

# Brentwood ENVIRONMENT NEWS



If it's June, then the 5th must be World Environment Day!

You can celebrate all month and "Give Earth a Chance," the theme for this special United Nations day.

Farmer's Markets are returning! The Northland Farmers' Market reopens June 11 for its 10th anniversary season of terrific, tasty, truly fresh Tuesdays. This year it will run from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the west side of Northland Village Mall, near Crowchild Trail and Shaganappi Trail in the northwest, every Tuesday until the end of September. Head on over for an exciting array of Okanagan fruit, Alberta veggies and changing craft displays.



The Northland Farmers Market was not only the first midweek market in Calgary, but it is unique in that vendors must "make it, bake it or grow it." Only Alberta farmers are allowed to sell vegetables here, and many are certified organic growers.

Did you know that this market is an initiative of the Grass Roots Northwest Environmental Awareness Society? Proceeds go back into the community in the form of grants, especially to schools, to promote education and awareness of environmental issues. Many children benefit from

these grants in the form of innovative Evergreen Theatre performances, subscriptions, speakers and support for recycling, composting and gardening projects. Grass Roots Northwest also awards prizes at the Calgary Youth Science Fair each year. This year, Grass Roots Northwest will also be sponsoring an emissions clinic during market hours.

Shop the market. It's a place that converts parking space into a community focus!

Speaking of the science fair, the following are the Grass Roots Northwest award recipients at this year's CYSF! Check out [www.cysf.org](http://www.cysf.org) for information and photographs.

- Elementary Environmental Quality Award: Michael Shaw and Philip Escibando, at Ascension of Our Lord – Air Pollution: What's the Matter?

- Environmental Awareness Award: Mark Le Dain, at Nellie McClung – Global Warming.

- Environmental Awareness Award (composting): Kyla Ronneberg, at ABC Charter School – Manure to Fertilizer.

- Environmental Awareness Award (conservation): Maddie Pauling, at ABC Charter School – Storing Seeds for the Future.

- Intermediate Environmental Awareness Award: Shayne Shapkin and Harun Mansour, at Simon Fraser – Alternatives for Road Ice Management.

- Environmental Awareness Award Runner-up: Kylie Yurkiw, at Rundle College – CO2 Sequestration.

- Junior Environmental Awareness Award: Erica Woo, at ABC Charter School – Let it Rot!

- Junior Environmental Awareness Award Runner Up: Alisha Loewen, at ABC Charter School – Under the Sea.

- Senior Environmental Awareness Award: Vladic Lavrovsky, at Queen Elizabeth Junior and Senior High – Enzyme Based Heavy Oil Conditioning.

- Senior Environmental Awareness Award Runner Up: Kristen Tannas, at Cochrane Learning Connection – Ecological Effects of Fire.

Kristen also won the Grant MacEwan Nature Protection Award (Secondary), and the University of

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# Happy Father's Day!

From the staff at Calgary Community Publications



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Calgary Faculty Women's Club Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. She and Vladic will also be representing Calgary by taking their environmental projects to the Canada-wide science fair!

Look for some of these great student projects at the annual Mayor's Environment Expo on June 4, 5 and 6 in the atrium of the municipal building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have a new mayor, but we still have a great Expo! Check out the city's Web site: [www.gov.calgary.ab.ca/environmental\\_management/news\\_events/expo](http://www.gov.calgary.ab.ca/environmental_management/news_events/expo). Swing on by and enjoy this free event that's great for all ages.

Speaking of all ages, Earth Day's recent Canada Life Climb for Wilderness Association was a

multigenerational affair. Check out Alberta Wilderness.ca. With the youngest climber aged three, and the oldest climber, Phyllis Hart, 87, you should be inspired to try the climb yourself next year. Louise and Richard Guy were inspired at ages 84 and 85 to give the Calgary Tower's 802 steps a whirl. Just when they thought they'd climb once, Lousie met Phyllis in the stairwell, found out she'd done five climbs at age 86 last year and, before they knew it, the guys had each been up seven times! Ward Neale, at age 78, climbed his usual 10 times and raised \$1,730 – the most raised by an individual. His wife Roxie, 79, climbed four times! Grayson Cockett, aged 16, blew away the youth record with 24 climbs, not so far

off the adult record of 30, held by Eldon Karabonik. Rowan and Audrey Lane Colcckett, aged 13 and 10 respectively, each climbed 12 times, as did their parents. Interestingly, Richard and Louise, Ward and Roxie and the Cockett kids all live in Brentwood, at the foot Nose Hill Park. The elevation at the top of Nose Hill is about the same as the observation level of the tower! The Unitarian teams climbed the "most times," and raised the "most funds," and would be absolutely delighted to be surpassed next year. The challenge is on!

When the environment wins, we all win. Have a great environment June.

Environmentally yours,  
*Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett*