



First Ever Brentwood "Jane's Walk"

By Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

"You've got to get out and walk!"
- Jane Jacobs

Join us for a guided interpretive community walk on the first Saturday morning in May!

We're walking from the Nose Hill Public Library to Whispering Woods and back again, with painted tiles, school gardens, and the public art incorporated in Whispering Signs along the way. Refreshments included!

Join us on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:00 am until noon. We meet at 10:00 am at the Entrance to Nose Hill Public Library (1530 Northmount Drive NW, N 51° 05.809 W 114° 08.305) for a brief orientation in library foyer with Brentwood Community Mural; public washrooms available.

The walking tour is easy to moderate grade; uphill to Whispering Woods and downhill back again. Around noon we return to the library for refreshments in the program room.

BYO H₂O and dress for the weather; we'll go rain or shine. Co-Leaders are Polly Knowlton Cockett and Cheri Macaulay. Many thanks to Ann Lidgren, Customer Service Manager, Nose Hill Library.

With this inaugural walk, Brentwood is about to become one of a growing number of "Jane's Walk" communities across Canada and internationally. Jane Jacobs was a Toronto urban planner, activist, and author who has inspired residents and planners to think carefully



about how people live, work, and play in their built environment; she was all about sustainability and walkable cities. Here's a link to the national website for the walks: www.janeswalk.net. You can subscribe to receive email updates about all the walks, including Calgary's and Brentwood's.

Other Walking Tours

Schools, Scouts, Guides, Others - are you thinking of organizing local walking tours in association with the Jane's Walk weekend in May? Would you like your walk open to the public? Or would you like to let others know about a favorite tour in Brentwood that others could self-guide themselves on? If so, please send your details and we can post them on the Walking Tours page of www.natureground.org, a website dedicated to outdoor environmental activities and projects in our community.

As it happens, The City of Calgary's 42nd Annual Pathway and River Clean-Up is also that weekend, on Sunday, May 3rd. So how about including a bit of gentle pathway clean-up as we artfully amble along our local paths and trails!

April brings Earth Day on the 22nd!

Consider joining other Brentwood residents in climbing the Calgary Tower on Saturday the 18th of April in support of the Alberta Wilderness!! This year will see the first Ward Neale Memorial Award for most funds raised by an individual (over \$25,000). Brentwood residents may remember the late Ward Neale, who passed away last spring, and his amazing fundraising efforts every year for the Alberta Wilderness Association. Another amazing Calgary Tower climbing role model right here in Brentwood is Richard Guy, age 92. This year will mark the first Richard Guy Award for most climbs by a senior male (over 75 years old). Will Richard win his own award? Join us at the Tower Climb to find out! See www.albertawilderness.ca for details.

Get in shape for the May Jane's Walk!
Every day is Earth Day!



Thoughts of Spring...?

By Lee Hunt

As the days begin to lengthen and spring beckons, our thoughts often turn to spring and summer endeavours. No, I'm not thinking about gardening yet, but I am thinking about 'free' money for community projects. Are you interested in obtaining 'free' money for your seniors' club, scouting group, environmental project and so many more endeavours? If so, there might be money available through the provincial Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit.

Alberta Culture and Community Spirit Minister, the Honourable Lindsay Blackett, outlined how community not-for-profit groups might be eligible for provincial money. Two programs were presented:

The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) offers a matching grant of up to \$125,000 'to continue to improve public use facilities'. Applicants must be, registered community not-for-profit groups. For additional information, contact Pam Boutilier (Program Director, Community Spirit Program) at (780) 644-8207, pam.boutilier@gov.ab.ca, fax (780)644-8800 or visit www.culture.gov.ab.ca.

The Community Initiative Program (CIP) is a very flexible program which helps to support such project based initiatives as parks, art and culture, children's services, seniors' endeavours, environmental protection plus many other areas. (One community used the money to install heart defibrillators in their hall.) The program offers matching grants up to \$75,000. More information is available from Barb Sturdy (Community Liaison Officer) at (403)297-7631, barb.sturdy@gov.ab.ca, fax (403) 297-6558 or visit www.culture.gov.ab.ca.