



## Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Jeudi 03 Novembre	City Walks: <a href="#">Musée des femmes du Vietnam/ L'ao dai, trésor de l'art vestimentaire viet.</a> <b>Français</b>	Vietnamese Women's Museum; guiche des billets, 36 Lý Thường Kiệt	9:30 AM (2.5 hrs)	Nicole <a href="mailto:nicole.nicolemaillard@gmail.com">nicole.nicolemaillard@gmail.com</a>
Monday 07 Nov	Lectures: <a href="#">Tea culture in Vietnam</a> <b>English</b>	O Chao Tea House ; 25 Xuân Diệu	7:30 PM (2 hrs)	Helen <a href="mailto:helenshuntley@yahoo.com">helenshuntley@yahoo.com</a>
Saturday 12 Nov	Excursions: <a href="#">Đồng Kỵ: Wood carving village</a> <b>English</b>	Sofitel Plaza ; On Yên Phụ Rd., at the corner of Thanh Niên Rd.	09:00 AM (7 hrs)	Linda <a href="mailto:linda10.vn@gmail.com">linda10.vn@gmail.com</a>
Monday 14 Nov	Films: <a href="#">"Hip Hop, My Life"</a> <a href="#">"The Quiet Teachers"</a> <a href="#">"Recyclers: Country Women in the City"</a> <b>English</b>	Hanoi Cinematheque 22A Hai Bà Trưng St.	7:00 PM (2.5 hrs)	John at: <a href="mailto:Lefthanded2hanoi@yahoo.com">Lefthanded2hanoi@yahoo.com</a>
Wednesday 16 Nov	Arts and Antiquities: <a href="#">"Tribal Textile as Identity, Technology and History"</a> <a href="#">A lecture by Dr. Mark Rapoport</a> <b>English</b>	54 Traditions Gallery, 30 Hàng Bún St.	6:00 PM (1.5 hrs)	Christie Kesner <a href="mailto:cgkesner@gmail.com">cgkesner@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 17 Nov	Traditional & Medicine: <a href="#">Food for the Body and Soul: the Lotus</a> <b>English</b>	O Chao Tea House, 25 Xuân Diệu	10:00 AM (2.5 hrs)	Chi Nguyễn <a href="mailto:aemdss.lyon@gmail.com">aemdss.lyon@gmail.com</a>



## Program Summary (continued)

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Saturday 19 Nov	City Walks: <a href="#">Ngũ Xá Island, the bronze-making village, and Quán Thánh Temple</a> <b>English</b>	In front of Vajra shop, 178 Trần Vũ, on Ngũ Xá Island	9:30 AM (3+ hrs)	Roman <a href="mailto:FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com">FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com</a>
Saturday 26 November	City Walk: <a href="#">Đồng Xuân Market and Surrounding Area</a> <b>English</b>	Quan Chưởng Gate, at the corner of Hàng Chiếu and Đào Duy Từ streets	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Sue Jacka <a href="mailto:sue.jacka@gmail.com">sue.jacka@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday 29 Nov	City Walks: <a href="#">Đồng Xuân Market Area</a> <b>Japanese</b>	Ô Quan Chưởng gate, at the corner of Hàng Chiếu and Đào Duy Từ streets	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Miho <a href="mailto:herijapan@yahoo.co.jp">herijapan@yahoo.co.jp</a>

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 of events like those listed above and detailed on the following pages.

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## Program Details

### Découverte de la ville:

#### **Musée des femmes du Vietnam**

**Jeudi, 03 Novembre, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**(Français)**

La visite de ce musée, (récemment rénové avec l'aide d'une équipe du musée du quai Branly), permet de mieux comprendre le rôle des femmes dans la vie de ce pays. Une exposition temporaire sur l'ao dai, création de mode contemporaine, est à découvrir au dernier étage du musée.

**Lieu:** Musée des femmes du Vietnam, guiche des billets, 36 Lý Thường Kiệt.

**Coût:** 70,000 VND; plus coût entrée du musée 20,000 VND

**Limite:** 12 personnes

**Inscriptions:** Nicole; 0912258903 ou [nicole.nicolemaillard@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.nicolemaillard@gmail.com)  
*Merci de communiquer votre numéro de mobile afin de vous joindre en cas de changement de dernière minute*

**Remarques:** vêtements et chaussures confortables conseillés.



### Lectures

#### **Tea culture in Vietnam**

**Monday, 07 November, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

**(English)**

Le Guillaume, the owner of O Chao Tea House, will discuss the different types of tea grown in Vietnam, provide a tea tasting experience, and demonstrate a traditional tea ceremony to the accompaniment of live traditional music.



**Place:** Meet upstairs in O Chao Tea House, 25 Xuân Diệu.

**Cost:** 180,000 VND (includes the tea tasting).

**Limit:** 25 people

**Registration:** Helen Huntley, [helenshuntley@yahoo.com](mailto:helenshuntley@yahoo.com)

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### **Excursion**

#### **Đồng Kỵ: Wood carving village**

**Saturday, 12 November, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
(English)**

Đồng Kỵ Wood carving village is one of the best examples of a traditional craft village. Not only are craft villages a unique cultural feature of Vietnam, they are an important economic component as well, generating 3 billion dollars of revenue this year. In Đồng Kỵ, we will visit the 320 years old temple, with examples of unusual carvings. We'll talk with a member of the oldest and largest families in Đồng Kỵ. We'll walk through the village, and experience the whole wood working process from lumber yard to showroom.



Feel free to bring along a snack or bag lunch, as we will not return to Hà Nội until the afternoon (approximately 4:00pm). Bottled water will be provided.

**Place:** Sofitel Plaza Hotel, Yên Phụ Rd, at the corner of Thanh Niên Rd. Meet on the Yên Phụ Rd. side

**Cost:** 250,000VND\* - *to be paid on the bus*

**Limit:** 10 participants

**Contact:** Linda, [linda10.vn@gmail.com](mailto:linda10.vn@gmail.com)

*Please include your mobile or contact phone number, so we may reach you in case of any last minute changes.*

### **Film**

**"Hip Hop, My Life"**

**"The Quiet Teachers"**

**"Recyclers: Country Women in the City"**

**Monday, 14 November, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM**



These three innovative films are part of a Ford Foundation community-based media project involving staff from both the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology and VTV5. Project participants worked with 3 diverse communities in Hanoi to help them find and express the stories they wanted to tell in their own voices.

The three communities are: young people who live to hip hop dance, a group of university students who work as home tutors, and women recyclers from Nam Định Province who come to Hanoi to earn a living by trading scrap. Some community members and project participants will be present to share their experiences of creating these films.



**Place:** Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng

**Cost:** 100,000vnd

**Limit:** 80 participants

**To Register:** [left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com](mailto:left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com) Note: Your reservation is not confirmed until you receive our email.

Please pickup and pay for your tickets on the evening of the event at the cinema (6:15 to 6:45 pm). As a courtesy to those on the waiting list, please cancel if you can't come (phone 090-347-5768 ). Reserved seating tickets are allocated on a first come – first served basis. We don't pre-book seating but if you come early you can pick your favorite seats.

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**Arts & Antiquities:**

**"Tribal Textile as Identity, Technology and History"**

**A lecture by Dr Mark Rapoport**

**Wednesday, 16 November, 6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**(English)**



Many of the people of Vietnam's ethnic minorities are immediately identifiable by the costume and textile they wear. In fact, most wear their identities for all to see—all day and every day: pants, skirts, belts, turbans and jewellery. Dr. Mark Rapoport, an avid collector of Ethno-linguistic (tribal) textiles, will give us insights into the technology of creating textiles as a tangible witness to a group's history. More importantly, the design elements are an expression of many facets of each individual's identity, mirroring their group, their gender, and marital status, but still leaving enough

flexibility to allow for individual expression.

**Place:** 54 Traditions Gallery, 30 Hàng Bún St.  
**Cost:** 100,000 VND  
**Limit:** 20 people  
**Contact:** Christie Kesner [cgkesner@gmail.com](mailto:cgkesner@gmail.com)

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

**Traditional Medicine**

**Food for the Body and Soul: the Lotus**

**Thursday, 17 November, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**(English)**

« Food shall be Thy medicine », Hippocrate said and the Vietnamese practice it. The lotus was chosen by the Buddha as the symbol of his teaching, as it has flowers and fruits, all at the same time. This means that if we choose to live according to correct principles, we will see the results in our lives instantly. You will discuss with Chi Nguyễn, MD, doctor in Western medicine as well as the four principal domains of traditional Asian medicine: energetic work out or Qi Gong, acupuncture/acupressure, food and emotions.

After learning about the role of the lotus in Vietnamese food, we will have some delicacies served by the O Chao Tea House, together with an explanation about the benefits of drinking tea.



**Place:** O Chao Tea House, 25 Xuân Diệu.  
**Cost:** 250,000 VND  
**Limit:** 12 people  
**Registration:** Chi Nguyễn, [aemdss.lyon@gmail.com](mailto:aemdss.lyon@gmail.com);

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**Discover Hanoi City Walk:**

**Ngũ Xã Bronze Casting Village and Đền Quán Thánh – the temple of Trấn Vũ, Protector of the North**

**Saturday, 19 November, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM** (this walk often takes a bit more time)  
(English)

Learn about bronze casting and its history in northern Vietnam, visit a “kitchen” foundry, see the largest single pour bronze statue in Vietnam – all on tiny Ngũ Xã island on the east end of Hồ Trúc Bạch. Then, walk with us to discover Đền Quán Thánh, the very important, old, almost purely Taoist temple and its 3.7-ton 350-year-old bronze statue of Trấn Vũ, Hanoi’s Protector of the North. On the way, learn about the history of Hồ Trúc Bạch.



**Place:** 178 Trấn Vũ, in front of Vajra Shop, Ngũ Xã Island, *east end of* Trúc Bạch Lake  
**Cost:** 70,000 VND  
**Limit:** 16 people  
**To Register:** Roman, [FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com](mailto:FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com);  
*Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.*

**Notes:** Dress appropriately for the weather and use plenty of sunscreen as we’ll be outside the entire time. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, sun hat, possibly an umbrella, and plenty of water. There will be places to sit down in the shade, and places for toilet and water breaks.

**Discover Hanoi City Walk:**

**Đồng Xuân Market area**

**Saturday, 26 November, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**  
(English)

Our walk will start in front of Quan Chưởng Gate, an old eastern gate of Hà Nội, more popularly called Hanoi Eastern Gate, which served as the eastern entrance to the capital. Then we go to the largest market in Hanoi—Chợ Đồng Xuân. Located in the heart of the Old Quarter, it was built in 1889 and was described as a fairyland in a song verse. We will walk through the market’s small lanes of food stalls and hawkers.



**Place:** In front of Quan Chưởng Gate, at the corner of Hàng Chiếu and Đào Duy Từ streets  
**Cost:** 70,000 VND  
**Limit:** 8 people  
**Registration:** Sue Jacka, [sue.jacka@gmail.com](mailto:sue.jacka@gmail.com);  
*Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.*

**Notes:** Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. Please leave your mobile number so you can be contact in case of any last minute changes.



**Discover Hanoi City Walk**

**Đồng Xuân Market area**

**Tuesday, 29 November, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**(Japanese)**

Our walks will start in front of Quan Truong Gate, an old eastern gate of Hanoi, and go around Đồng Xuân Market area including the Đồng Xuân Market, the largest market in Hanoi, locates in the center of the Old Quarter. This tour is 2 hours long walking tour in Japanese.



**Place:** In front of Quan Chường gate, at the corner of Hàng Chiếu and Đào Duy Từ streets.

**Cost:** 70,000 VND

**Limit:** 8 people

**Registration:** Miho, [herijapan@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:herijapan@yahoo.co.jp)

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

**Notes:** Please bring comfortable clothes and walking shoes.

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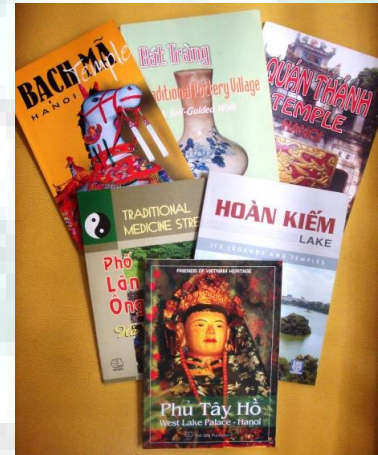
## Get Involved, Volunteer!

### Guidebook Coordinator

A newly created position within Friends of Vietnam Heritage, the aim of the Guidebook Coordinator is to improve the distribution of FVH guidebooks with the help of Thế Giới Publishers and FVH's Publishing Committee. The ideal candidate will be a volunteer who is knowledgeable in marketing and methods to increase sales and visibility of FVH's guidebooks, which are currently on sale at such locations as Bookworm, Văn Miếu, and various museum gift shops. The Coordinator will receive ample training to answer FVH questions during sales meetings and to present the FVH guidebook series. The Coordinator will be encouraged to help grow this position so it meets the evolving needs of the organization.

#### Main duties:

- Promotion, sales and marketing – Introduce FVH guidebooks to appropriate Hà Nội-area retailers and build on-going sales relationships. Present and discuss the guidebooks with interested groups and give presentations at FVH events
- Distribution – Monitor inventory at sales locations, replace stock as needed, and deliver new publications in a timely manner. Work with retailers to ensure FVH guidebooks are displayed prominently and are in good condition. Liaise with FVH Section Heads to ensure adequate stock is available for sale during their activities. Occasionally deliver gift items
- Submit monthly activity/accounting report to the Executive Committee. When possible, attend monthly Governing Council meeting (usually held on the first Tuesday of each month)
- Mentor an alternate Coordinator as a future replacement or as an additional team member in order to expand sales and distributions efforts



#### Compensation:

- FVH is a volunteer organization and, as such, all members work from home and receive no financial compensation.
- A small monthly stipend will be given to the Coordinator to help cover costs of motorbike fuel for purchasing, restocking and FVH deliveries.

**Expected output:** Increase distribution and new sales of FVH guidebooks

**Estimated workload:** 6-10 hrs per month

**For more information:** Please email John Reilly, [left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com](mailto:left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com)

### Beliefs & Religions Co-Section Head

#### Main duties:

- Contact a knowledgeable person
- Arrange for an introduction and participatory session
- Help find and arrange a suitable venue
- Attend the event, check-in attendees, and collect the event fee

**Expected output:** One activity each month if possible (except during summer months)

**Estimated time:** 5-10 hrs per month

**For more information:** Please email [fvh.@gmail.com](mailto:fvh.@gmail.com)







## **Films Co-Section Head**

### **Main duties:**

- Help choose a film for monthly viewing
- Assist the Section Head to set up a speaker to pair with the film (director, producer, actor, special speaker, etc)
- Schedule time and date with Cinematheque
- Submit information for the newsletter and calendar
- Keep track of sign ups
- Send reminders to all who sign up for the activity
- Check-in attendees and collect money for activity
- Contribute to the monthly section report and financial report for the activity
- Attend monthly council meeting when the Section Heads is unavailable
- Supports the Section Head with other FVH tasks upon request

### **Expected output:**

- One program per month (except during summer months)

**Estimated workload:** 8 hrs per month

**For more information:** Please email [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com)



## **Arts & Antiquities Section Head**

### **Main Duties:**

- Contact lecturers, experts and teachers to set up date, time and subject of lecture or demonstration (one lecture/demonstration to be held each month)
- Submit information for the newsletter and calendar
- Send a reminder to all who sign up for the activity (four days before activity)
- Attend lecture or demonstration
- Check attendees and collect money for activity
- Submit monthly section report and financial report for activity
- Attend monthly Governing Council meeting (first Tuesday of each month)

**Expected output:** Plan one activity each month; prepare an alternate activity two months in advance

**Estimated workload:** 5 hrs per month

**For more information:** Please email [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com)

## **Walking Guide**

Have you ever been on one of FVH's fabulous walks and thought to yourself: "Wow! I want to be a guide just like that!?" Well, now you too have the chance – we have a very limited number of walks that need guiding, and you could be the lucky person to guide one of these walks!

### **Main duties once every 3-6 months:**

- Schedule the walk by sending in a pre-written template to the FVH newsletter publisher
- Register and keep track of attendees
- Send out a reminder e-mail before the walk
- Guide the walk, check-in attendees, and collect the event fee
- Submit a follow-up report

**Expected output:** One activity every 3-6 months (except during summer months)

**Estimated time:** 3 hrs per month

**For more information:** Please email [fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com](mailto:fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com)





## **PR & Design Section Head**

### **Main duties:**

- Handling the FVH brochure which we are having revised
- Helping out to design ways to promote, describe FVH activities, events
- Produce and distribute the FVH Section Heads 'starters kit' to this position. Both to upgrade and improve the way of bringing new Section Heads up to speed with our paperwork, charter, finances, act.

**For more information:** Please email John Reilly, [left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com](mailto:left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com)



## 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](mailto:vme18@vme.org.vn)

[www.vme.org.vn](http://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.



### **The Hanoi Museum**

#### **Bảo Tàng Hà Nội**

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 are still under development but currently display an extensive temporary collection of ceramic pieces from 1000BC to the 20<sup>th</sup> 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



## **Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts**

### **Bảo Tàng Mỹ Thuật**

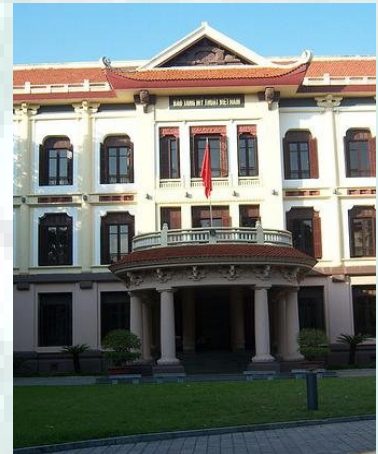
66 Nguyễn Thái Học, Tel: (84-4) 3823-3084

[www.baotangmythuat.vn](http://www.baotangmythuat.vn)

**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](mailto: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-11<sup>th</sup> century
- Religious art
- Fine arts from 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Paintings and sculptures from the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Lacquer paintings
- Paintings on silk
- Applied decorative arts
- Vietnamese ceramics from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 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@nmvnh.org.vn](mailto:banbientap@nmvnh.org.vn)

[www.baotanglichsu.vn](http://www.baotanglichsu.vn)

**Bus Routes:** 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 23, 34, 36, 40, 45

**Hours:** 8:30 AM – 11.30 AM & 1.30 PM - 4:30 PM  
(daily except Monday)

**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](mailto: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



### **"Vietnamese Jade precious objects"**

**Exhibition** is currently on display at the History Museum.

## **The Vietnamese Women's Museum**

### **Bảo Tàng Phụ Nữ**

36 Lý Thường Kiệt, Tel: (84-4) 3825-9936

[www.baotangphunu.org.vn](http://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



### **"Áo dài – Quốc sắc thiên hương" Exhibit**

On the occasion of the Vietnamese Women's Day, October 20th 2011, Vietnamese Women's Museum cooperated with fashion designer Pham Quoc Tuan to organize the exhibition Ao Dai "Quốc sắc thiên hương". Nearly 100 modern and unique models that he has designed recently will be displayed at the exhibition.

With passion and love in the art of Ao Dai, fashion designer Pham Quoc Tuan works very hard, constantly creates, discovers and designs on both traditional and modern materials in order to take Ao Dai to every continent around the world. Over ten years of designing work, he has produced nearly 3,000 modern dress's models, trendy but still remain the core, Vietnamese soul.

*Opening Ceremony: start at 10.00 AM on Tue, 18 Oct. 11*

*Entry fee: 30,000 VND for foreigners and 15,000 VND for Vietnamese.*



## 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 FVH at [fvheritage@gmail.com](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com). Books are also sold at all FVH events or at Bookworm.

FVH books now on sale at Bookworm!



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Tel: 043 715 3711  
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[www.bookwormhanoi.com](http://www.bookwormhanoi.com)

### 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. Phủ 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? Phủ 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

***Published 2010***



## Resource Center

### Hanoi City Library Thư Viện Hà Nội 47 Bà Triệu, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Hà Nội, Việt Nam

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## **The Last Page**

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