



Pop-Up Picnic: Interview with Susan Walter at Kaleidoscope

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Jeff and Susan

It all started as a date night. I lived in Coquitlam and Jeff lived in North Vancouver. We both worked at Simon Fraser University. It was too far for Jeff to go home and meet me back here for dinner after work and too far for me to follow him to North Vancouver and get home in the evening.

We compromised. About 14 years ago, we started packing picnics every Wednesday. We chose a different Coquitlam park every week. Sometimes it might be Colony Farm Regional Park, Mundy Park or Eagle Mountain Park. There are so many beautiful places to choose from here. We would lay our picnic out and enjoy one another's company.

It turns out our idea had legs. We started to invite friends; then they invited friends. For about 14 years now, we've been having these Wednesday evening pop-up picnics. They are very informal and lots of fun. People bring their own deck chairs and food. Every Tuesday I send out an e-mail with a new location and whoever shows up, shows up! There could be anywhere from 4 to 20 people. It's such a lovely way to enjoy the green space in our city.

- *Lori Sherritt-Fleming*

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