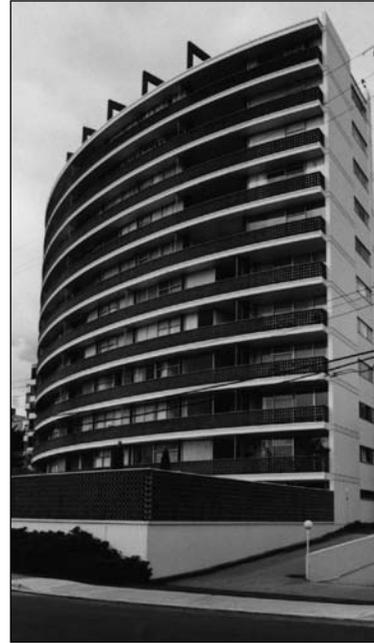
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***The Open Projector***

Join Heritage Vancouver for its traditional end of the year meeting. Everyone is invited to bring along some personal slides and put them up on the screen. Find out what others have done and are interested in. There are always surprises.

*A free evening.*

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## Crescent Apartments still the queen of West Van's waterfront

by *Robert Moffatt*

**Crescent Apartments  
2135 Argyle Street,  
West Vancouver  
Warnett Kennedy and  
Kenneth Gardner 1961**

Built in 1961, the Crescent Apartments was West Vancouver's first high-rise apartment building and is still one of the most elegant. It was designed as a then-rare condominium building, and this status is reflected in the high level of finish and larger room sizes.

The Crescent draws its name from its unusual silhouette, curved to fit the site and to maximize the panoramic view and available light. Floor-to-ceiling glass fills the southern walls. Large decks are inventively screened with sections of terra-cotta drainpipe, and the deck slabs are heated for use in cooler weather. Arched structural fins punctuate the roofline while an enclosure around the

south-facing swimming pool helps visually anchor the building to its site. The roof features a garden and deck area. A visit to the rear of the building reveals a dramatically glassed-in rear stairwell and carports whimsically shaped like inverted umbrellas.

Since the early 1960s the Ambleside neighbourhood of West Vancouver has steadily filled with residential towers jockeying for view and sun along the waterfront. While the Miami Beach resort atmosphere of the earlier buildings has given way to later Brutalist and post-modern styles, the area still retains a lively seaside feel enhanced by easy access to the beach, promenade, and shopping.

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, October 21 at 1:30 PM**  
**Tick Talk**  
at the Vancouver Museum

Watch expert Michael Benson presents a slide show and discussion about these timely collectables. As an avid collector of vintage watches for the past 12 years, Michael has assembled a diverse collection of timepieces, ranging from WWI military watches to space age 1970s models.

**Saturday, November 18 at 1:30 PM**  
**The Wright Stuff**  
at the Vancouver Museum

Find out what makes these utilitarian works of ceramic art so popular with collectors today and how to know whether you've got yourself a keeper! Bring along your favourite Russel Wright pieces for a lively discussion and consultation by Donald Luxton.

*The charge for both these Vancouver Museum events is \$6.00 for members and \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration is advised and the opportunity for a consultation is available at an additional charge of \$6.00 for the first 18 to register.*

## What we've been doing

1. June reception at Councillor Gordon Price's Concord Pacific/Yaletown condominium
2. October 1999 Mountain View Cemetery tour lead by genealogist Lorraine Irving
3. Councillor Gordon Price leads a tour of Concord Pacific/Yaletown in June
4. Heritage Vancouver Interm President John Atkin leads a July tour through Strathcona
5. Heritage Vancouver Interm President John Atkin leads an August tour through Kitsilano Point
6. The Grand Finale of Symphony of Fire, in August at Janet Leduc's place with a spectacular view of English Bay

Thank you for the cover photographs to Brock Piper, Shirley Sexsmith and Graeme Foster.

## Heritage Society of BC Awards program

The Heritage Society of BC is seeking nominations for its Awards Program.

Deadline is March 31st, but the Awards Committee accepts nominations at anytime.

The Awards Committee considers nominations in the categories of Projects: buildings, interiors, landscapes, and engineering, and Advocacy: publications, exhibits, heritage week program, public awareness and education.

The awards are presented at the Society's annual conference.

Do you know of a person or project demonstrating excellence in conservation, long term community service or exceptional performance as an advocate in heritage? If so, consider nominating them.

Details about the Society's Awards Program is available at [www.islandnet.com/~hsbc](http://www.islandnet.com/~hsbc)

## Federation of Canadian Municipalities supports tax break for heritage

A resolution was passed at the FCM national meeting in June asking the federal government to forgive the GST for approved work on heritage properties. Spearheaded by a Charlottetown councillor Mike Duffy who chairs the city's heritage review committee, the resolution would have the FCM petition the government on this issue.

It would certainly be a step in the right direction.



## Death by Misadventure

A tour of Mountain View Cemetery, October 28th at 1pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$5.00 for Heritage Vancouver members. Space is limited so call Heritage Vancouver at 254-9411 to reserve your spot.

## City database CD ROM for sale

Vancouver City building permits database for 1901 to 1914 is now available on CD ROM from the Heritage Vancouver Society. This is a buildings permit database to assist individuals with historical research. Permits for South Vancouver and Point Grey are also included.

Price \$25.00  
Heritage Vancouver 254-9411

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Heritage Vancouver's Annual General Meeting will take place on October 18, 2000 at 7.00 PM at the Vancouver Museum. The election of officers will take place at this meeting.

Memberships will also be due and must be up to date to allow voting in the elections.

## Words from the President

# Be Seeing You

Dear Members,

October is upon us and that means AGM time for Heritage Vancouver. We have made it a tradition at Heritage Vancouver that the AGM not take too long. For HV the AGM is really to elect the board of directors, get the overview of the financials and listen to the president sum up the past year —that should be about 15 minutes.

This year we have a slightly different format for the meeting. It starts at 7pm with our speaker (see the listing in this issue), we take a break at 8pm for the AGM and then rejoin the rest of the audience for the beer tasting.

And, for the past few months I have had the pleasure of serving as HV's interm president, at the October meeting I'll be handing the position over to the incoming president, Janet Leduc. I'm pleased to say that Janet is taking over a vibrant organization which is the product of everyone's hard work and interest in Heritage Vancouver. We have a great speaker's program (it sold out last month!), interesting special programs, and a growing membership.

I'd like to thank the current board for putting up with me these past months and I wish the new board and president well as they take Heritage Vancouver forward.

Be Seeing You.

John Atkin  
Interm President, Heritage Vancouver



## Secrets of the Bungalow

On October 4th at 8PM Thompson and Page and the Vancouver Museum is presenting Robert Winter, the author of *American Bungalow Style*, from Pasadena California. He'll be talking on the *Secrets of the Bungalow* a look at the bungalow using examples from across North America, with a special emphasis on Vancouver.

Call 734-7368 for tickets

Museum & HV members \$15.00  
Non-members \$20.00  
Limited seating

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## Join Heritage Vancouver

Annual membership runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Members receive a monthly newsletter, free admission to monthly speakers' programs and reduced rates for tours and other activities.

Charitable donation #1073758-52. Membership fees are not tax deductible.

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Individual: \$25                       Supporting (no newsletter) \$5  
 Family: \$30                               Corporate: \$50  
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