

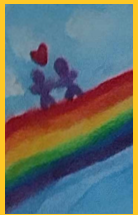


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1. Family of Boots

- Helen Spaxman
"These Boots are Made for Walking" was top of the charts when I was born. But these are not my family's boots as there are only three pairs.



2. Unity Walking - Kathy & Sasha & friends

Once again we chose a unity art style for our banner, and we're grateful for the artistic contributions of a few friends to help with our! "Walking & talking, enjoying the day. That's what we call the Whittam way!" our family song when we wander. 😊



3. Holding Hands

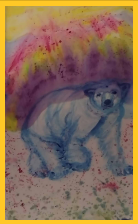
- Ian McMeekin
Working wet,
Delicate details done,
The second day.



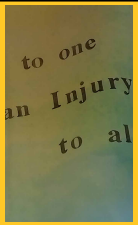
4 & 5. Walking to Survive - Penny Lim

Purpose: migratory, food, reproduction

Africa: baby Elephant following its mother, young Giraffe galloping. These big animals need a lot of plants for food.



Arctic: the Polar Bear in plight yet so majestic
Antarctic: Emperor Penguin struggles over 70miles in 7 days to the ocean.



6. A is for Activist - Helen Spaxman

From the Fall 2022 set of banners with the theme: Justice
This quote is from the children's board book *A is for Activist* by Innosanto Nagara. I read from this book, and their other board book *Counting on Community*, in the Britannia Toddler Art Program.

Look for the Britannia Banner Program Facebook page for pictures, www.facebook.com/Britbanners

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The VSB Engineers who install the banners each season.

Most especially to our neighbourhood artists that paint the banners with their passion and creativity each fall and spring. What a team!

2023 Banner Program

walking



"With each step the earth heals us, and with each step we heal the earth."

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

Walk around and enjoy the creations from the Spring Banner Workshops in June.

**Opening celebration & walkabout tour
Sun Oct 1st at 2:00pm**

These banners will be up until the next set of Banners are created at the Banner Workshop to be held **November 25-26 2023.**



1. All Who Wander Are Not Lost - Rudi Leibick

For "Walking", I have depicted the tracks of a variety of wild creatures that all live here in Vancouver: Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Raccoons, Mice, Beavers, etc. My daughter added the artful moss to the earthy backdrop. Each encounter with the natural world is an opportunity to notice, tune in, and remember.



2. Yawa - Diane Woods

"Yawa" is the Australian Aboriginal word for English translation of Walkabout. It is a time when adolescent Aborigines live in the bush/wilderness, to make the spiritual and traditional transition into adulthood.



3. Boots - Ade Leke

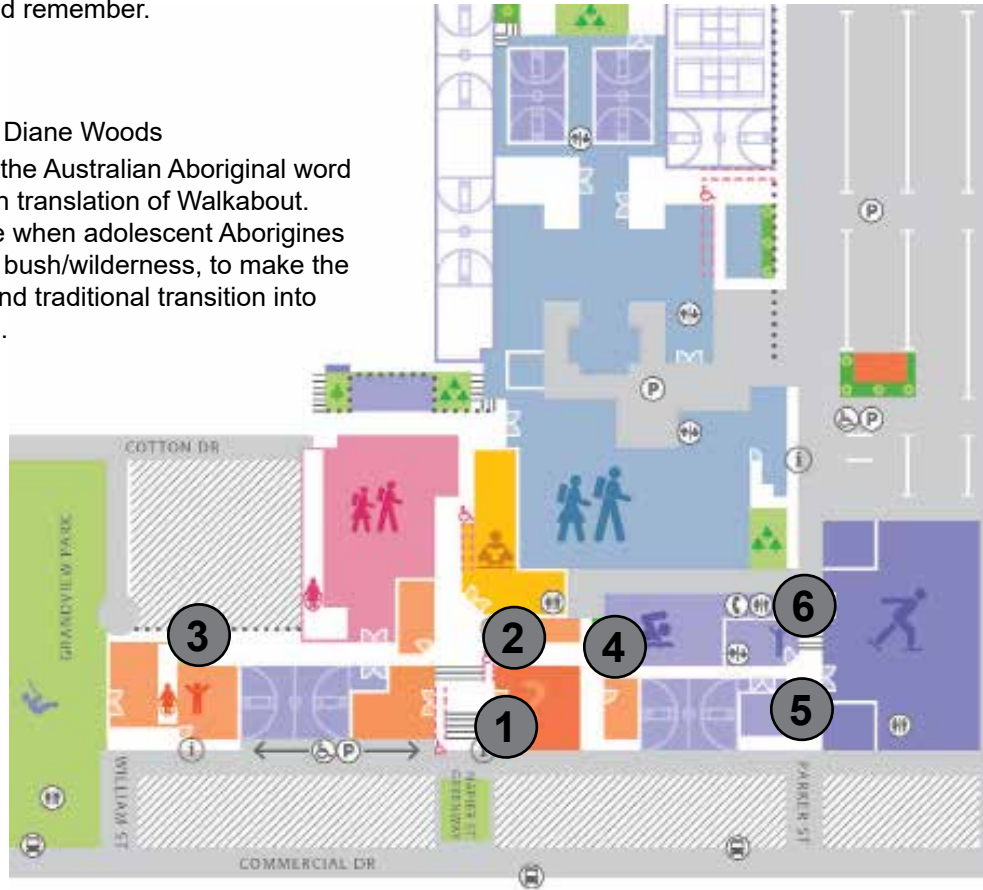
Because of a rare foot shape and walking difficulties, Ade makes his own shoes and boots. He used his templates directly on the banners. (Helen)

4. Those That Walk With Me - Andrea Vollans

There's a story about a person talking to God about the footprints in the sand behind them and particularly during times of strife. The story goes with the person saying "but God during my times of strife, there are only one set of footprints and God says those were the times I carried you".

When I've had times of strife, even though I might have felt alone, I always had a whole community of people around me, some coming, some going, some connections strong and some not, some people share small moments with me. And I tried to map that here.

I hope when people see this they think about their own community and connections and who walks alongside them.



6. Jellyfish Swimming Free

- Sandra Wai Sim Cheng

I am struck with the beauty and grace of the box jellyfish.

The process of finding different techniques to apply paint to the cotton is so therapeutic and I enjoyed the experience.

Although the jelly fish cannot be described as walking, the sea stars aka star fish can and do walk all over rocks and sand under the sea.



5. A Walk in the Garden - Sandra Wai Sim Cheng

I walk to work 3x/week. Each walk, I explore a different route to discover new flowers around the neighbourhood. I especially like the poppies and the pompoms (allium family) Spring is my favourite season; everything come to life. Every garden is full of variety of flowers in many different colours, textures and shapes. I praise God, the creator, who formed all these flowers for our enjoyment.

