



Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Saturday 10 Sep	City Walks: Ba Đình area and "French Colonial Quarter" English	West Lake side – near the back of Chu Văn An school on Nguyễn Đình Thi street (meet on the grass area with benches opposite the restaurant Nhà Hàng Vọng Ba Lâu)	9:30 AM (2.5 hrs)	Stella stellaciorra@hotmail.com
Tuesday 20 Sep	City Walks: Thăng Long Citadel Japanese	In front of the main gate, 19C Hoàng Diệu St	9:30 AM (2.5 hrs)	Yuko FVH.CityWalks.Japanese@gmail.com
Thursday 22 Sep	Film: "The Life" (Sinh mệnh) English subtitles	Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng St	7:30 PM (1.5 hrs)	Hang nguyenvu_nganhang@yahoo.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 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:

Ba Đình area and "French Colonial Quarter"

Saturday, 10 September, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

(English)

This walking tour gives an overview of the changes to Hanoi that started in the French period (1869-1954). We touch on the development of the education system, town planning and architecture (including that of the political and diplomatic centre) as well as other eclectic information regarding past and present Hanoi as we walk along. Starting at Chu Văn An school (established by the French as the High School of the Protectorate, and now one of the oldest institutions for secondary education in Indochina) we make our way to Hanoi's iconic Ba Đình Square and discuss about the key government buildings in the area (eg. the Central Committee of the Vietnamese Communist Party – formerly the Lycee Albert Sarrault High School - and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs etc.). Then along Chùa Một Cột street and strolling the surrounding avenues passing former villas now home to various Embassies. Our leisurely walk will take us to Điện Biên Phủ and into Hoàng Diệu streets ending our tour at Cửa Bắc (north gate) and Cửa Bắc Church in Phan Đình Phùng street. Estimated time the tour will end - approximately 12noon. For those would like to stay on for lunch after we will walk onto nearby meet for lunch we will walk to nearby Ngũ Xã island for some phở cuốn. (Please refer to updated joining notes which will be sent after registration)



- Place:** West Lake side – near the back of Chu Văn An school on Nguyễn Đình Thi street (meet on the grass area with benches opposite the restaurant Nhà Hàng Vọng Ba Lâu)
- Cost:** 70,000 VND (excludes any refreshments you may wish to buy and lunch if you decide to stay on for a bite to eat)
- Limit:** 12 people
- Registration:** Stella, stellaciorra@hotmail.com (01662 979 605)

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

Note: Please remember it could be hot / humid so please bring plenty of water and keep yourself hydrated and dress appropriately for the weather. We will not be visiting any places of worship so there is no dress code - fine to wear shorts, short sleeves etc. For those who do not need to rush off afterwards and would like to have lunch, this is an individual expense not included in the tour but is cheap.

Discover Hanoi City Walk:

Thăng Long Citadel

Tuesday, 20 September, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

(Japanese)

This walk will show you the Imperial Citadel of Thăng Long which has registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2010. Let's explore the political, cultural and spiritual heart in Hanoi which has a rich history over 1000 years. This walk is going to be conducted in Japanese.



- Place:** In front of the main gate on 19C Hoàng Diệu St
- Cost:** 70,000 VND
- Limit:** 10 people
- To Register:** Yuko, FVH.CityWalks.Japanese@gmail.com

Registration will start at 10:00 AM on 1st September.

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

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



FVH Film Night:

"The Life" (Sinh mệnh) - A film by Đào Duy Phúc War drama

Thursday, 22 September, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

(English subtitles)

The boundary between life and death is clearest in the war. In *The Life* (2006), duties to nation, family and personal integrity collide under the bombs of a distant foe.

"Stubborn" Linh (Võ Thành Tâm) is a newlywed soldier ordered to the front before he has a chance to satisfy his mother's greatest wish – a grandson. She will not stand for this, and heads to the battlefields along with Linh's wife. The two groups chase each other through missed connections and minefields, under an almost sadistically fateful barrage of bombs.

A final desperate mission to truck vital cargo back to his home village forces Linh to choose between competing desires.

Đào Duy Phúc's film blends horror, humor and humanity in equal measure. With cinematography that often mirrors old propaganda films, the director creates a lively crucible for his characters' struggles.



Film running time: 85 minutes. English subtitles

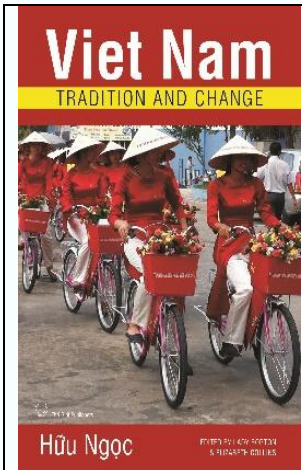
Place: Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng St

Cost: 150,000 VND

Limit: 90 people

Registration: Hang, nguyenvu_nganhang@yahoo.com

Note: *Your reservation is not confirmed until you receive our email. Please pick up and pay for your tickets on the evening of the event at the cinema (6:45 to 7:15 pm). As a courtesy to those on the waiting list - please cancel if you can't come (phone 090 602 0960). 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 favourite seats.*

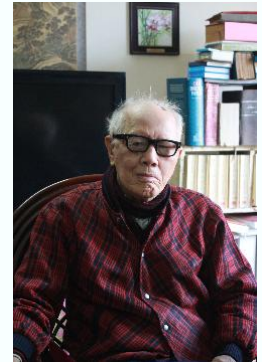


**Friends of Viet Nam Heritage
invites you to the launch of a new book
about Vietnamese culture**

Viet Nam: Tradition and Change
by
Mr. Hữu Ngoc,
celebrated scholar and author

Foreword by Lady Borton:

*If I were to choose one person to accompany visitors on their first trip to Viet Nam, my choice would be Hữu Ngoc. If I were to choose one book for those about to visit Viet Nam or those unable to visit, my choice would be Hữu Ngoc's **Viet Nam: Tradition and Change**. At age ninety-eight by Western counting (ninety-nine according to Vietnamese), Hữu Ngoc is among Viet Nam's most famous general scholars. Born with limited eyesight, he reads by holding a text three inches from his near-sighted eye. Yet with his unusual linguistic ability, prodigious memory, and his longevity, he is among Viet Nam's keenest observers of traditional Vietnamese culture and recent history. For twenty years, Hữu Ngoc wrote a Sunday column in French for *Le Courier du Vietnam* (*The Viet Nam Mail*). An English version appeared as "Traditional Miscellany" in *Viet Nam News*, *Ha Nội's* English language newspaper. He collected 1,255 pages from these essays into *Wandering through Vietnamese Culture*, the only English language book to win Viet Nam's Gold Book Prize. **Viet Nam: Tradition and Change** is a selection from the many treasures in *Wandering through Vietnamese Culture*.*



Program: Wednesday, September 14, 2016

- 6:30 pm: Documentary about Hữu Ngoc's Life
- 7:00 pm: Introduction by Lady Borton
- 7:15-8:00 pm: Q & A with Hữu Ngoc about his life and times
- 8:00-8:30 pm: Book signing with, traditional music

Location: Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng Street

Reservation: Free admission, but email stellaciorra@hotmail.com to reserve a seat



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





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. 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, 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.



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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

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- 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; 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.

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