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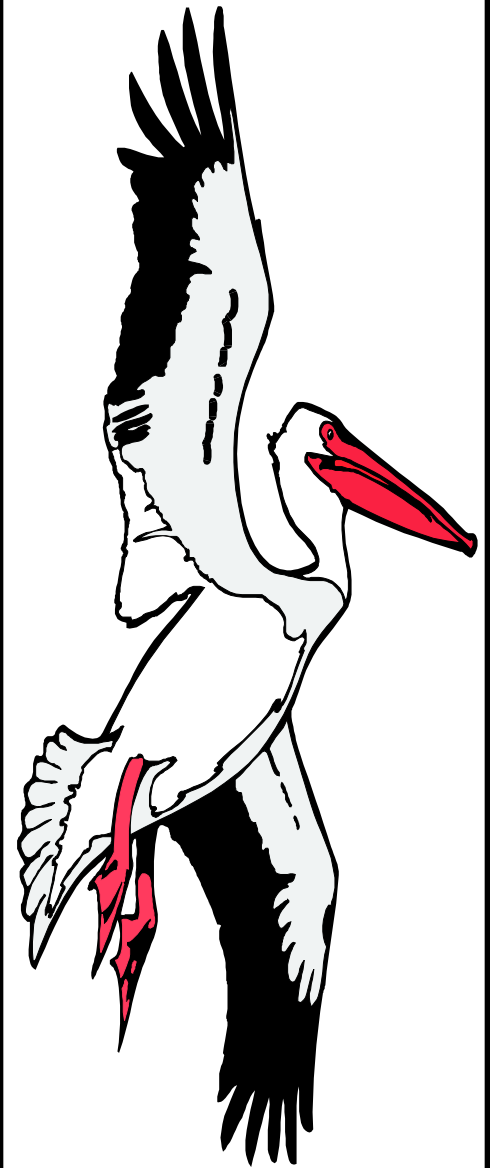
Thiess Award

The Meewasin Valley Authority has received international acclaim with the news that Meewasin is one of four river agencies in the world short listed for an international prize for river management.

The Thiess Riverprize recognizes excellence in river management and provides an incentive to further the worldwide effort of restoring healthy rivers. It carries with it a prize of \$100,000 Australian dollars.

"The prize will be awarded in early September in Brisbane, Australia, and is part of an annual international management symposium on river management," said Meewasin CEO Susan Lamb.

Raymond Moriyama, author of the riverbank and area's 100-year master plan, said "To be on the short list of four worldwide is an achievement. To win this prestigious award is to put Saskatoon and Meewasin on the world map. To think it is happening on the 25th anniversary of Meewasin, a mere quarter of the way to achieving a 100 year vision is great."



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Watershed Planning in the South Saskatchewan River

A key component of sound management of Saskatchewan's watershed and aquifers is effective planning. In this regard, the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority has commenced the development of a watershed plan that will protect the quantity and quality of our source water in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed.

"The South Saskatchewan River Watershed planning area in Saskatchewan is 60 percent cropland and 25 percent grassland. It is estimated that 322,000 people live within this watershed which supports 62 Rural Municipalities and 4 First Nations Bands. Communities, agriculture, industry and businesses within this area rely on the river basin and aquifers for their water; therefore, it is important to come up with a plan that will protect this watershed for the benefit of future generations," says Jeff Olson, Watershed Planning Coordinator.

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority supports this process through the development of Watershed Advisory Committees and Technical Advisory Committees. The Advisory Committees represent diverse interests in the watershed including: rural, urban and aboriginal governments, conservation area authorities, watershed associations, irrigation district representatives and watershed interest groups. The Technical Committees are comprised of technical people from conservation organizations and federal and provincial agencies.

Since the South Saskatchewan River Watershed is much too large to have effective public involvement on a basin-wide planning process, the watershed has been sub-divided into three separate units for planning purposes. Advisory Committees are set up from the Alberta Border to Saskatchewan Landing, from Saskatchewan Landing downstream to just south of Saskatoon; and from Saskatoon north to the "forks" (where the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers meet). These smaller units will make understanding of interests and concerns easier as well as finding local solutions for concerns.

"The planning process will be built on consensus, collaboration and stakeholder involvement that can be applied to a broad range of planning scenarios. This will encourage stakeholder discussion to develop common goals and share responsibility for actions that achieve sound water management and source water protection. The final watershed plan will be the result of local decisions," said Olson.

"When the plan is finished we will have good background information and an environmental scan of the watershed, a good analysis of issues and threats, and recommendations for key actions, timelines, accountability measures and evaluation criteria. The key element in the planning process will be the implementation of the actual plan. We are targeting this watershed plan to be completed in two to three years," he said.

For more information on this planning process go to this website www.swa.ca/stewardship/watershedplanning and click on "South Saskatchewan River Watershed" in the margin. Or contact your local Watershed Advisory Committee member identified in the above website. General questions regarding the planning process in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed can be directed to Jeff Olson at (306) 786-1364 or e-mail jeff.olson@swa.ca

Meewasin's Summer Students

This past summer, Meewasin again employed a number of summer students. This year, 22 summer students joined the Meewasin staff. The summer students worked as interpreters in the Meewasin Valley Centre and Beaver Creek Conservation Area, developing educational programs focusing on providing interpretation of Saskatoon's history and conservation of its natural environment. Students were also involved in conducting canoe tours of the river valley, planning, design and development, conservation, enforcement, and construction. The students come from post secondary institutions and provide a youthful energy, enthusiasm and expertise that Meewasin welcomes, nurtures and embraces.

September Long Weekend

Family River Cinema

- September 3** - *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*
September 4 - *Finding Nemo*
September 5 - *Brother Bear*

Movies shown in Friendship Park at dusk (approx. 8:30 pm). Free Admission. Concession on site.

Marr Harvest Fair

September 6, 1 - 4 pm
Marr Residence - 326 11th St. E

Join us for an afternoon of pioneer crafts, lively music, fresh-baked goodies, and fun for the entire family!

For more details, call 665-6888.

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Meewasin Valley Centre and Gift Shop

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

Open 9 to 5 Weekdays - 12:00 to 5 Weekends & Holidays

Celebrate the Prairie Harvest in September at MVC

On Display in September & October - "Visually Speaking" by Laddie Wesolowski

In this art show Laddie Senior reflects on what is important to him - urban and rural landscapes in vivid color and strong imagery.

September 6 - Marr Harvest Fair - For Everyone (1 - 4 pm)

Labour Day comes alive at the historic Marr Residence (326 11th St. E) with music, demonstrations, home-baking, and hands-on activities. Call 665-6888 for details.

September 12 - "Visually Speaking" Gallery Opening - For Everyone (2 - 4 pm)

Meewasin has the Art Opening for the work of Laddie Wesolowski Sr. Drop in between 2 - 4 pm, meet the artist and view his work. Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by the Artist.

September 19 - Downtown Sculpture Hike with MVC - for Everyone (2 pm)

Have you ever wondered about the sculptures found along Saskatoon's downtown streets? If so, join us for an informative walk and learn more about them. Please call 665-6888 to preregister.



September 26 - Sad Cases and Pretty Faces Presentation - For Everyone (2 pm)

The beautiful and ugly ornamentation on Saskatoon's older buildings is the focus of this unique slide show. Join us and discover more about the history of these carvings and the buildings they decorate. Please call 665-6888 for more information.

October is Women's History Month

October 3 - Cornucopias - For Everyone (2 pm)

The horn of plenty, overflowing with fruit, flowers and grains, signifies prosperity. Come learn about the history of the cornucopia and make your own for the table. Please call 665-6888 to preregister.



October 10 - "Ladies Home Journal" - For Everyone (2 pm)

Go back in time and experience life as pioneer women in Saskatoon lived it. Hear stories about homesteads, husbands, parties and prairie life.

October 17 - Corn Husk Dolls - For children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

Before the rise of department stores in Saskatoon, dolls were made of different types of materials. One common doll was made of corn husks. Come and make your own doll to take home. Program cost is \$2.00. Please call 665-6888 to preregister.



October 24 - Quilter's Guild - For Adults (2 - 4 pm)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make a quilt? Join us together with the Quilter's Guild to learn this time honoured craft. Program cost is to be announced. Please call 665-6888 to preregister.

October 31 - 6th Annual Haunted History Party - For Kids (1 - 3 pm)

Halloween is sneaking up on us so come to Meewasin Valley Centre for some spooky fun. Play ghoulish games, make creepy crafts, and get a terrifying treat. Limit 40 children, call 665-6888 to register.



***Programs are for the general public. If your group wishes to participate, please call 665-6888 to book a separate time. A nominal fee may be charged.

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Invites you to discover...



Bring family and friends to discover Beaver Creek Conservation Area. With five hiking trails, nature discovery stations, animal scavenger hunts, and interpretive centre activities there is plenty to see, hear, touch, smell, and maybe even taste, when we are brewing wild teas. **Every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** throughout September and October a nature discovery station will be available for you to explore at your leisure.

The Evening can be Revealing

During September and October 2004, Beaver Creek Conservation Area will be open **12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays & Sundays.** Extended evening hours will provide you the opportunity to view beaver, muskrat, and mink being active in the creek as they prepare for the change of seasons from fall into winter.



Winged Migration

A special program for those that wish to expand their brains by knowing more about bird brains. View the film "Winged Migration" and then hike to several birding blinds where feeder stations have been placed to attract song birds. This is an adult program requiring patience and silence. **Saturday, October 2 & 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** There is a maximum of 15 participants for each date. To pre-register call 374-2474.

Moonlight Mysteries

Bring family and friends on a guided Moonlight Mysteries night hike and discover the activities of nocturnal animals and unravel the mysteries of the night-time world. Fall night hikes are on **Saturday, September 25** for "Harvest Moon" and **Saturday, October 30** for "Werewolf Moon" from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** A moon craft and snack are included. **Cost is \$5.00/person.** Call 374-2474 to pre-register. Maximum 20 people.



Beaver Creek Overnight Camps

Experience an overnight camp adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Winter camps may be booked **Friday or Saturday nights in January and February.** During this unique environmentally based program, a variety of guided hikes, nature crafts, and special guest speakers will be presented, tailored to meet the specific needs of your group. Call 374-2474 for fees and program details.



Beaver Creek Conservation Area
Follow Lorne Avenue South
13km on Highway #219
Email: meewasin@meewasin.com
Website: <http://www.meewasin.com>

Fall Hours: September & October
Weekdays 9am-5pm
Weekends & Holidays Noon - 8pm
FREE Admission



Chip's Hotline: 374-2474

