



Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Tuesday 11 Apr	Excursion: Bá Dương Nội village – ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL DAY English	Outside Pan Pacific Hotel on Yên Phụ Rd, corner of Thanh Niên Rd	12:15 PM (5+ hrs)	Stella stellaciorra@hotmail.com
Saturday 15 Apr	Lecture: Indigo Tie and Dye Workshop English	Indigo, 33 Văn Miếu St, Đống Đa Dist	9:15 AM (3 hrs)	Maureen Maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com
Saturday 22 Apr	City Walks: Nguyễn Công Trứ street and surrounding area English	Outside 5D Hàm Long Street	9:00 AM (2.5 hrs)	Stella stellaciorra@hotmail.com
Tuesday 27 Apr	City Walks: Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum area Japanese	The Crossroad of Ngọc Hà and Lê Hồng Phong Streets	9:15 AM (1.5 hrs)	Madoka fvh.citywalks.japanese@gmail.com
Saturday 29 Apr	City Walks: French Concession English	Outside of Hanoi Opera House	9:00 AM (2.5 hrs)	Alvaro alvarograna@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 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

Day Excursion:

Bá Dương Nội village - ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL DAY PART 2

Tuesday, 11 April, 12:15 PM - late

(English)

Bá Dương Nội village is a 1,000 year-old kite making village; generations have kept this tradition alive. The kites are made in the shapes of crescent moons or boats, attached to wooden flutes. The wind passes through the flutes making lovely soft melodies. The village dates back to the 10th century Đinh dynasty. Ba Duong Noi has a reputation as one of Vietnam's main kite flying centres.



The village annual kite festival is held on the 15th day of the 3rd Lunar month. This year it falls on 11 April in the solar calendar. This is the main festival day. The festival attracts international kite flying competitors and is a culturally interesting and exciting event to see.

Outline plan based on festival schedule

Please have lunch beforehand – we will not be stopping for lunch on the way but will go straight to the village

12:15: depart Hanoi, arrive Bá Dương Nội village in time for the 1pm start

12noon-2pm: Kite making contestants apply for the kite flying contest

2pm-afternoon: Kite festival opening ceremony

Kite flying activities/competition

5pm: Judging and winner announcements

Time TBC depart village back to Hanoi

Place: Outside Pan Pacific Hotel on Yên Phụ Rd, corner of Thanh Niên Rd

Donation: 250,000 VND pp this is the current estimated cost required to cover transport requirements.

Limit: 2 – 17 people

Contact: Stella Ciorra; Stellaciorra@hotmail.com (01662 979 605)

Please provide your mobile number when registering.

Notes: Please bring your own packed lunch and refreshments

FVH will provide some bottled water for the mini bus

Updates for the Festival will be communicated accordingly

FINAL TIMINGS WILL BE COMMUNICATED 1 WEEK BEFORE



Lecture:

Indigo Tie and Dye Workshop

Saturday, 15 April, 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM

(English)

Hands on Tie and Dye with ethnic minority Black Tày women.

Meet Black Tày minority women and learn about the role of indigo dyeing in their culture. Participate in a hands on experience of making your own indigo tie and dye sample to take home with you.

Place: Indigo, 33 Văn Miếu St, Đống Đa Dist (opposite Temple of Literature)

Donation: 100,000 VND pp

Contact: Maureen; Maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com

Please provide your mobile number when registering.

Discover Hanoi City Walk:

Nguyễn Công Trứ Street and surrounding area

Saturday, 15 April, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

(English)

Our walk starts outside number 5D Hàm Long street, where the first Communist Party Cell of Hanoi was established. Then along Lò Đúc Street to the Pasteur gardens, and outside the National Institute of Hygiene & Epidemiology (originally the Pasteur Institute). Back up to Lò Đúc and into Nguyễn Công Trứ Street. We will mention some of the buildings from the French era which sadly have been pulled down to make way for a hotel and other developments. Carry on to Hai Bà Trưng lake and the next door temple complex where we touch on the Hai Bà Trưng sisters era and their contribution to Vietnamese history. For the final part of the walk we will meander the lanes and alleys of amazing Chợ Giời (sky market/ Hòa Bình market), Hanoi's huge and intriguing flea market city. We end the walk where the market meets Phố Huế.



This eclectic walk touches on a number of influences that shaped Hanoi's life. From the communist party to medical Hanoi, from Hebrard's Indochinese architectural style to the alcohol industry, from the Hai Bà Trưng sisters and worship to the best market where you can find every possible type of tool and spare car parts.

(please refer to updated joining notes which will be sent after registration)

Place: Outside 5D Hàm Long Street (see map below)

Donation: 70,000 VND (excludes any refreshments you may wish to buy)

Limit: 12 people

Contact: Stella ; stellaciorra@hotmail.com

Please provide your mobile number when registering.

Notes: We will visit a pagoda and temple complex (TBC if is open) so please dress appropriately, bring water

For those who do not need to rush off afterwards, if you would like to stay on for something to eat we can have lunch at a nearby local eatery. (lunch is an individual expense not included in the walk)

Note that we will walk through Chợ Giời market which is very crowded, noisy and narrow lanes so please take care



Discover Hanoi City Walk:
Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum Area
Thursday, 27 April, 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
(Japanese)

Our main topics are “Who was Hồ Chí Minh?” “What had he done?” The tour start at Ba Đình Square, take a look at Historic buildings and tourist sites: Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum (also called as Uncle Mausoleum, the large memorial in Hanoi), Hồ Chí Minh House-on-stilts, the Presidential Palace, one Pillar Pagoda.

Place: The Crossroad of Ngọc Hà and Lê Hồng Phong Streets
Donation: 70,000 VND (excludes any refreshments you may wish to buy)
Limit: 10 people
Contact: Madoka , fvh.citywalks.japanese@gmail.com
Notes: Registration will start at 10:00 AM on 12th April.
Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Discover Hanoi City Walk:
French Concession to Thiên Quang Lake
Saturday, 29 April, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
(English)

Our walk starts in front of the Opera House. From there, we will walk to the School of Pharmacy, designed by Hebrard and proceed along Lý Thường Kiệt street until Thiên Quang Lake. Learn of the French expansion within Hà Nội and its influence on architecture and urban design.



Place: outside of Hà Nội Opera House, Tràng Tiễn street, Hoàn Kiếm
Donation: 70,000 VND (excludes any refreshments you may wish to buy)
Limit: 15 people
Contact: Alvaro , alvarograna@gmail.com
Please provide your mobile number when registering.
Notes: Wear comfortable shoes (almost 3km walk) and clothes. Bring water to drink.



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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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

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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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