

Lemon has a special relationship with the Vancouver Heritage Foundation, having been involved in its establishment in 1992 and then being on the board – and chair – for many years. The VHF has been helpful in getting the book published and Lemon wishes to thank Yosef Wosk and John Fiegl, two loyal supporters of the VHF, who helped sponsor his book.

He will also be doing a book signing and talk on the theme of design at Inform Interiors on Tuesday, February 21st

About the Speaker

Robert G. Lemon is an award-winning architect and writer, whose study, work, and passion for buildings and cities has taken him around the world. Born in southern Ontario, he began his architectural studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, but soon left Canada for stints in Paris and London, then returned to the High Arctic as photographer for an archaeological project. Upon graduation, he received the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal in Architecture, as well as the Heritage Canada Student Design Award.

In 1979, Lemon moved to Vancouver, where he has lived and practiced for over four decades. He has a master's degree in architectural conservation which he started at ICCROM in Rome and completed at the University of York in the UK. Now retired – he has returned to his Ontario roots in Stratford.

Lemon's professional career has focused on heritage planning, building rehabilitation and custom residential commissions. From 1991 to 1996 he was the Senior Heritage Planner for the City of Vancouver, where he was involved in landmark building rehabilitation projects, the introduction of the current heritage legislation, revamping the Transfer of Density Policy and adding Recent Landmarks to the Vancouver Heritage Register.

His landmark heritage building rehabilitation projects in Vancouver include The Architecture Centre, the downtown YMCA, Coastal Church, Hotel Georgia, and two historic buildings at Jameson House and Shannon Estate, all of which have received City of Vancouver Heritage Awards. He also designed or rehabilitated many award-winning custom residences in British Columbia.

Now retired to Stratford Ontario, Lemon hopes that the stories of his career will motivate others to take up the cause of historic preservation, if not for the architectural and heritage value, but for the good of the environment. As someone once said, the greenest building is the one that is already built.