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## VACANT LOT GARDEN A 'WIN WIN' FOR THE COMMUNITY

STORY AND PHOTO BY EVAN WOOLLEY

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE at the Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association in conjunction with Urban City Farms recently acquired a large plot of vacant land to grow fruits and vegetables on this season.

Located on the west side of 5th Street between 19th and 20th avenues, the Mission Urban Garden is looking to revive vacant lot gardening in the city, a practice with a long history dating back to 1914 when the Vacant Lot Gardening Society was first formed.

The community is hoping to use this project as the basis of an ongoing vacant lot gardening program within the community. While there was significant media coverage around vacant lot gardening this year the

Community Association and the owners of Urban City Farms are making it clear that this project is not renegade gardening.

"For us this is a business. We have the permission of the owner to use this property and are excited to be selling the produce we grow here to a local restaurant", said Will Carnegie, co-owner of Urban City Farms.

"This is about taking under-utilized spaces in our inner city and creating value. It is good local economic development and is a win win for everyone involved."

Urban City Farms made the decision to donate one third of the 3000 sq/ft available to the community as a part of ensuring that the neighbourhood is supportive of the project. The Community Association is also actively supportive as a way of bringing people together and beautifying the neighbourhood.

"It's awesome to have this garden", says Ben Woodloft, who lives next door and is participating in the project. "We are making a derelict space beautiful again and I don't have to grumble apologies. I feel a sense of pride with what we have done here."

"In the evenings I come out to water and have been having conversations with a ton of people who have been stopping by to check out what we are up to here."

For information on this project please email cbmca.environment@gmail.com or call Evan Woolley at 403-512-5299. ?

I'M EXCITED TO announce that the Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Association is on Twitter!

Follow us on Twitter @CBM\_CA and be sure to tell all your friends. Stay up to date with reminders of all our events and happenings around the community!

Also, a big thank you needs to go out to Jim Bowman for editing the last (May/ June) issue of the newsletter.

Last month members of the board attended Vitalize 2012, the Provincial Voluntary Sector Conference. The event was filled with motivational speakers, entertainment and seminars that not only delighted but provided information that I know will be useful in assisting us with the way we govern the board. The motivational speakers really tugged at your heart strings and the entire weekend reminded me that there are still caring people in this world whose passion in life is to make our communities better places to live. Thanks to Bob Lang and Tej Jhunjhunwala for making this event so very memorable. Check out an interview with yours truly on youtube through the Vitalize 2012 website: culture.alberta.ca/voluntarysector/vitalize/vitalize.aspx.

- Sarah Hbeichi, Editor

# Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Clean-Up and Exchange

Saturday, September 29, 2012 • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP?

On September 29, the City will provide us with two packer trucks to collect items dropped off by Cliff Bungalow – Mission residents. This year we will expand to include recycling, goods exchange & donation, rummage sale and park clean-up.

Clean-up: Drop off unwanted household goods and yard waste (things that might otherwise fill your basement, your yard, your street, or your alley)

Recycle: Drop off electronics for electronic recycling

Exchange/Rummage sale: drop off gently used goods and pick up

something you might need, e.g. Furniture, bicycles (items not claimed by I:00pm will go to the landfill or if suitable, to Goodwill Enterprises)

#### WHERE SHOULD YOU BRING YOUR STUFF? (and find free stuff to take home)

The clean-up will take place in the parking lot of Cliff Bungalow – Mission Arts Centre (Holy Angels School) at: 2105 Cliff Street (enter off Royal Ave). No items will be received after I:45 p.m.

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME: (items not accepted)

tires • household chemicals • car batteries • home appliances microwaves • metals • propane tanks • paint • liquids

#### IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER:

If you have any questions about the day, or want to help out as a volunteer, please email the Green Team at cbmca.environment@gmail.com or consult the Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association website: www.cliffbungalowmission.com

See you at 2105 Cliff Street (Enter off Royal Ave). Huge Rummage Sale and BBQ Party at Community Cleanup! Buy, Sell, or donate your gently used goods!

#### **We Value Your Contributions**

The Mission Statement exists to facilitate communication among residents of the Cliff Bungalow and Mission communities. We welcome your articles, stories, letters, announcements, and photos.

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# COOL WEATHER DID NOT DAMPEN THE LILAC FESTIVAL

BY BOB LANG PHOTO BY ELISH HIEBERT

IN SPITE OF cool temperatures, there was another large attendance for the 23rd Lilac Festival held on Sunday, May 27. I hope you found our table as we changed locations several times before landing near our usual site south of 21 Avenue. You probably noticed that the focus of our table this year was raising awareness and funds for a new playground adjacent to the community centre. Volunteers were kept hopping filling balloons with helium and selling them as a fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who bought a balloon.

Thanks to the following people who volunteered at our table: Tim Aylesworth, Jim Bowman, Alex Burroughs, Carol-Anne Brown, Trafford Crump, David Frishman, Debbie Graham, Sarah Hbeichi, Georgina Hoffman, Brianna Kopp, Rudy Labuhn, Carter Siebens, Ron Singer, Judith Theroux, Marilyn Williams and Howard Zarvie. Special accolades go to Alex who spent most of the day there selling balloons and to Georgina and David for staying for a double shift filling balloons. Georgina also brings a water dish every year for the many dogs that accompany their owners to the Festival.

#### WE WERE IN THE PARADE TOO!

This year we were in the parade as well. Evan Woolley arranged for the 1968 Cadillac owned by Dan McDermid. We used big magnets to hold our banner on the car. Some of us rode in the vehicle while Jan Pugh and Tej Jhunjhunwala handed out candy. Not overly sophisticated but it worked. Thanks to everyone who helped with this portion of our involvement in this year's Lilac Festival.

I got a wonderful surprise as Dan's girlfriend Katy Read is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Read who helped found the Cliff Bungalow Community Association in 1978. Mike was the first President. Mike and Nancy came by as we were lining up for the start of the parade. They lived in the house that Rick and Marilyn Williams now live in.



#### THANK YOU EVERYONE

The last potluck of the season was held on Sunday, June 3. This was also my birthday and I want to thank everyone who helped make this day very special for me. When I walked in as I usually do to help set up, I noticed something a little different. There were a lot people there already who had started to set up. There were a lot of vases of flowers, including lilacs brought by Tej Jhunjhunwala. She said she invited the lilac bush owner when he wondered what she was doing. Eilish Hiebert set up displays of pictures with me in them. Jan Pugh brought tablecloths. When the set up was completed, the hall was a very festive place. Then many more people streamed in bringing a wonderful eclectic array of dishes of food to share.

After dinner, Geraldine Pollock acted as Master of Ceremonies and set the stage for others to come up and "roast" me. This was great fun. Geraldine has spearheaded our potlucks.

The evening was topped off with jazz music provided by Jan Mulder, Keith Smith and Ron Langlo. Jan is the person who arranges for the jazz groups who play at our monthly Jazz series.

There were many people who made this a magical evening. The atmosphere was wonderful. It was fun watching people talk to each other so animatedly even though they might not have met each other until that night. Thank you so much to everyone who attended and who helped make this event such a success. Also thanks for the cards, gifts and well wishes. I hope you all will continue to be involved with this wonderful community. ?

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# Movie Nights Success Continues

BY EILISH HIEBERT

CALGARY MAYOR NAHEED Nenshi showed his true grassroots spirit by not only choosing the movie himself, but also honoring our community by participating in our movie night discussion.

Calgary Filmmaker Gary Burns' 2000 movie 'Way-downtown' is about a group of young employees who bet a month's salary, winner takes all, on who can last the longest without going outside (credit goes to www.IMDb. com). They do this with the assistance of Calgary's +15 system which is a network of continuous indoor corridors between large downtown buildings, so named because it is 15 feet above ground level.

The after-movie discussion was ably facilitated by co-sponsor Mount Royal University's Mario Trono, giving residents opportunity to involve our Mayor in many insights about Calgary's downtown core, or as Mayor Nenshi prefers to call it 'Centre City' — seeing it as a relatively small city centre for a city our size, compared to many cities he visits. However, Nenshi added that Calgary's 'Centre City' is seen by businesses to be very powerful in its

concentration of head offices, and its reported ease of doing business efficiently in this geographically centred area.

Nenshi also addressed other urban issues, including considerations of how to address changing Calgary demographics, with its challenges of density, growth, young families' reaffordability, and gentrification of inner-city communities.

Mayor Nenshi defended the +15 system, pointing out: "There is much life on our downtown streets in good weather." However, in Calgary's unforgiving -30 degree days, he added: "+15s are a wonderful way for the Centre City business community to connect in comfort."

Thank you, Mayor Nenshi, for a most interesting evening! Thanks also to the following people for making this event possible: Eilish, Murray, Gerri (who also organizes our monthly community potlucks), Corinne, Mount Royal University cosponsor Heather, Rob, Bob Lang (is there anything Bob doesn't dō?), and lastly, visionary and former CBMCA Social Director Tej Jhunjhunwala.

Movie night will continue in the fall, last Sunday night of the month 7 pm. Hope to see you then!

# COMMUNITY RESIDENT, HAROLD HANEN, CHAMPIONED CALGARY'S +15 SKYWALKS

RY BOR LANG

THE MAY 6 Movie Night film "Waydowntown" featured Calgary's +15 System. There is a strong historical connection to our community and the +15 System as Harold Hanen, frequently referred to as the father of the +15 System, grew up in our community. Harold's father, Samuel, emigrated to Rumsey, Alberta with his parents from Russia. Rumsey was one of the Jewish settlements in Alberta. In 1941, Samuel and his wife Lena bought the William Treend house located at 1933 5 Street SW. Harold was born in Calgary in 1935. His maternal grandfather, Simon Smolensky, was Calgary's first rabbi. Harold went to Cliff Bungalow School and became an architect who apprenticed under Frank Lloyd Wright. Harold worked in the Planning Department of The City of Calgary from 1966 to 1969. He conceived and designed the +15 System during this time and as a result received the Vincent Massey Award for Merit in Urban Planning in 1970. Harold

contacted me about the time we had identified the need to review the Cliff Bungalow Area Redevelopment Plan 1993. He suggested we hold block meetings, which we did and this led to the formal review and update of this important community planning document. Harold also identified that Cliff Bungalow - Mission should be combined as the real boundaries of the community from a historical, socio-economic, demographics, and built form perspective (the Elbow River and the Evamy Ridge escarpment are the natural boundaries); so the two community districts were combined forming one community association in 1990. He also started working with us on positioning the need to review the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan 2006. Unfortunately he passed away in 2000 before that work was completed. Harold had a significant impact on our community and the City of Calgary as a whole. 20-

# **WE WILL MISS YOU TEJ!**

It is with sad regrets that we announce the departure of Tejaswinee Jhunjhunwala, our Social Director. For the brief time that Tej was a Board Member she brought forth amazing ideas and planned some of the most memorable events yet. The Community Association is losing one of its most incredibly gifted, caring, and dedicated member. It is without a doubt that she will be missed and never forgotten. We thank her for all that she has done for the community and we wish her the best of luck with her move to the United Kingdom and completing her Master's program.

# Inventory of Historic Buildings #11

THE AVONLEA APARTMENTS, 208 25TH AVENUE SW

STORY BY ROGER MARLER PHOTO BY JOAN LAWRENCE

DURING CALGARY'S RATHER short lived boom in the early part of the twentieth century, the notion of apartment buildings was receiving mixed reviews. In the case of the Avonlea, though neither the architect nor the builder are known, there must have been agreement between them that apartments would be accepted and appealing. However, there were detractors; among them a city building inspector, H.A. Sylvester, who considered them a "menace" while others feared that they would quickly become slums.

On the other side of the equation was a pair of unmarried ladies, Misses Daniel and Higginson, who were afforded the opportunity to share an apartment in the Avonlea and thereby retain their independence.

But the detractors won the battle for a few years. Calgary's by-laws were amended requiring two-thirds of the landowners in a block to grant their approval before an apartment could be built. Because of this revision, the slump in 1913, and the onset of World War One, the Avonlea was one of the last apartment buildings developed in Calgary for many years.

The revised by-law, requiring approval of other land owners, was repealed in 1930 and in 1934 Mission was zoned for multi-family buildings.

As far as I am aware, the Avonlea is one of 3 buildings of almost identical design in the Cliff Bungalow Mission district. It is in the Classical Revival style, of timber framed construction with a brick facade helping to define a balanced street side aspect with a 2 storey bay window each side of a central entrance way. The basement, window sills and lintels, are all in concrete, and there are small concrete decorations above the second storey windows. There are still, among most of the main floor, double hung sash windows with upper diamond leaded panes; but many of them in other parts of the building have been replaced.

Certain other alterations have taken place since the building's origin: the sheet metal cornice has been removed, the entrance doorway and the window above it have been replaced, and rear balconies have been added; all of these renovations were carried out at unknown dates.

A brickwork detail that I find somewhat intriguing, given that I have a background in load bearing brick buildings in England, is that the bricks at the angles of the bay windows are not custom made. Rather, ordinary bricks have been used to give a sort of toothed appearance, a detail I suspect may be specific to this part of the world. But in another part of our community an alternative approach to this aspect of brickwork at bay windows has been used. On the Somerville Duplex the bay window brickwork was laid in the same manner and those projecting bits of bricks were all cut off at the angle after the bricks had been laid in position. While this makes the angle flush, the rough interior of each brick has been exposed. I haven't made up my mind which I find more appealing.



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# HIGH-STREET AND HOUSING ISSUES

BY RICK WILLIAMS

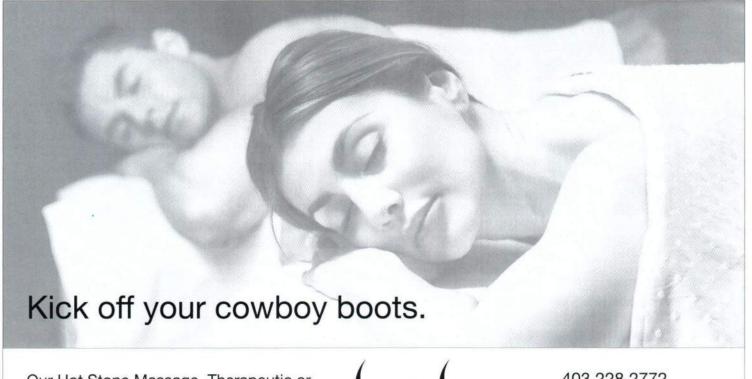
IN ADDITION TO the large scale construction projects taking shape on our streets and avenues we have seen some activity on more recent Development Permit applications. The Tilted Kilt franchise has applied for a development permit to increase to Drinking Establishment Medium, and outdoor café, at the old Bob the Fish site at the corner of 17th Avenue and 4th Street. The application is under review as of this writing and the Community Association has submitted comments in opposition to this application, as it was not in keeping with the directives of the Cliff Bungalow Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) on a number of levels. A permit application by Wurst Restaurant for a Stampede Tent (special function class 2, drinking establishment) was refused by the City Development Authority. The CBMCA and numerous residents had written comments in opposition to the proposal, both to the Authority and to Alderman Mar's office, citing that this type of use, even though temporary, was inappropriate to this site for a number of reasons, not least of which was its effect on the pedestrian realm and close proximity to residential.

These types of permit applications also speak to a broader issue of development on 4th Street and 17th Avenue, and that is the trend that we are seeing where the majority of commercial permit applications are for a change of use to restaurant and larger drinking establishments. It is the policy of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association to welcome mixed commercial, residential and retail use, including restaurants, but we do not want to be seen

or known as a destination 'entertainment or drinking district'. We are a pedestrian oriented, family friendly historic neighbourhood; a walkable, complete community; our commercial corridors should support businesses and uses that enhance the public and community experience, and benefit everyone.

As I briefly mentioned in the last issue a number of land assemblies are taking place in Cliff Bungalow and Mission where 3 or 4 homes on contiguous lots are being purchased and will be demolished to make room for townhouse projects. One such project under consideration is the row of four 1910 houses known as the Painted Ladies on 22nd Avenue. As well, three houses on 5A Street, three lots on 5th Street and four large lots in the 300 block of 18th Avenue have recently been assembled. We have seen that these conversions do not increase densification. Let us hope that, at the very least, these projects can continue in their present role as affordable housing units right up to application approval, and that the applications are sensitive to the context of the neighbourhood and the heritage that they are replacing. Too often in the past we have seen tenants evicted and houses demolished or boarded up and all of the tree canopy removed, only to have the lots sit vacant and unloved for an indeterminate time. We must advocate for zoning overlays allowing rehabilitation of these heritage houses or contextual replacement homes that would be attractive to families, especially mid-block, with true higher density remaining on block corners,

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## LIFTING THE SPIRITS

BY NANCY TICE

The Earliest spring flowers blooming outdoors are a wonder to behold. In my south facing garden the lovely Hepatica nobilis began blooming even earlier than usual on February 22nd this year. A small carpet of sparkling violet-blue flowers lasted until Good Friday. That's nearly 7 weeks of continuous bloom, a good run for any herbaceous perennial. Other reliably early bloomers are found among the minor bulbs such as Scilla siberica, Pushchkinia silloides, and Chionodoxa which is commonly called Glory-of -the-Snow for good reason.

The key to very early blooms lies in utilizing heat traps, and heat sinks - areas of the garden sheltered from cold winds where the sun's heat collects to be absorbed by features such as building foundations, boulders, or a concrete sidewalk. Soil in the immediate vicinity of a heat sink will thaw sooner, and the air temperature near the ground will be slightly warmer creating a favourable microclimate for the early growth of hardy perennial plants. Experienced gardeners often create warmer microclimates purposely as part of a garden's design by the judicious placement of a low, stone wall, for instance, or by gently sloping a garden bed toward the south to catch early spring's low angle rays of sunshine. The power of microclimates in influencing growth is quite striking in my own garden where the same variety of minor bulb, Scilla siberica for example, will bloom three weeks earlier near the south side of the house than elsewhere. Now is the time to plan ahead and find a spot for next spring's blooms.

As for lifting the more liquid version of spirits, the earliest bloomers' response to warmth reminds me of the local patio devotees who congregate just as early in the season on sheltered patios where patrons are able to relax with a beverage while lifting their faces to the sun. Heat traps can be used by design to provide a more comfortable wintertime environment for human beings. Urban Planners in northern European cities are expert in utilizing the concepts. In Calgary, finding heat traps within the wintertime public realm is more



a matter of lucky accident that enlightened design. Most of the public realm in the downtown core, and surrounding inner city lacks the wiggle room to create thoughtfully considered comforts. We are more likely to find unsheltered bus stops sited in the windiest of locations. No wonder a few local wags call the bus "the loser cruiser." And let's hope the bicycle infrastructure consultant recently hired by the City is an expert at solving jigsaw puzzles. In Cliff Bungalow-Mission it is as difficult to find a secure spot to lock-up a bicycle within the public realm as it is to find a parking spot for an automobile.

Earlier this spring it was interesting to watch the preparation of the former With the Times site on 4th Street (near the Royal Bank) as enormous drill bits sank down through about 6 meters of awe-inspiring soil. An informal squeeze test indicated sandy silt with about 20% clay content - a mix well suited to the agricultural production of root crops. Though the artist's rendering of the new building looks very attractive, it breaks a gardener's heart to see so much high quality soil trucked away to be replaced by underground parking stalls. Let's help to keep the community green by planting as many gardens as possible - in the ground, on the porch, balcony or patio, in containers and hanging baskets, and climbing up the walls!



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# FOR FUN IN THE SUN, THE SHIP CAN'T BE BEAT!

BY JIM BOWMAN

Ahhh! Another summer when I don't have a full-time job, and not much money, but lots of time to enjoy life!

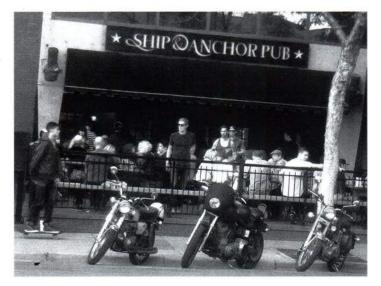
One of my favorite activities for maintenance of a minimum level of physical fitness is a walk down 17th Avenue, tempered with occasional stops for eating and drinking to prevent excessive fitness. For a replication of the Margaritaville experience I'd recommend Los Chilitos at 17th Avenue near 12th Street. For a bohemian experience, the closest thing we have in Calgary is Caffè Beano at 17th and 9th.

Community activist and bon vivant Bill Longstaff recommends the Ship & Anchor at 534-17th Avenue SW. The Ship has won a Fast Forward Weekly Best of Calgary award for many years. Established in 1990, it is a venerable institution by Calgary standards, and is hugely popular. Its clientele includes a noticeably large component of the tattooed-and-pierced set, but also includes plenty of suit-wearing business types, blue-collar workers, students, soccer fans, and retirees.

On a sunny day it's a good idea to be early to get a seat at one of cheaply-built picnic tables on the spacious patio. It's on the sunny side of the street, but there are two big old maple trees that offer some shade on a hot day, as well as a building overhang. The interior features well-scarred dark-varnished furniture and wall panelling, a few fake nautical-themed objects and pictures, and high shelves strewn with obsolete encyclopedia volumes (a 1980s fad in pub interior design). Above the bar hangs a magnificent collection of European soccer fans' scarves. (Soccer games, broadcast live from Europe on Saturday and Sunday mornings, are very popular).

Décor isn't a strong feature of The Ship's appeal, and it doesn't need to be. Besides the patio, there is something about the pub's management style that attracts a broad audience. Perhaps respect for the staff has something to do with it – I've noticed that they are usually relaxed, efficient, and happy to be working there. On evenings and weekends there is a variety of live and DJ-selected music, ranging from punk rock to doowop. The Ship is also respected for its community-spirited cosponsorship of the annual Alberta Songwriting Competition.

Although mixed drinks and wines are available, The Ship basically serves beer. Its house brand, Barnacle Pilsner, custom-



brewed by Big Rock, is full-bodied, crisp, and moderately bitter. There is a large variety of 33 draft beers ranging from \$5.25 to \$7.65, and a choice of 35 bottled beers, no-alcohol beers, ciders, and coolers priced from \$3.50 to \$8.25. Given the high volume of sales, prices are a tad high, but I can't complain. The Ship makes up for that with its very reasonably-priced and excellent food.

Yer basic pub grub includes big plates of fresh-cut fries at \$4.50; sweet potato fries at \$6.95; poutine at \$7.95; chicken wings at \$8.95 (four choices of coatings and three choices of dipping sauces); and huge multi-person platters of nachos at \$13.95. But beyond the pub favorites, there are specials and menu items which display the chef's creativity and sensitivity to quality. For example, the Chicken Balti (\$9.95) consists of yogurt-marinated chicken breast, potato, onion, rice, and a moderately spicy masala, all stewed in a cast iron casserole. The Thursday Sausage Party (\$9.95) offers a choice of any two of four types of house-made sausage: chicken chowder, Cumberland, wild boar with bacon, or bison with Guinness, together with a choice of side orders.

Maybe I'll see you on the patio of The Ship sometime this summer. **%** 



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Only a little time left to sign up your home! The Century Homes project provides do-it-yourself yard signs, access to information on how to research your home, and places participating homes on an online map. If you have a pre-1916 home and would like to participate in the program, send an email to contact@centuryhomes.org, learn more at www.centuryhomes.org or call the Federation of Calgary Communities at 403-244-4111. July 24 is the last day to join but yard signs might not be available; the last day for sign-up to receive a yard sign is July 15. Interested Cliff Bungalow and Mission participants, and the community at large, are invited to get together at the community hall Monday, July 16. Some of us will be working on our Century Homes signs. Others are invited to bring their historic pictures of the community to be scanned for the community website and archives.

#### FIVE BRIDGES, A STROLL ALONG THE ELBOW AND DOZENS OF STORIES!

Join us Saturday evening, July 28 for our Bridges of Mission walking tour. Our first stop is the Canadian Northern Railway Bridge built when Lindsay Park was rail yards. Then it's on to the CNoR Train Station, an early example of adaptive re-use from a parish hall, and later adapted again for ballet studios. The next two stops are the Pattison Bridge and Pattison Memorial for a Calgarian honoured with the Victoria Cross. We'll follow the Elbow pathways to the Lindsay Park pedestrian bridge and to Scollen Bridge named for Father Scollen. We end the tour at Mission Bridge at 4th Street and Elbow Drive SW, where we tell the story of the drunken engineer. The tour is free and open to the public. Simply join us in front of St. Mary's Cathedral at 219 18 Avenue SW.?

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# High-street and Housing Issues

as has been done historically. Over the past decade we have seen an influx of enlightened citizens who see the value of raising their families in the vitality of an inner city community. We have the daycares, schools from kindergarten and elementary to post-secondary and world class recreational amenities, all within walking distance, but we need to retain the housing inventory to attract them. ?





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**Historic Walking Tour of Central Memorial Park** 

Join Lorne Simpson, Heritage Architect, to explore the historic elements of the park and of its closest neighbours including First Baptist Church, and the Masonic Lodge.

Sat. July 28 I:00 - 2:30pm No registration required

Calgary 1912

Join Don Smith, Brian Brennan and Aimee Benoit to find out about the energy, vision and passion that created so many of our most valuable institutions, including Calgary Public Library, and the Calgary Stampede.

Tuesday, Jul 3I 7:00 - 8:30pm No registration required

September - December 2012 Library Programs

Registration begins Monday, August 20.

Register for programs by phone at 403-260-2620, online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com, or in person at any Library branch. A valid Calgary Public Library card in your name is required to attend all programs.

# CLIFF BUNGALOW-MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM NAME: ADDRESS: POSTAL CODE: PHONE: EMAIL: MEMBERSHIP TYPE: SINGLE (\$5) FULL (RESIDENTS ONLY) FAMILY (\$10) ASSOCIATE PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND CHEQUE PAYABLE TO CBMCA TO: 462, 1811 - 4TH STREET SW CALGARY, ALBERTA T2S 1W2

NOTE: MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, Our Bob Lang

BY GERALDINE GRAY

**WHAT WAS DIFFERENT** about the CBMCA potluck on Sunday, June 3?

We celebrated Bob Lang's 70th birthday with many friends and neighbours! There were about 60 people, roughly 4 times as many as usual at the community's monthly potlucks. Some of Bob's friends and colleagues told tales of times past. Collages of pictures posted in the hall of Bob reflected his participation in many events and functions in his role as President of CBMCA. A banner of good wishes hung on the wall and a framed photo of Bob offered a place for many to inscribe birthday sentiments. Lots and lots of beautiful flowers filled the room and candlelight set a festive mood. As always there was an abundance of delicious food of many flavours and origin enjoyed by all as we mixed and mingled. Dinner was followed with a great big birthday cake and the music of a jazz trio with Jan Mulder and friends.

Thanks to those who made this party a special occasion and see you in September when potluck season resumes. ?



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# Pathway and River Clean Up a Great Success

BY BOB LANG



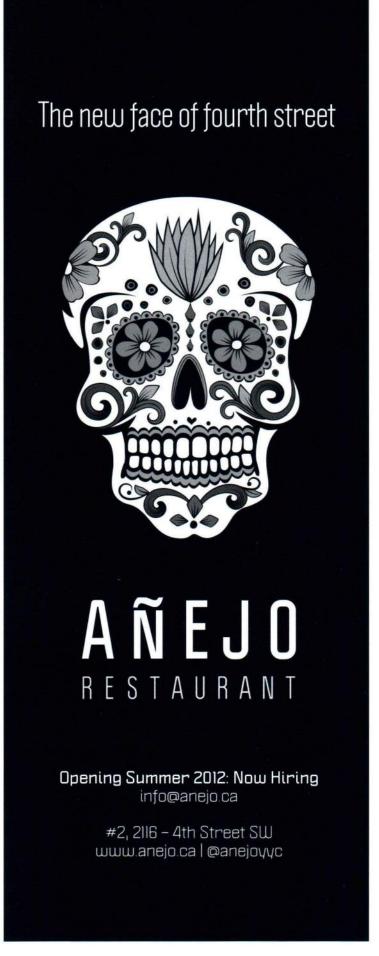
RIVER CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS DISPLAY THEIR FINDS. BOB LANG (LEFT) WITH THE PRIZE WINNING HANDMADE TOY BOAT PHOTO BY MATHEW JACINTO-UHRIK

The 2012 Pathway and River Clean Up was a great success. The Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association continued to partner with Erlton Community Association in this endeavour. Other partners were Talisman Centre, Rideau Roxboro Community Association and Lindsay Park Community Association. Evan Woolley, our Environment Director, worked with Andrew Sparke, President of Erlton Community Association who spearheaded the organizing of the event. Howard Zarvie helped with the early morning set up. Around 15 to 20 Cliff Bungalow – Mission people participated during the day. After the clean up there was lots of food plus a DJ.

You may have noticed the news coverage including the story in Calgary Herald showing the "best finds" of the clean up, both of which were found on our side of the Elbow River by people from Cliff Bungalow – Mission. One was white crystals found by Bob MacDonald and his daughter and one was a hand made boat found by myself. The boat was on display at our community booth at the Lilac Festival. Thank you to everyone who helped this year. Keep the first Sunday in May 2013 open for the next one.

# Thanks to Fast Forward Weekly's (FFWD) "Best of Calgary 2012"

Mission voted one of Calgary's most liveable neighbourhoods and Lilac Festival voted one of the Best Festivals and Best Free Events! Congrats!



# COMMUNITY GARDEN WAIT LIST

STORY AND PHOTO BY GEORGINA FAMIESON

THE MISSION GAR-DEN is fully rented with 42 gardeners this season and everyone is awaiting the fruits and vegetables of their labours. We have a waiting list about two years long so are limit-



ing names on the list to residents of CBMCA now. If interested in being added to the wait list, please contact cbmcagarden@yahoo. ca with address and phone number. ?

# NEWSLETTER DELIVERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Mission Statement would welcome the participation of two volunteers for delivery tasks that would involve about one-half hour of work every two months: one involves delivering to the Memorial Park Library, and the other, to seven houses in the southwestern corner of the community.

If interested, contact Jim Bowman at j.bowman@telus.net or 403-228-0827.

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## **Community Calendar**

All events are at the Community Hall (220I Cliff Street SW) unless otherwise noted.

#### Century Homes Workshop

Monday July 16, 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Community get together. Bring your stories and photos for scanning.

#### Historic Calgary Week -Century Homes

Friday July 27 to Monday, August 6. See interactive map at www. centuryhomes.org after July 20th for home locations.

#### Historic Calgary Week -The Bridges of Mission

Saturday July 28, 7 pm. five bridges along our Elbow River. Meet in front of St. Mary's Cathedral.

#### **Book Club**

First Sundays at 7 pm

#### **Jazz Concerts**

First Wednesdays with new season starting September 5 at 8 pm (doors open 7:30 pm).

#### **Community Garden Party**

Sunday September 9, 2 to 4 pm at the community garden located in the park along 24th Avenue across from Holy Cross Centre.

#### **Potlucks**

Second Sundays with new season starting September 9, 6 pm

#### Chess Club

Second Fridays, 7 to II pm at Waves Coffee Shop, I7th Avenue and 5th Street SW

#### Community Clean Up & Exchange

Saturday September 29, 9 am to 2 pm in the parking lot behind Cliff Bungalow – Mission Arts Centre (former Holy Angels School at Cliff ST & Royal AV SW)

#### **Acoustic Jams**

Fourth Saturdays with new season starting September 29, 2 to 4 pm

#### **Movie Nights**

Last Sundays with new season starting September 30, 7 pm

#### Deadline for The Mission Statement submissions

First Wednesday of the month prior to publication Next deadline is August I E-mail to cbmca.editor@gmail.com

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small kitchen, serving bar, and a brick feature wall. The other has hardwood floors and chalkboards. Both have large walls of windows and high ceilings. The facility also comes complete with tables and chairs. We are situated in a park-like setting convenient to public transportation, restaurants, and amenities.

Funds generated from rentals are used to support the work of the Community Association.

To view and for rental details, contact zahra\_minoosepehr@hotmail.com or call 403-245-6001