



## Whispering Signs – Walkable Art in Brentwood

By Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

Get ready for Brentwood's first ever Jane's Walk on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 am. We're even listed on the national Jane's Walk website: [www.janeswalk.net](http://www.janeswalk.net). Check it out!

Join us for a guided interpretive community walk of public outdoor art which has largely been created by Brentwoodians! Meet at 10:00 am in the foyer of Nose Hill Public Library for a brief orientation beside the Brentwood Community Mural; public washrooms are available.

We're walking from the library up to Whispering Woods and back again, with painted tiles, school gardens, and the public art incorporated in Whispering Signs along the way; easy to moderate grade. We'll return to the library at noon (approximately) for refreshments in the Program Room.

Your hosts and tour guides will be Polly Knowlton Cockett, Cheri Macaulay and Ann Lidgren. Please BYO H<sub>2</sub>O and dress for the weather; we'll go rain or shine. Children and leashed dogs are welcome.

For further information about the innovative community and school collaborations incorporated in Whispering Signs, please visit [www.natureground.org](http://www.natureground.org).

As it happens, The City of Calgary's 42nd Annual Pathway and River Clean-Up is also that weekend, on Sunday, May 3rd. So we might just include a bit of gentle pathway clean-up as we artfully amble



along our local paths and trails!

### Biodiversity and Invasive Species

Mark your calendars to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity on May 22nd.

The United Nations, in support of the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity in 1992, proclaimed May 22nd the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. This year's theme is "Biodiversity and Invasive Alien Species." IAS – also known as uninvited company – are one of the greatest threats to biodiversity, and to the ecological and economic well-being of society and the planet.

For more information, check out the following links [www.cbd.int/idb/2009/](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2009/), and [www.cbd.int/invasive/](http://www.cbd.int/invasive/).

This year is a terrific opportunity to promote invasive plant awareness in your schools, backyards, workplaces, and communities, and to kick off this summer's weed prevention and management activities! Look for opportunities to address IAS in Brentwood with community weeding bees and potluck parties this summer. Send an email to [environews@shaw.ca](mailto:environews@shaw.ca) to be notified of these fun and festive gatherings-with-a-purpose, and/or keep an eye on the Bugle and [www.natureground.org](http://www.natureground.org). No experience necessary.

Share your neighborhood knowledge on May 2nd

Find out more about IAS, our local biodiversity, and the history of our community and landscape on our May 2nd Jane's Walk of Whispering Signs!

Your expertise, anecdotes, stories, and enthusiasm are welcome and encouraged during this community wide special event. Please join in as an informal tour guide.



## Annual Block Parent Fundraiser

By Patricia Maldiney

Please support this highly valued Crime Prevention/Community Safety Program by purchasing our 13 month School Year Calendar when a canvasser calls at your door or by making a tax deductible donation by calling the Calgary Block Parent Office.

Show your community support and help make your neighbourhood a safer place to live! Please be generous with your support! For more information please phone (403) 269-6460, e-mail [calpb@telusplanet.net](mailto:calpb@telusplanet.net) or visit [www.calgaryblockparent.ca](http://www.calgaryblockparent.ca).

## May is MS Awareness Month

By Laura Rankin

An estimated 50,000 Canadians have MS and three more are diagnosed every day.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the brain and spinal cord. It is the most common neurological disease of young adults in Canada. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40, and the unpredictable effects of MS last for the rest of their lives.

The MS Society provides services to people with MS and their families and funds research to find the cause and cure. May is MS Awareness Month. Please call 1-800-268-7582 or visit [www.mssociety.ca](http://www.mssociety.ca) to learn more.