



## Building Hope

By Sue Drader

I believe that at the heart of community gardening lies hope. After months of biting cold, shoveling snow and navigating icy streets and sidewalks, bidding farewell to a frozen landscape and freezing temperatures is a relief. Experiencing the land as it thaws and relaxes changing first from snowy white to muddy brown then exploding in vivid greens rekindles one's spirit and builds hope. Hope for a better summer, a better year, a better life. Hope for those who are happy to find celebration; for those who are mourning to find solace. Hope for those who are teachers to find students; for those who are curious to find knowledge. Hope for those who are energetic to find abundance; for those who are tired to find renewal. Hope for everyone to find respect and inclusion. Hope for healthier food, a healthier lifestyle and a healthier environment.

The Brentwood Community Gardening Group (BCGG) has taken some important steps towards making a community garden a reality. We are currently working with the Brentwood Community Association (BCA) and The City of Calgary to incorporate the proposed gardening site under the BCA's lease, as required by The City for various legal and economic reasons. We have also applied for one grant and have served notice that we intend to apply for others pending the finalization of the garden design and budget.

We hope to do so much more but we need your help to make the community garden become a reality. If you can spare a couple of hours a month, please join us at our next meeting. Your presence will ensure that your hopes for the garden are heard.

For timely updates on the BCGG progress, please join our group by going to <http://groups.google.com/group/brentwood-community-gardening>. For further information or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Drader at 403-289-4314 or [suedrader@shaw.ca](mailto:suedrader@shaw.ca).

HOPE – together we can build it!



## T.A.L.E.S. in the Neighbourhood

By Karen Gummo

Did you know that there is a circle of storytellers just waiting for your listening ears at the **Nose Hill Library** at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of every month? Please join us in the program room on **Wednesday, February 11** for a presentation by **Cheryl Foggo** on Black History Month. This will be followed by a circle of stories to do with the human experience of immigration; of being the outsider coming in. You are welcome but not obliged to bring a story to tell.

In the following months there will be presentations continuing on the second Wednesdays.

- February 10** Cheryl Foggo will present tales to do with Black History Month
- March 10** World Storytelling Day -Karen Gummo will present the Shadows of Norse Mythology
- April 14** Polly Knowlton Cockett will celebrate with us the greening of the earth
- May 12** Honouring our elders – we welcome senior citizens to share favourite tales
- June 9** Ian Halliday will share Bear adventure tales – Come and bring your Bear stories.

Evenings of Story and Song are held at **The Gratitude Café** 227 10<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month except for December. Join us at the cafe at 6:30 pm on February 25 for Kashubian Stories hosted by Maria Hopkins.

**\*\*Special note: March is World Storytelling Month.** Come to the Sultan's Tent at 6 pm on Thursday, March 18 for an evening called **Shadowlands of Scheherazade**. Hear tales of the 1001 Nights interspersed with delicious food and sumptuous Hurdy Gurdy music. Tickets \$40.00 available from the Sultan's Tent restaurant **403.244.2333**

*It is never too late to become a story listener.  
Join us whenever you can!!*

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