



Towering Neighbours

So what will you be doing on Earth Day when you are 95 years old?

In the quiet of an early Saturday morning in April, my husband and I once again picked up our fellow Brentwood neighbour, Richard Guy, and took him down with us to the Alberta Wilderness Association's Climb and Run for Wilderness at the Calgary Tower.

This signature event annually raises public awareness and funds for our province's extraordinary wildlife, wild water, and wilderness, and Richard and his late wife, Louise, have been stalwart supporters of AWA for many years.

Richard climbed the 802 steps of the Calgary Tower twice for the annual Earth Day event this year, again carrying a large portrait of Louise along with him. Not only that, he raised over \$4,500 for AWA, thus again receiving the Ward Neale Memorial Prize for Top Fundraiser. Many will remember Ward as another intrepid Brentwoodian

dedicated to environmental and social justice causes and staunch supporter of AWA and the Tower Climb.

Richard attended the awards ceremony, of course receiving the oldest climber award as well. He also presented two awards: the second annual Louise Guy Poetry Prize, and the Richard Guy Prize for most climbs by a senior male over 75 – an 82 year old climbed 3 times!

June brings World Environment Day (June 5) and Canadian Environment Week (June 3-9) and plenty of opportunities to participate in Clean Air Day (June 6), World Oceans Day (June 8), Rivers to Oceans Week (June 8-12), and the Commuter Challenge (June 3-9). See Environment Canada's website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/sce-cew/default.asp?lang=En>. More locally, Calgary again hosts the Mayor's Environment Expo June 5-7.

In our community, be on the lookout this summer for Neighbours as Stewards opportunities in Whispering Woods and the Natureground by following Environews in the Bugle and at <http://natureground.org/bugle.php>. Our glorious native biodiversity depends on your support!

Environmentally yours, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

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