

“I loved seeing families enjoying these fine houses, each house was lovingly restored and decorated in quite individual ways.”

*Comments from a participant in Open Vancouver 2003 exit poll.*

From legends about family ghosts to recollections of bootlegging operations out of bedroom closets, the first Open Vancouver Heritage House Tour on June 1st provided visitors with a unique look into a selection of 14 heritage houses. This inaugural event was launched to an enthusiastic audience of over 1500 ticket holders and volunteers. The houses on the tour ranged from grand Shaughnessy mansions to samples of early Vancouver homes in the eastside neighbourhood of Strathcona. Volunteers were available in every home with a wealth of information about the home's history, restoration materials and unique features. Participants created their own itinerary and selected the houses from the delightful tour guidebook. The self-guided tour varied according to visitor's personal preferences; some visitors pre-selected priority homes according to their personal interests, while other adventurous visitors set out on bikes to get to all 14 homes in the one day!

The sold out success of the first Open Vancouver left us all with a taste for more rare glimpses into Vancouver heritage houses. We are delighted to announce that the next Open Vancouver will be held June 3, 2004. Watch for ticket sales information in the February 2004 edition of Old News so that you can join the unique fun of heritage home exploration.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and to our wonderful volunteers, you made this very successful event possible. You have our sincere appreciation.

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## OPEN VANCOUVER 2004

Sunday, June 3rd from 10 am - 4 pm

Tickets \$35 (including GST & mailing of guidebooks)

For ticket sales information watch for the February 2004 OLD NEWS

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## HISTORICAL VANCOUVER TRUE COLOURS COLOUR CARD

A familiar sight in Vancouver's West End are the 8 heritage houses in the 1000 block of Pacific Street. The houses, which are part of the Pacific Heights Housing Coop, are currently being painted in their original True Colours. The completed houses will offer an entire heritage streetscape painted as it would have been when the houses were built between 1904 and 1908. Sharon Halfnigh, a local heritage colour consultant contracted by the Vancouver Heritage Foundation to scrape, colour match and develop colour schemes for the houses, discovered body colours from Comox Green, to Point Grey, Strathcona Mahogany, Kitsilano Gold and Victorian Peridot. The paint colours can be found in the Historical Vancouver True Colours palette of colours available at local Benjamin Moore retailers.



## Leslie Lane House - It's Finished!



Over the past year Old News has kept you up to date on the move and restoration of the Leslie Lane House, a turn of the century Victorian cottage donated to the Foundation by Umberto Menghi. With the help of over two dozen corporate contributors led by Kindred Construction Ltd. and Ramsay Worden Architects Ltd. the restoration of house is now complete. Sitting in its new home in Mole Hill donated to the Foundation by the City of Vancouver, the two unit strata building fits in beautifully with its surroundings. The building began life as a small residence on a downtown laneway behind a larger Victorian house and today it is once again being lived in and enjoyed as a modest lane house in the shadow of a large Victorian house.

We would like to sincerely thank the consultants and suppliers who so generously gave to this heritage restoration project.

