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The North Vancouver Community Arts Council presents

**Rebecca Graham**  
*Walking On The Land*  
July 7 – August 24, 2015  
City Atrium Gallery

Rebecca Graham is an artist and weaver who explores ways to be creative in connection with the land. Through artistic inspiration, Rebecca invites people to rediscover the abilities of their hands, the companionship of neighbours, and the creative potential in our landscape.  

*Walking on The Land* is an extension of her connection to the land she lives on and her connection to her own body and breath.  

“Shoes and shoe design have been fascinating to me for many years. The vigor, satisfaction, joy and horror of making and wearing all-natural shoes created from the plants around me is enthralling. I rely on life, growth, and diversity to create these shoes; the shoes separate me from the grittiness of that same life and growth, and then life and growth will slowly wear them down again to dust.”

Rebecca uses materials that are donated by gardeners or invasive species programs. She never harvests living materials from wild ecosystems and only salvages plants from managed landscapes.  

As part of this exhibition there are two unique interactive components to learn more about invasive species:

**City Atrium Gallery**, North Vancouver City Hall, 141 West 14th Street | Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm

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**Rebecca Graham Artist Talk**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2015**  
12:15 - 12:45pm  
**North Vancouver City Hall** (141 West 14 Street)

Please join Rebecca as she talks about her inspiration behind *Walking on the Land* and learn alternative purposes for ivy, blackberry, yucca, iris and cedar.  

[www.runnawick.com](http://www.runnawick.com)  
[facebook.com/earthand gleaners](http://facebook.com/earthand gleaners)

Rebecca has a background in agriculture and environmental ethics, and a BFA from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

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**City Park Rehabilitation Project**  
**Saturday, July 25, 2015**  
9am – noon  
**Mahon Park** (meet behind the Chris Zuehike Baseball Diamond, near Jones Avenue and West 19th Street)

Evergreen has partnered with North Vancouver Community Arts Council and Rebecca Graham to host a City Park Stewards event. Come experience the natural area in the City while giving health back to the land by removing invasive species. Everyone is welcome and Evergreen will supply all the training, tools and gloves. Rebecca will be on site to teach simple weaving techniques with blackberry branches.

[http://www.cvn.org/cityparkstewards](http://www.cvn.org/cityparkstewards)

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