



Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Thursday May 12 <i>and</i> May 19	Traditional Medicine: Foot Massage: A Two-Part Session English	Yakushi Center, Ngõ 28, House 6, Xuân Diệu, Tây Hồ (opposite Sheraton Hotel sign)	10:00 AM (2 hrs) (Part I) & 10:00 AM (2 hrs) (Part II)	Diane Bogan mombogan@earthlink.net
Monday 16 May	Lecture: "Long Biên Bridge: A Bridge through Time" English	Backroom of Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trung	7:00 PM (1.5 hrs)	Helen Huntley helenshuntley@yahoo.com
Saturday 21 May	Excursion: Day Trip to Phát Diêm Cathedral English	Sofitel Plaza Hotel, side entrance on Đường Yên Phụ	8:30 AM (all day)	Ms Thuy vnthuy@hotmail.com 0123-812-7587
Friday 20 May	City Walk: Hoàn Kiếm Lake English	In front of statue of Lý Thái Tô in the park at corner of Đinh Tiên Hoàng and Lê Lai streets	12:00 PM (3+ hrs)	Roman FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com
Monday 23 May	Arts & Antiquities: Every Object Tells a Story: a talk exploring objects from Vietnam's ethnic minority groups English	54 Traditions Gallery, 30 Hàng Bún St.	6:30 PM (1.5 hrs)	Becky Buglar mailto:beckypantling@gmail.com
Saturday 28 May	City Walk: St Joseph's Cathedral Area English	In front of St Joseph's Cathedral, corner of Nhà Thơ and Nhà Chung streets	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Sue Jacka sue.jacka@gmail.com
Mardi 31 mai	Découverte de la ville: Musée l'histoire du Việt Nam: le long parcours d'une nation Français	Musée de l'histoire du Việt Nam, guichet de vente des billets 1 Tràng Tiền	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Nicole Maillard Nicole.nicolemaillard@gmail.com
Jeudi 2 jun	Découverte de la ville: Visite du quartier de Ngũ Xã Français	Devant la pagode Thần Quang 44 rue Ngũ Xã	9:00h (3 hrs)	Genevieve Prady sautierprady@gmail.com

Friends of Vietnam Heritage (FVH) is a non-formal group of mainly Hà Nội residents from many countries who work voluntarily to promote and preserve Vietnamese cultural and historical heritage. With a cadre of dedicated volunteers and limited financial resources, FVH is proud to offer an array events like those listed above and detailed on the following pages. Due to financial obligations incurred by FVH while planning events, please register for events in advance as space is limited. If you must cancel fewer than 24 hours before the event, or if you do not show up, you are kindly requested to pay the event fee.

Program Details

Traditional Medicine Section

Foot Massage: A Two-Part Session

Thursday, 12 May, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

AND Thursday, 19 May, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

(English)

Learn why feet are important to your overall wellbeing and a great tool for relaxation. We will focus on the feet and lower leg. Birgitta Larsson will lead this two-day session. There will be a 30-minute talk and then demonstration and practice of acupressure points, relaxation massage, and foot and toe exercises. We will work in pairs. For the full benefit of this session, you should attend both days. The full fee will be collected on the first day.

Place: Meet at the Yakushi Center, Ngõ 28 House #6, Xuân Diệu, Tây Hồ (opposite the Sheraton Hotel sign)

Cost: 350,000 VND*

Limit: 8 people

Registration: Diane Bogan, mombogan@earthlink.net

Please leave your mobile number so you can be contact in case of any last minute changes.

Notes: Wear comfortable clothes



Lectures Section

"Long Biên Bridge: A Bridge through Time"

Monday, 16 May, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

(English)

Douglas Jardine, a professor at Hanoi University, will continue his series of monthly lectures with a focus on the history and meanings of Long Biên Bridge through time, from its creation by the French in the early 20th century to now. Long Biên Bridge is over 100 years old and has survived revolution and the anger of the American Air Force. This lecture will also explore how today the Long Biên Bridge creates a social space for those who have been left behind in Việt Nam's economic miracle.

Place: Meet in the backroom of Cinematheque, located at 22A Hai Bà Trưng

Cost: 80,000 VND*

Limit: 60 people

Registration: Helen Huntley, helenshuntley@yahoo.com

Please leave your mobile number so you can be contacted in case of any last minute changes.



Discover Hanoi City Walk

Hoàn Kiếm Lake

**Friday, 20 May, 12:00 - 3:00 PM, 3+ hrs duration
(English)**

Walk with us around the “center of Hà Nội” and discover the founding of the city, the French colonization of the area, the history and legends of the lake, the old temples that stood and stand at the lake, and the major French architecture of the area.

Place: Meet in front of statue of Lý Thái Tổ, in the park at corner of Đinh Tiên Hoàng and Lê Lai streets

Cost: 70,000 VND*

Limit: 20 people

Registration: Roman, FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile number so you can be contact in case of any last minute changes.

Notes: Wear comfortable shoes and clothes as it may be hot or rainy, and bring plenty of water to drink. There will be places to sit, bathrooms, refreshment stand along the way.



Excursions Section

Day Trip to Phát Diêm Cathedral

**Saturday, 21 May, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
(English)**

Phát Diêm is located 121 km south of Hà Nội and 29 km southeast of Ninh Bình. Phát Diêm is home to a well-known cathedral, remarkable for its vast size and historical significance. Built between 1875 and 1899 in Kim Sơn village by a Vietnamese priest named Father Sau Luc, the cathedral is famous for its extraordinary architecture, a sort of Franco-Sino-Vietnamese pagoda: sloping tile roofs with up-curving dragons at the corners, wooden colonnades, and carved stone reliefs.

We will climb the bell tower and enjoy the view of the cathedral church, its annex buildings, and the surrounding area dotted with many more churches.

Please bring your lunch and snacks. We will sit in the front courtyard, enjoying the quietness of village life. We will provide bottled water.



Place: 8:30 AM departure from Sofitel Plaza Hotel at side entrance on Đường Yên Phụ - please arrive early! We will be back in Hà Nội at approximately 5:30 PM.

Cost: 400,000 VND* to be paid on bus

Limit: 30 people

Registration: Ms Thuy, vnthuy@hotmail.com, mobile 01238127587

Please include your mobile phone number, so we may reach you with last-minute changes.



Arts and Antiquities

Every Object Tells a Story: a talk exploring artefacts from Vietnam

Monday, 23rd May, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

(English)

Every object has a story to tell: how and when was it made, from what materials, who made it and owned it, how it was used, how does it mirror the culture that made it – historically, aesthetically, economically, spiritually, culturally – what path has it taken to be here and why was that path taken?

Some questions can be answered definitively, but the answers to others can only be found in the realm of speculation. Sometimes, the latter answers are the most fun to pursue.

The speaker, Mark Rapoport, MD, has a large collection of objects from Vietnam. He looks upon each object as a window into the culture that made it, and he revels in the search for facts and answers that illuminate both the object and its culture. He will bring dozens of objects from his collection to examine, discuss, and share.



Place: 54 Traditions Gallery, 30 Hàng Bún St.

Cost: 120,000 VND*

Limit: 15 people

Registration: Becky Buglar beckypantling@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Discover Hanoi City Walk

St Joseph's Cathedral Area

Saturday, 28 May, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

(English)

This walk commences at St Joseph's Cathedral and travels through some of the streets of the Old Quarter, including Hàng Trống and Hàng Quạt. It also includes visits to two small temples in the area and a community house (if open).

Place: Meet outside St Joseph's Cathedral, on the corner of Nhà Thờ and Nhà Chung streets

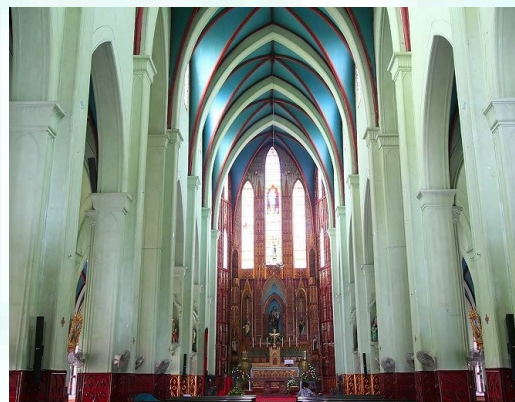
Cost: 70,000 VND*

Limit: 8 people

Registration: Sue Jacka, mobile: 0120-407-1311, sue.jacka@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Note: Bring a hat, sunscreen, and water in anticipation for hot weather



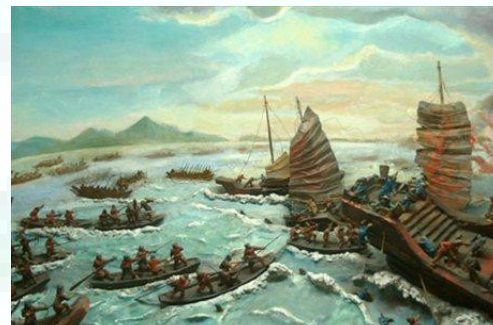
Découverte de la Ville

Musée de l'histoire du Viêt Nam: le long et riche parcours d'une nation

Mardi, 31 mai, de 9:30 à 12:30

(Français)

Découvrir comment civilisations et événements ont, au cours des siècles, façonné le Vietnam actuel. Ceci à travers l'art du bronze, de la céramique, de la sculpture, de la peinture... qui illustrent le riche passé de ce pays. Après un passage dans la cour du musée pour en admirer l'architecture et essayer de recréer un court instant l'atmosphère de la capitale de L'Indochine française, vous découvrirez les événements majeurs qui ont jalonné l'histoire de ce pays unique.



Possibilité de déjeuner ensuite au restaurant, situé dans la cour du musée, pour continuer la discussion.

Friends of Vietnam Heritage would like to thank the Cercle des Francophones du Hanoi for kindly guiding this walk in French.

Lieu: Musée de l'Histoire du Vietnam, guichet de vente des billets, 1 Tràng Tiền
Coût: 70,000 VND* plus coût entrée du musée 20,000 VND
Limite à: 12 personnes
S'inscrire: Nicole Maillard, nicole.nicolemaillard@gmail.com
Merci de communiquer votre numéro de mobile afin de vous informer d'éventuels changements.

Découverte de la Ville

Visite du quartier de Ngũ Xã, ancien village des fondeurs de bronze, et le temple Quán Thánh

Jeudi, 2 jun, 9:30 à 12:30

Visite de l'ancien village des fondeurs de bronze : aperçu sur les techniques du bronze ; visite de la pagode Thân Quang, qui abrite la plus grande statue de bronze d'un seul bloc du Vietnam, un Bouddha de 8 tonnes ; visite de la maison de quartier Nam Trạng, dédiée au fondateur de la ligue des fondeurs de bronze, Nguyễn Minh Không ; visite de l'atelier d'un artisan (sous réserve) et des réalisations de la fabrique Hoa Mai ; visite de la pagode Châu Long au bord du lac Trúc Bạch, et, s'il nous reste du temps, du temple taoïste Quán Thánh, dont la grande statue de Trần Vũ a été fondue dans le quartier de Ngũ Xã.



Friends of Vietnam Heritage would like to thank the Cercle des Francophones du Hanoi for kindly guiding this walk in French.

Lieu: Devant la pagode Thân Quang au 44 rue Ngũ Xã
Coût: 70,000vnd*, reversés à l'association Friends of Vietnam Heritage
Limitée à: 8 personnes
S'inscrire: Geneviève Prady, sautierprady@gmail.com, 093 684 62 26
 En s'inscrivant, merci de donner votre numéro de tel portable pour que l'on puisse vous contacter en cas de besoin.
 Pour ceux et celles qui le souhaitent, possibilité de manger ensemble dans un restaurant de rue, réputé pour ses pâtes de riz.

Get Involved, Volunteer!

FVH is currently recruiting for the following positions. Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers – your skills and expertise are needed!

Head, Excursions Section

The Head of Excursions Section is responsible for establishing, maintaining and leading the Excursion Committee to research and select locations for future day excursions.

Main duties:

- Coordinate Excursions Committee to determine the date and time for day excursions (one per month) and to arrange transportation and related experts to guide or provide demonstrations
- Guide Excursions Committee to research and produce a handout and map covering the excursion area, its history and culture
- Submit excursion information for the newsletter by the 15th of previous month and post it on the calendar
- Accompany Excursion Committee members and guides on all excursions or pre-trips
- Send reminder emails to reservation holders at least four days before excursion departure. Ensure that Excursion Committee confirms any related demonstrations by local experts on day of excursion
- On day of excursion, maintain the reservation list and collect money. Record any donations and pay all related costs associated with excursion, including transportation, guide fee, translation services, and other miscellaneous items
- Submit monthly section report and financial report for activity, as well as year-end summary report
- Attend monthly Governing Council meeting (usually held on the first Tuesday of each month)
- Mentor an alternate Section Head as a future replacement, and recruit new members for Committee

Expected output: One excursion per month; preparation of excursion one to two months in advance

Estimated workload: 8-10 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvheritage@gmail.com



Head, Traditional Beliefs and Religions Section

Main duties:

- Help contact religious persons / experts to arrange date, time and subject of lecture, demonstration, or visit. Plan one event per month
- Submit information for the newsletter and post on calendar by the 15th of the previous month
- Send reminders to all who sign up for the activity (four days before the activity)
- Attend event. Make introductions and open Q&A session
- Check attendees and collect money for activity
- Submit monthly section report and financial report for activity, as well as year-end summary report
- Attend monthly Governing Council meeting (usually held on the first Tuesday of each month)
- Mentor an alternate co-section head as a future replacement

Expected output: Help plan one activity each month; prepare an alternate activity two months in advance

Estimated workload: 10 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvh.@gmail.com



Co-Head, Traditional Medicine Section

Main duties:

- Help contact doctors/experts to arrange date, time and subject of lecture or demonstration. Plan one lecture/demonstration per month
- Submit information for the newsletter and post on calendar by the 15th of the previous month
- Send reminders to all who sign up for the activity (four days before the activity)
- Attend lecture or demonstration. Make introductions and open Q&A session
- Check attendees and collect money for activity
- Submit monthly section report and financial report for activity, as well as year-end summary report
- Attend monthly Governing Council meeting (usually held on the first Tuesday of each month)
- Mentor an alternate co-section head as a future replacement



Expected output: Help plan one activity each month; prepare an alternate activity two months in advance

Estimated workload: 3-4 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvheritage@gmail.com

Program Editor, Support Section

The Program Editor is responsible for compiling FVH's monthly program, maintaining our Google calendar, and sharing our monthly program with external groups for promotion.

Main duties:

- By the 10th of each month, send out reminders to Section Heads to turn in activity templates
- Collect and compile activity templates by the 15th of the month, and prepare draft of monthly program for review by Executive Committee, Section Heads and select external groups
- Ensure Section Heads input activities into their respective calendars, edit calendar entries as needed, and check that Google Map feature works correctly
- Toward the end of the month, collect remaining activity templates and compile final draft of monthly program. Circulate program for final review and make edits as needed or requested
- Create PDF file of monthly program and write accompanying email for distribution by the first of the month
- Post upcoming FVH activities on New Hanoian, Facebook and other appropriate websites for promotion, and update FVH's online profiles as needed
- Attend monthly Governing Council meeting (usually held on the first Tuesday of each month)



Requirements:

- Native English writing ability, basic knowledge of the Vietnamese language a plus
- Excellent word processing skills
- Internet savvy with ability to manage emails, send attachments and create PDFs

Expected output:

- One program per month (expect during summer months of July and August); twice per month online review and posting of FVH activities and profiles

Estimated workload: 12-15 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvheritage@gmail.com

Always check our website, www.fvheritage.org, for more events.

Museum Spotlight

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology

Bảo Tàng Dân Tộc Học Việt Nam

Nguyễn Văn Huyền Road, Cầu Giấy, Hà Nội

Tel: (84-4) 3756-2193

Email: vme18@vme.org.vn

www.vme.org.vn

Bus Routes: 7, 14, 27, 28, 30, 38, 45

Hours: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM daily except Mondays

Ticket Price: 25,000 VND for regular admission
5,000 VND for children and students
Free for children under 6 years of age and people of Việt Nam ethnic minorities

Tour Prices: 30,000 VND for tours in Vietnamese,
50,000 VND in French and English

Water Puppets: Performances every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM. Show tickets are 20,000 VND for adults, 10,000 VND for children, children under six are free. This fee is in addition to the regular museum entrance fee and goes directly to the puppet troupe. After the performances there are opportunities to talk to the artisans about traditional puppetry in Việt Nam. The performance is held in the outdoor exhibition space. Special performance for private parties and events can be arranged.



"A Glimpse into Southeast Asia" Exhibition

As part of the year-long exhibition, 30 Indonesian glass paintings are on display at the Museum's newly constructed building. The paintings deal with different topics: daily life, folk arts, rituals, festivals and events from Hindu epics.

The Hanoi Museum

Phạm Hùng Street, Từ Liêm

The first two floors of the Hanoi Museum house a permanent collection of bronzes, photos, plants, pottery and miscellaneous artifacts, along with a small cafe and shop. At the entrance to the second floor exhibits there is magnificent silk embroidery. The third and fourth floors currently display an extensive temporary collection of ceramic pieces from 1000BC to the 20th Century, Đông Sơn drums and both metal and stone tools.



This new museum is completely wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp on the left of the stairs leading to the front door and a circular ramp spirals to each of the four floors. There is also an elevator.

Items are labeled in both Vietnamese and English and are well lit and displayed. Groups are welcome.

Location: Next to the Conference Center near the Mỹ Đình National Stadium

Hours: 8:30-11:30 AM, 2:00-4:30 PM. Closed on Mondays.

Admission: Free until further notice. English Translator available, donation requested

Bus Routes: 5, 29, 33, 39, 44, 50

FVH Liaison: Trần Xuân Quý, nhanan.co@gmail.com

Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts

Bảo Tàng Mỹ Thuật

66 Nguyễn Thái Học, Tel: (84-4) 3823-3084

www.vnfineartsmuseum.org.vn/English/gioithieu.asp#

Bus Routes: 2, 18, 23, 25, 27, 32, 34, 38, 39, 41, 45, 50

Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM daily

Ticket Price: 20,000 VND for adults
7,000 VND for students and children under 12

FVH Liaison: John Reilly, left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com

The Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts has an excellent collection of the following:

- Fine arts in the early historic times, pre-11th century
- Religious art
- Fine arts from 11th to 19th century
- Paintings and sculptures from the 20th century
- Lacquer paintings
- Paintings on silk
- Applied decorative arts
- Vietnamese ceramics from 11th to 20th century



Sculpture Exhibition from Three Continents

The exhibition is the work results of the Vietnamese Sculpture Group 5+ (Lê Thị Hiền, Mai Thu Vân, Lê Lang Lương, Khổng Đỗ Tuyên, Trần Trọng Tri, and Nguyễn Ngọc Lâm) with Belgian sculpture artists Paty Sonville and Talbaui Faima, and an American sculpture artist Ushida. The works belong to a program for artists residing in Việt Nam with the cooperation between the Vietnam Art Association and Wallonie-Bruxelles International.

To make the works, firstly the artists had to learn about traditional techniques of sculpture and bamboo, and then they combined these materials to create the different sculpture works depending on the artists' creativity and research. Through diverse materials and techniques, the project aims to make an art sculpture work in space, and each artist will reflect in his own language with the topic, "A House in Cubes." The project is a new experience for each artist. Moreover, this is also an opportunity to develop creative directions of sculptural art through international exchange, and among artists and art associations.



The National Museum of Vietnamese History

Bảo Tàng Lịch Sử

1 Tràng Tiền Street,
Tel: (84-4) 3824-1384 / 3825-7753
Email: banbientap@nmvn.org.vn
www.baotanglichsu.vn

Bus Routes: 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 23, 34, 36, 40, 45
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM daily
Guided tours: Available on request
Guide Contact: Mrs Nguyen Thu Hoan, Deputy of
Exhibition and Education Department,
office: (84-4) 824-1384, mobile: (84) 094-
536-8086 tuyentruyenbt@baotanglichsu.vn

Ticket Price: 20,000 VND for adults
10,000 VND for students
2,000 VND for children

Photo/Video Charges:
Video: 800,000 VND per day if showcases
are opened; 400,000 VND per day if showcases are not opened
Research photographs: 20,000-600,000 VND per day (depending on needs)
Personal video: 30,000 VND
Personal camera: 15,000 VND



"Treasures of Tây Sơn" Exhibition

is currently on display at the Vietnamese History Museum.

The Vietnamese Women's Museum

Bảo Tàng Phụ Nữ

36 Lý Thường Kiệt, Tel: (84-4) 3825-9936
www.baotangphunu.org.vn

Bus Routes: Any bus that runs on Lê Duẩn,
Hai Bà Trưng, or Trần Hưng Đạo
Hours: Daily from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Ticket Price: 30,000 VND for Expats



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shimmy Mob Event

In cooperation with Apsara studio and the Center for Women and Development, the Vietnamese Women's Museum will hold the Shimmy Mob Event from 10:00 – 11:30 AM on Sunday, 1 May. This is the first belly dance event in Việt Nam to honor the beauty of women and raise funds to support disadvantaged women or victims of domestic violence helped by Peaceful House.

Heritage and Memories Day

Here's a chance for people who love museums to visit us for free. In celebration of International Museum Day, Vietnamese Women's Museum will offer free admission for all visitors on Wednesday, 18 May.

"Single Mothers' Voices" Exhibit

The Women's Museum of Vietnam has cooperated with the Embassy of the Republic of Finland to mount an exhibit, "Single Mothers' Voices." Twenty single mothers from Tấn Minh Commune in Sóc Sơn District, Hà Nội received training and cameras to photograph themselves, their lives, and subjects of importance to them. The exhibition runs until August 2011.

Publications

Friends of Vietnam Heritage produce a number of publications. All publications are **60,000 VND**. If you would like to purchase any of these books just contact any FVH Governing Council member or contact Diane Bogan at mombogan@earthlink.net. Books are also sold at all FVH events.

1. Bạch Mã Temple Guidebook (White Horse Temple)

Learn about King Lý Thái Tổ's dream and why the temple honors the White Horse Deity. This guidebook offers detailed information on the history of Bạch Mã Temple on Hàng Buồm Street, including temple layout, translation of panels written in Chinese characters, as well as information about the symbolism used in the temple. The guided walk contained at the end of this guidebook provides an opportunity to explore and experience some of the same streets where the craft guilds and merchants set-up within the third enclosure of the citadel.

Published 2001

2. Quán Thánh Temple Guidebook

This publication details the legends of Huyền Thiên Trấn Vũ, also known as the 'genie who guards the Dark Heaven.' This guidebook contains detailed information on the history of Quán Thánh Temple, as well as translations of the many parallel sentences and poems on the walls and columns of this magnificent Taoist Temple. A walking tour of the bronze-casting village of Ngũ Xã, with its Chùa and Đình and the enjoyable atmosphere around Trúc Bạch Lake is included.

Published 2002, reprinted 2008

3. Trấn Quốc Pagoda Guidebook

The Trấn Quốc Pagoda on Thanh Niên Road was founded some 1400 years ago, and it is one of the most ancient Buddhist pagodas in Hà Nội. Nestled between West Lake and Trúc Bạch Lake, the pagoda is considered a magnificent symbol of Buddhism in Việt Nam, and is one of the most visited sites in the capital. This guidebook covers the history of Buddhism, the temple layout, and describes in detail the different areas of the pagoda. A fascinating publication, which includes especially commissioned drawings and photographs.

Published 2003, reprinted 2006

4. Phú Tây Hồ Guidebook (West Lake Palace)

Have you ever wondered who these doll-like statues in glass cabinets, in blue, white, red or green attire may be? Phú Tây Hồ at the far end of the Tây Hồ peninsula is the most impressive pagoda dedicated to the cult of the Mother goddesses in Hà Nội, an indigenous cult that seems to permeate the lives of all Vietnamese women in varying degrees. The guidebook describes in detail the complex itself, then discusses the religion of the Mother goddesses, including its philosophy, pantheon and rituals.

Published 2004

5. Lãn Ông Street Guidebook (Traditional Medicine Street)

Traditional medicine is very much alive on this particular street of the Old Quarter. This guidebook not only describes the area in its historical context and current set-up, but also offers information on a variety of Vietnamese herbal teas for the health conscious as well as a comprehensive pictorial of Lãn Ông Street.

Published 2005, reprinted 2005



6. Bát Tràng Traditional Pottery Village: A Self-Guided Walk

This guidebook focuses on the old section of the pottery commune of Bát Tràng, a village with a long history hitherto unknown to many outsiders. The guidebook is based on a self-guided walk. There are three different circuits lasting from 45 minutes to two hours, all shown on a map.

Published 2006, reprinted 2009

7. Hoàn Kiếm Lake, its Legends and Temples: A Self-Guided Walk

The area around Hồ Hoàn Kiếm represents the physical heart and spiritual soul of Hà Nội. Continuing the tradition of FVH to promote the understanding of Việt Nam's history and culture, this guidebook focuses on the history and legends, the temples and pagodas surrounding the lake. Also included is information on the large Báo Ân Pagoda complex, which was razed between 1886-1889 and left only the Hòa Phong tower still standing today.

Published 2007

8. Vignettes of French Culture in Hà Nội

This guidebook provides an insight and appreciation of the influence on Hà Nội of the French colonial period from 1873 until 1954. The three guided walks contained in this guidebook provide an opportunity for the reader to explore and experience aspects of what the people of Hà Nội have absorbed and made their own as a result of eighty years of French presence in their city.

Published 2008

9. Hồ Tây – Walks Around West Lake

Hồ Tây continues to inspired writers, artists and photographers with its beauty, history, culture and religious aspects, but it also provides for its local residents a source of fish, water and a rich soil to cultivate a variety of plants and vegetables. This guidebook covers the legends of the lake, as well as its history and future plans for this rapidly expanding part of Hà Nội. Included are five self-guided walks identifying those places of interest both old and new around the entire West Lake shore.

Published 2009

10. Văn Miếu Walking Tour (Temple of Literature)

This guidebook introduces visitors to the Văn Miếu, or the Temple of Literature, one of the foremost architectural treasures of Việt Nam and its capital city Hà Nội. The Văn Miếu - Quốc Tử Giám ranks third in Việt Nam's register of national historic sites. A leafy oasis in the centre of the bustling city, it is a magnet for the citizens of Hà Nội and for visitors to the city who wish to spend a quiet moment contemplating its rich past. This guidebook contains a history of the school and the temple, a description of each courtyard and its meaning as expressed through its architecture, translations of all the plaques, as well as quick guides to Confucianism and the Royal Examinations

New Publication

Resource Center

Hanoi City Library

Thư Viện Hà Nội

47 Bà Triệu, 4th floor

Hà Nội, Việt Nam

The Friends of Vietnam Heritage's Resource Center is on the 4th floor of the Hanoi City Library (Thư Viện Hà Nội), located on the corner of Trần Hưng Đạo and Bà Triệu streets. The FVH collection includes books and journals that focus on Vietnamese art, history and culture.

In order to access the collection you need to get a Reader's Card. Go to the office (just inside the main entrance of the library), fill out a simple form, and attach one photograph. You'll also need to show your passport and pay an annual fee of 22,000 VND. After becoming a member, show your card whenever you go in.

The FVH collection is for reference only. You cannot remove the books from the library. Please note that the Reader's Card does not authorize the holder to borrow other books from the main library. If you want a Borrower's Card for checking out non-FVH books, you will need to fill out another form to receive one.

Library Opening Times: Every day Monday to Friday except Thursday morning of the first and third week of the month. Daily times: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:30 – 5:00 PM. Closed on weekends and national holidays.



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The Last Page

Friends of Vietnam Heritage (FVH) is a non-formal group of mainly Hà Nội residents from many countries, including Việt Nam. FVH's purpose is to enjoy, enhance and deepen the understanding of Việt Nam's cultural and historical heritage and thereby help with its preservation. There is no membership fee to join.

Website: www.fvheritage.org

Bookmark the Friends of Vietnam Heritage website where you will find the monthly program and further information about FVH, including a photo page and links.

Email: fvheritage@gmail.com

Address all correspondence to the Friends of Vietnam Heritage email address.

Program: To receive our free monthly program, please send an email to fvheritage@gmail.com.

Participation: Our programs are open to all people. FVH programs and events are in English or translated into English, unless noted otherwise.

Volunteering: If you are interested in serving on the FVH Governing Council or in volunteering for a specific section, please send an email to fvheritage@gmail.com. Also visit the "Get Involved" section of our website for current volunteer openings. FVH does not have an office, so all volunteers work from home.

Council Meetings: The FVH Council usually meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Fine Arts Museum. However, times and dates may change. Everyone who receives this program is welcome to attend the meetings as an observer. If you are interested in attending, please email fvheritage@gmail.com to verify date and time.

Executive Committee: John Reilly (Chair), Diane Bogan (Vice-Chair),
Sue Jacka (Treasurer), Trần Xuân Quý (Secretary)

Student Invitation

FVH would like to invite Vietnamese students to join our events for half of the activity cost. Please contact the event coordinator to reserve a place (subject to availability, as determined by the coordinator). Students are required to present their current student identification card.

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