



Joseph's Update

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FENG SHUI INTRODUCTORY CLASS FOR LIVING IN OR SELLING HOUSES

Do you want to learn how to create more harmony & balance in your living & working spaces?

- Discover the truth about this ancient science; each culture has its own version
- Learn tips on house alignment with NE direction, lot, house shape, doors and all rooms
- Find knowledge for creating functionality, beauty, comfort, flow and deep relaxation
- Looking for more inspiration, creativity and energy in your home life?
- Create a healthy, green and energy-efficient home
- Learn practical and immediate transformational techniques for feeling good in your spaces

Date: Tomorrow Tuesday, August 12th, 2008, 7— 9:00 PM Price \$26.25 (\$25 + gst)

Juan de Fuca Rec Centre, Upper Clubhouse beside Velodrome, behind Bear Mtn. Arena

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REAL ESTATE INVENTORIES THE HIGHEST IN A DECADE

Times-Colonist, August 6, 2008

Slowing sales and rising inventory in Greater Victoria last month show how the once red hot real estate market is cooling down. At this time last year, the market was tilted more in favour of home sellers. Now, home sellers have to be much more cognizant of the competition between them and their neighbours who are selling. *Things like how the home shows, curb appeal and a much sharper pencil in pricing is much more important today than it was a year ago for home sellers.* It's expected that homes priced based on the previous market conditions will be repriced or taken off the market as months pass. Greater Victoria's sales-to-inventory ratio puts this region on the cusp between a balanced seller and a buyer's market. The number of properties for sale locally rose to 4,557 in July through the Multiple Listing Service. That's the highest level since 1998, said Tony Joe, Victoria Real Estate Board president. Buyers are getting more choice now that inventory is up by 34 percent compared with July of last year.

WHAT IS VAASTU?

VAASTU, an ancient science, related to Indian Yoga and Ayurvedic Medicine, is the precursor to *Feng Shui* and the original study of how to establish all the positive qualities of what living in a harmonious, balanced and peaceful home, office and garden can be. Universal laws of attraction and repulsion work within our minds, hearts, physical bodies, and likewise in our homes, offices and landscapes. *Vaastu Shastra* is also the art for object choice and positioning. Given the matrix and interconnectedness of individuals and their living-working spaces, *Vaastu Shastra* uses these laws to Diagnose and create Treatments for optimal safety, health, happiness and prosperity according to natural laws. Dealing with chaos and clutter, it supports flow, strength and a sense of empowerment in getting on with your life.

PEEKING THROUGH THE KEYHOLE: THE EVOLUTION OF N.A.M. HOMES

Avi Friedman & David Krawitz

Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2002

This informative book is a journey through trends and changes in home design and construction over the last fifty years. The authors show how transformations in society, demographics, the family, the economy and lifestyles are reflected in our homes. From kitchens to home offices to entire neighbourhoods, they unravel the effect of technology and consumerism on the way we perceive and use domestic space, arguing that homes are no longer a product of pure design but a response to forces beyond the control of designers, builders and users. Organizing a view of the evolution of the home through elements of the human condition that we all have to deal with is a clever way of packaging a lot of practical information.

By the way, I donate \$500 to The Land Conservancy of BC

for every Real Estate deal I close.

And I truly appreciate your referrals and the trust you place in me; so if you know of someone who is looking to buy or sell a home, condo, or townhouse, please refer them to me or just give me a call.

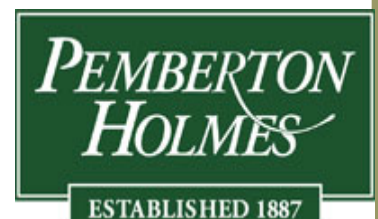
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