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Meewasin Valley Explorers

It's Time to Clean-up Saskatoon!

The **Saskatoon Credit Union** is once again partnering with **Meewasin** in hosting the **Annual Meewasin – Saskatoon Credit Union Clean-Up Campaign** from **April 22nd to May 7, 2006**



As residents of Canada's prettiest city, this campaign offers you the chance to show your pride in keeping our city beautiful. Last year thousands of people registered to help clean away the winter debris along the river valley, in neighbourhood parks, school yards and along our city streets and boulevards.

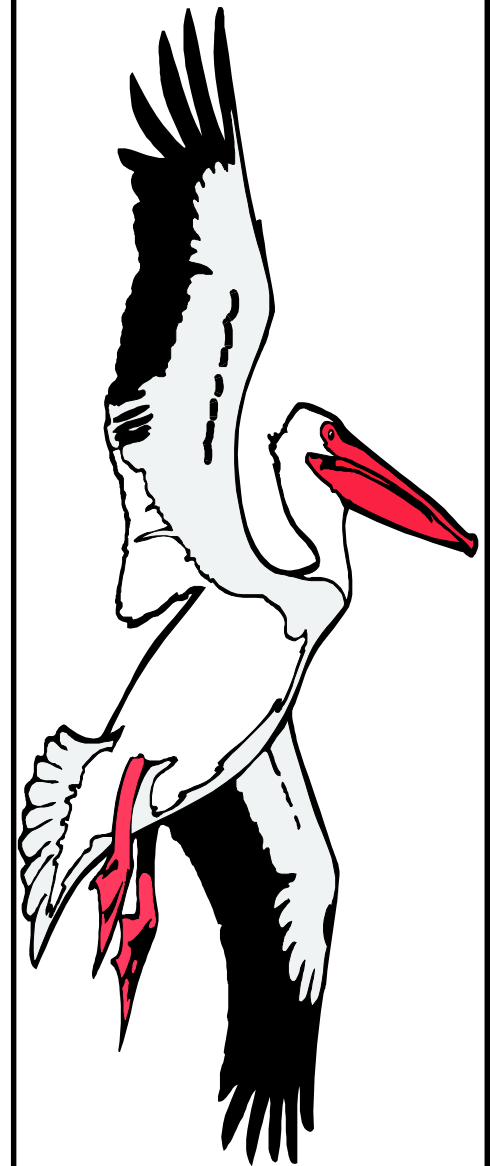
The start of the campaign will be on Saturday, April 22nd, with the official kick off at a Saskatoon school on April 28th. Everyone is invited to join Meewasin and the Saskatoon Credit Union as we all volunteer to beautify our "valley" for the summer.

To register and for further details about the campaign please call 665-6888, visit the Meewasin Valley Centre, any branch of the Saskatoon Credit Union or visit the web sites located at:

www.meewasin.com

or

www.saskatooncreditunion.com/cleanup.



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Meewasin Pelican Watch 2006!

Saskatoon residents have special visitors every summer. April through October, pelicans gather by the weir. These birds, once on the endangered species list, have been a beautiful sight on the South Saskatchewan River since the late 1970's. For Saskatoon residents their arrival is a harbinger of spring.

When will the first pelican, as recorded by our official observers from the Saskatoon Nature Society, land between the C.P.R. Bridge and the weir?

Enter to win prizes including: Watching Wildlife package including a folding chair, fanny pack, small binoculars, water bottle, and a bird song CD courtesy Meewasin Valley Authority; Mountain bike courtesy Realty Executives Saskatoon; Binoculars courtesy Don's Photo Shop Saskatoon; Grocery Certificate courtesy Pelican Market Saskatoon; Engraved brick Rotary International Peace Plaza; Interpretive Canoe Tour Charter for 8 in Meewasin 10 passenger canoe; Deciduous tree Meewasin Plant-A-Tree program; Gift Certificate to the Meewasin Gift Shop.

There are also three Homestead Ice Cream Pelican Parties to be won. One class from each of the Saskatoon Public Schools, Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and Rural School Divisions will win one of three Homestead Ice Cream Pelican Parties including Pelican Ice Cream, Pelican Party games, and \$100.00 towards bus transportation. (This prize is selected by random draw from all ballots indicating it as a school entry and is a separate draw from the pelican arrival guess.)

Entry is **FREE** and limited to one guess per person. Send your Name, Address, Phone Number and Guess to:

Meewasin Pelican Watch Contest 2006
Meewasin Valley Authority, 402 – 3rd Avenue South
Saskatoon, SK S7K 3G5 Fax: 665-6117

Visit the Meewasin Valley Authority web site <http://www.meewasin.com> for contest information.

Want to learn more about pelicans? Then see this movie!

Flicks International Film Festival for Young People

flicksfilmmfestival@sasktel.net

Opening Night Party and Family Gala Presentation of the feature film screening of **Pelicanman** (*Pelikaanimies*)

Friday, April 7, 6:30 p.m. Broadway Theatre

Fantasy feature from Finland (Finnish with English subtitles)



Riverfront

Meewasin is delighted to announce that the next stage of Riverfront construction is about to begin. This construction contract will include the pavilion, the amphitheatre, a water feature and the pedestrian links. A campaign to support the development of the Riverfront will be launched this spring.

Work continuing on the site from the previous year includes the completion of the Riverwalk, the 3rd Avenue entry stairway, the pedestrian bridge and the installation of lights and site furnishings. The target date for completion of this work is the middle of June 2006. The soft landscaping is scheduled to be complete by the middle of summer. We anticipate that the Riverwalk portion of the site will open this spring, as soon as the site is safe and operational.

The City of Saskatoon continues to work on the extension of Spadina Crescent to 2nd Avenue and the roundabout at the junction of these two streets. This work should be completed by the end of July 2006. The roundabout will be the site of the recent centennial landmark sculpture commissioned by the City.

The demolition of the former CNR subway began in January of 2006. Portions of the concrete bridge stringers containing the original 1931 dates will be salvaged and may be integrated into the Riverfront construction.

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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



Bridging Our Community

March 5 - Saskatoon Painters Club - Art Opening For Everyone (2 - 4pm).

Paintings by this Saskatoon group depict a wide range of subjects from local history to still life, landscape, and human form. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 665-6888.

March 12 - "The Pelican Show" - For Everyone (2pm)

A wonderful presentation to help everyone learn more about Pelicans as part of "Pelican Watch 2006". After the presentation you will get a chance to make your own pelican. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany their children.

March 19 - "Bridge Tales" - For Everyone - (2pm)

Saskatoon has seven Bridges that span the South Saskatchewan River, and Archie, the fictional narrator, has stories about each. How many do you believe?

March 26 - Transportation on the South Saskatchewan River - For Children ages 6 - 12 (2pm)

Have you ever wondered about the history of transportation along the South Saskatchewan River? Canoes, boats and steam boats have all travelled our river. Come and find out more about this method of travel and make your own paddle boat to take home. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. \$2.00 per craft.

Prairie Roots - Living off the Land



April 2 - Easter Growing Basket - For Children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

With Easter just a few weeks away, we have a great program to share! Not only will we learn about Easter in the past, but we will also make a unique Easter basket. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. \$2.00 per craft.

April 9 - Kahlee Keane "The Root Woman" - For Everyone (2 pm)

Join the Meewasin staff for a presentation by Kahlee Keane on some of the plants and roots used in folk medicinal treatments. Please call 665-6888 for more information.

April 16 - Ninth Annual Easter Scavenger Hunt - For Everyone (All Day)

Meewasin Valley Centre staff have developed 3 outdoor scavenger hunts. Complete a hunt and return to MVC for an Easter treat.



April 17 - 21 - Easter Break Activities for Children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

Meewasin has a variety of activities and programs for children during the Easter Break. Please call 665-6888 to register and for more information. Parents/guardians must accompany. \$2.00 per craft.

Monday - Pelican Show **Tuesday** - Butterfly Gardens **Wednesday** - Come Fly Away - Kites
Thursday - Whooping Cranes **Friday** - Falcons on the Rise

April 23 - Clean-Up Campaign - For Everyone (All Day)

Stop by the Meewasin Valley Centre today to register your family or group for the Clean-Up Campaign. You'll help keep Saskatoon beautiful as well as get some fresh air. For more information, see the article on the front page, or call 665-6888.



April 30 - "Ladies Home Journal" - For Everyone (2 pm)

Go back in time and experience life of pioneer women in early Saskatoon. Hear stories about homesteads, husbands, parties and prairie life in this video presentation.

Please note that the Meewasin Valley Centre will open at Noon on Good Friday - April 14th

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

March & April - A Time to Change

Spring School Break

During your time off from school, why not take a hike at the creek!

April 17 – 21, 2006

10:00am – 4:00pm Each Day

Come & go indoor & outdoor activities

Popcorn & Movies



A bird in the hand is a bird at hand.

When visiting Beaver Creek ask for a cup of seed and you may be able to experience feeding birds by your very own hand!

Beaver Creek Conservation Area wishes to thank the Saskatoon Nature Society for their generous donation of funds for seed and feeders that have helped our feathered friends this winter season.



Animism Workshop MAY 4 – 6, 2006

Western Development Museum - Saskatoon

Personalize the visitor's experience to your program through live interpretive theatre.

Inanimate: not endowed with, or deprived of, animal life; spiritless, dull.

Animate: enliven; give life to.

Animism: attribution of living soul to inanimate objects and natural phenomena.



The Animism Workshop will have you experience the process of determining the personality of such things as a rock, tree, sad iron, or a building such as a blacksmith shop or post office. Explore elements of character development, identify voice, create script that's easy for you to deliver, memorable to your audience, and involves your program participants. Don't be afraid to act out and speak on behalf of your artifacts – it won't give you a heart attack – your visitors will enjoy it and come back – it's a fact!

Participate in a three day workshop exploring the elements of physicality, animating objects, voice, and music that when put together will help you in creating interesting characters for objects that you wish to have the opportunity to speak for themselves. Day one will have you experience the process of animism facilitated through four professional theatre performers, on day two you will apply animism techniques in developing a 10 minute group presentation, and for day three your group will perform and be adjudicated by our team of professional theatre performers.

ANIMISM WORKSHOP FEE

Includes workshop, lunch & a.m./p.m. coffee breaks for May 4, 5, & 6, and Wanuskewin Heritage Park tour.

Member of Interpretation Canada or a Provincial Museums Association - **\$120.00** (GST included)

Non-Member: **\$175.00** (GST included) – includes professional membership in either Interpretation Canada or Provincial Museums Association (please indicate your preference on registration form)

For workshop presenter biographies, evening tour descriptions, and workshop registration forms go to: Interpretation Canada Peaks & Prairies www.interpcan.ca/peaksandprairies/

Animated workshop inquiries? Call Andrew Whiting at Meewasin Valley Authority - 306-374-2474 or awhiting@meewasin.com
(Subject: ICPP Animism)

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March & April
Weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Weekends & Holidays noon to 5 p.m.
Easter Break April 17 - 21
daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Chip's Hotline: 374-2474

