



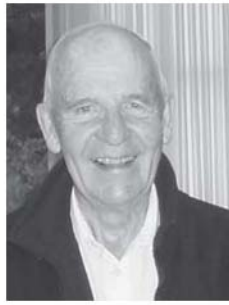
Amber Bowerman

July 23rd, 1977 - May 27th, 2008

It is with great sadness that we mark the recent passing of local journalist and former Brentwood resident Amber Bowerman.

In April 2007, Avenue Magazine published Amber's profile of Brentwood under Neighbourhood Gems, a regular feature of the monthly publication. The article was Amber's enthusiastic response to initiatives being undertaken in her own neighbourhood. She wrote about residents "connecting with the community" and the "chance for people in the neighbourhood to come together and celebrate" the things they loved about Brentwood. Those of us whose paths crossed Amber's, even briefly, remember her contribution to our community with appreciation.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Amber's husband, family, friends and neighbours at this sad and difficult time.



Ward Neale Remembered

On May 20th, 2008 Brentwood lost a notable and active community member, E. R. (Ward) Neale. Ward was born July 3rd, 1923 in Beaconsfield, PQ. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II and was subsequently educated at McGill (B.Sc. 1949) and Yale (Ph.D. 1952). A member of the Order of Canada, and a recognized and honoured geologist, Ward was well known for his science outreach and public awareness, particularly in Calgary schools. He was the oldest participant in the Lake Louise Loppet in 2008, and a regular participant in, and during 2008, the leading fund raiser at the Alberta Wilderness Calgary Tower climb.

A positive, pleasant, energetic and active person Ward was an enthusiastic golfer, hiker and cross-country skier, activities which he shared with Roxie, his wife of 57 years, who survives him. A memorial was held June 7th, 2008 at the University of Calgary. To find out more about Ward and his life visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E._R._Ward_Neale

"But we shall follow the path he blazes." From a poem written for Ward by the Cockett Family on the occasion of his 80th Birthday.

By all accounts, Ward Neale was a vibrant, supportive and caring member of our community, quick to offer encouragement – especially to young people – and to give praise for a job well done. It seems only fitting, then, that we share with our readers a letter received from Ward at the Bugle the same week that we learned of his passing:



"From recent editions of the Bugle we have learned that we not only have a snow angel but "a heaven full" of them in our midst. Let me add a note about Old Reliable, alias Rick Jenkins, to the list. For as long as my wife and I and our neighbours on Carney Road between Crawford and Chandler can remember,

Rick has our sidewalk clean of snow by or before 7:30 am. Even May snowfalls are taken care of. If it continues to snow after Rick goes to work, his wife Chrissie rises to the challenge. What a boon to all on this north side of Carney, particularly those several in their mid-eighties who reside close to both the Crawford and Chandler intersections. He might be an angel but we call him "Saint Rick"."





Neighbours as Stewards Join Us this Summer!

By Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

You are heartily encouraged to join our fun and festive community gardening bees in Brentwood Heights. The Friends of Dr. E.W. Coffin Society will be hosting regular gardening bees throughout the growing season in Whispering Woods and the Centennial Natureground.

Please join us, whether for a few minutes or a few hours, during any or all of the following events during July and August.

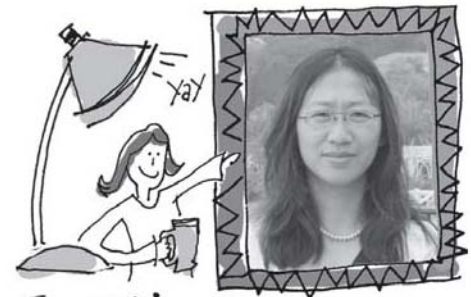
- Every Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, July 2nd through August 27th. Refreshments provided
- Sunday, July 27th, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Keeners at 8:30). Potluck Brunch at 11:00
- Saturday, August 23rd, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Keeners at 8:30). Potluck Brunch at 11:00
- Youth Gardeners: by arrangement. Training, honorariums, refreshments

Meet at the Prairie Amphitheatre in Whispering Woods, just off Brenner Drive NW, or in the adjacent Centennial Natureground on the west side of Dr. Coffin School, at 5615 Barrett Drive NW. Dress for the weather, and for gardening! Although there will be some gloves and hand tools available to share, it would be helpful if you brought your own. We will be working in both Whispering Woods and the Centennial Natureground. Arrive

and assist as you're willing and able, and please BYO H2O.

Whether toiling in your own garden, or when helping in the Natureground or Whispering Woods, there are several plant species that you are encouraged to discourage. Thistles, smooth brome, goat's beard, creeping bellflower, and perennial sowthistle are just a few. There is also troubling toadflax, oxeye daisy, and scentless chamomile to deal with, as well as a host of other pesky weeds like hound's tongue, stinkweed, and shepherd's purse. Please dispose of weeds responsibly such that the roots and seeds are no longer viable; composting weeds is not recommended. Invasive species are threats to the well-being of our native prairie's amazing biodiversity. Please visit the Alberta Invasive Plants Council's website: <http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/>.

To be notified about the schedule, to learn more about native plants, weeds, and grassland conservation, and to keep up with impromptu gatherings, please sign up for our listserve, as below or visit our website at www.natureground.org. We welcome you to our growing circle of neighbors as Stewards of our local spaces.



SPOTLIGHT on YOUR BOARD

Grace Lane BCA Board Member and Casino Coordinator

By Tammea Arthur

Although a relatively new BCA Board member, Grace Lane has strong, longtime ties to Brentwood. Her parents first moved here in 1982. She had some time away from the neighborhood but has been settled here with her husband and three boys since 1996.

Brentwood is an outstanding community, according to Grace. The Brentwood people are great! There is so much helping, giving and openness. Having seen Sheryl Catellier coordinate the casino, Grace felt duty-bound to step up to the challenge when Sheryl moved away. Casino Coordinator is Grace's first position on the board and she took over the job just this past March. Her biggest challenge so far is getting dinner on the table before board meetings. She feels that she is in learning mode just now and that the process will give her insight into how she can give back to the community and provide feedback.

With three boys, Grace is a busy mom and a valued volunteer. Grace's family all love hockey and karaoke.

