



## Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Thursday 02 Jun	City Walks: <a href="#">Vietnam National Museum of History</a> <b>Japanese</b>	In front of the ticket office, No. 1 Tràng Tiền St	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Reina Kanda <a href="mailto:rainbowdragon0908@yahoo.co.jp">rainbowdragon0908@yahoo.co.jp</a>
Saturday 11 Jun	City Walks: <a href="#">Đền Quán Thánh &amp; Ngũ Xã</a> <b>English</b>	Đền Quán Thánh, at the crossroads of Thanh Niên and Quán Thánh Streets next to West Lake and Hồ Trúc Bạch	9:00 AM (3 hrs)	Stella <a href="mailto:stellaciorra@hotmail.com">stellaciorra@hotmail.com</a>
Tuesday 14 Jun	Lecture: <a href="#">Human Trafficking in Vietnam</a> <b>English</b>	Clickspace (2nd floor), #15, Lane 76 Tô Ngọc Vân	7:00 PM (2 hrs)	Maureen <a href="mailto:maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com">maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com</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.

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

### **Discover Hanoi City Walk:**

#### **Vietnam National Museum of History**

**Tuesday, 2 June, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**(Japanese)**

A two hour walks in the Vietnam National Museum of History, explaining basics of Vietnamese history while going through the exhibition.

**Place:** In front of the ticket office, No. 1 Tràng Tiền St

**Cost:** 70,000 VND

**Limit:** 10 people

**To Register:** Reina Kanda, [rainbowdragon0908@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:rainbowdragon0908@yahoo.co.jp)

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### **Discover Hanoi City Walk:**

#### **Đền Quán Thánh and Ngũ Xã**

**Saturday, 11 June, 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM**

**(English)**

Please arrive by 8.50 am ready to start the tour at 9 am.

9 am meet outside Đền Quán Thánh, the very important, old and almost purely Taoist temple and its 3.7-ton 350-year-old bronze statue of Trấn Vũ, Hanoi's Protector of the North. Walk along Trấn Vũ around Trúc Bạch lake (learn some of the lake's history and the surrounding area) to Chùa Châu Long. Then onto Ngũ Xã island at the east end of Hồ Trúc Bạch. Visit Chùa Thần Quang and Đình Ngũ Xã as well as learning about the history of bronze casting for which this area is famous.

Visit Đúc Đồng Ngũ Xã showroom (bronze casting showroom) at 178 Trấn Vũ. The owner is Nguyễn Văn Ứng whose family have been bronze casters for 400 years.

After the showroom we hope to have a chance to meet Mr. Hùng at his home who also comes from a generation of bronze casters. The tour will end approx 12noon.

For those who would like to stay on for lunch, we can walk back a short way to Ngũ Xã for some traditional phở cuốn (lunch is an individual expense not included in the tour)

**Place:** Outside Đền Quán Thánh, at the crossroads of Thanh Niên and Quán Thánh Streets

**Cost:** 70,000 VND

**Limit:** 12 people

**Registration:** Stella, [stellaciorra@hotmail.com](mailto:stellaciorra@hotmail.com) (01662 979 605)

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**Note:** Dress appropriately for the weather. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, possibly an umbrella, and plenty of water. There will be places to sit down in the shade, and places for toilet and water breaks. Any updates to the tour will be communicated beforehand.





**Lecture:**

**Human Trafficking in Vietnam**

**Tuesday, 14 June, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**(English)**

Trafficking in persons is a serious violation of human rights, an insult to human dignity and an assault on freedom (OECD, 2008 & US Department of States, 2014). The crime of human trafficking affects almost every country in every region worldwide. Between 2010 and 2012, victims of 152 different nationalities were identified in 124 countries around the world (UNODC, 2014). Human trafficking victims can be men, women or children but women are disproportionately affected. To have a better understanding of the issue, Friends of Vietnam Heritage has organized a two hour workshop on human trafficking facilitated by Phương Trần, a development practitioner with hands-on experience in counter-trafficking work. Phương will present global facts and figures of trafficking in persons, the risk factors, and victims and perpetrators. In addition, Phương will focus on the issue of human trafficking in Vietnam and how it has been tackled so far by the Vietnamese government and non-government organizations. She will also talk about her own project which focuses on raising the awareness of human trafficking and safe migration in the Northern highlands of Vietnam. The workshop will give the audience opportunities to share their experience and knowledge as well as ask questions relating to the issue.

**Place:** Clickspace (2nd floor), #15, Lane 76 Tô Ngọc Vân St

**Cost:** 100,000 VND

**Limit:** 20 people

**To Register:** Maureen, [maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com)

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## Get Involved, Volunteer!

### 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)





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## 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.

### 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

The Friends of Vietnam Heritage's Resource Center is on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Moving?

Say goodbye to FVH by leaving us your gently-used books about Việt Nam. Your donation will be added to our reference collection, housed inside the FVH Resource Centre, Hanoi City Library. Contact John Reilly (lefthanded2hanoi@yahoo.com) to arrange donation. Your books will be enjoyed by many people for years to come—thank you!



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fvheritage@gmail.com) to verify date and time.
- Executive Committee:** John Reilly - Chair; Yuko - Treasurer  
Helen Huntley - Vice Chair;

### 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.

### Off the Record, Disclaimer

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