

Meewasin Valley Explorer

It's Time to Clean-up Saskatoon!

FIRSTSASK Credit Union is once again partnering with **Meewasin** in hosting the **Annual Meewasin – FIRSTSASK Credit Union Clean-Up Campaign** from **April 20th to May 6th, 2007**.



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 campaign will commence on Friday, April 20th, with the official kick off at Greystone Heights School. Everyone is invited to join Meewasin and the FirstSask Credit Union as we volunteer to beautify our "valley" for the summer.

To register and for more information, please call 665-6888, visit the Meewasin Valley Centre, any branch of the FirstSask Credit Union, or visit the web sites:

www.meewasin.com

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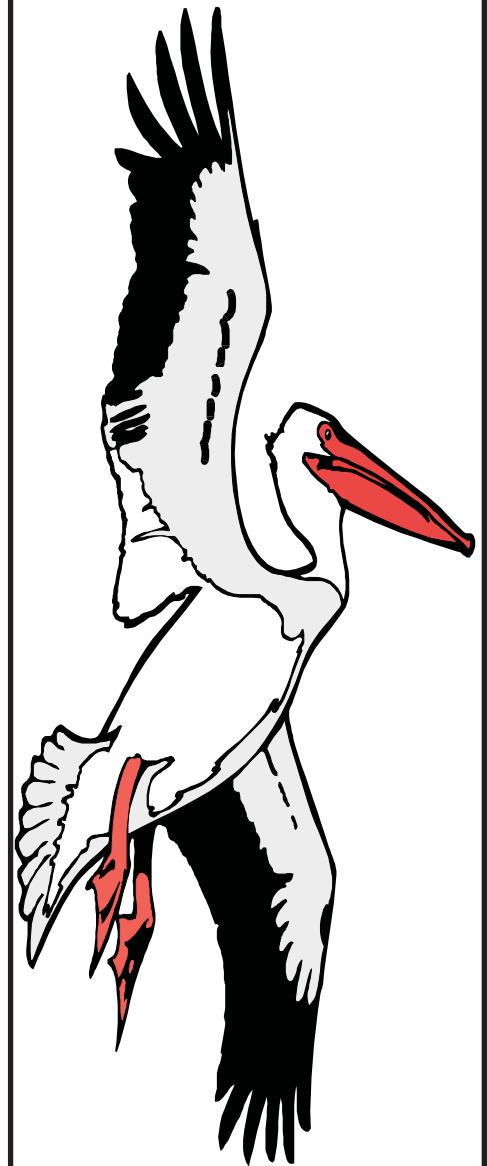
www.firstsask.ca/community/environment/clean-up-campaign

Yellow Fish Road Concert in Friendship Park

Yellow Fish Road, FirstSask Credit Union, Meewasin and the Girl Guides of Saskatoon will wrap up the annual MEEWASIN - FIRSTSASK Credit Union Clean Up Campaign with a Yellow Fish Road Concert in Friendship Park on Saturday, April 28th, 1 pm - 4 pm.

Yellow Fish Road is a nation-wide environmental education initiative launched by Trout Unlimited Canada. Since 1991 thousands of Canadian youth have reminded their community of the importance of clean water and properly disposing of hazardous wastes, by painting yellow fish near storm drains and distributing fish-shaped brochures.

Saturday, April 28th the Girl Guides will be painting Yellow Fish on the storm sewer grates in the morning and gathering in Friendship Park in the afternoon for a MEEWASIN - FIRSTSASK Credit Union Clean-up Wrap-up with a Yellow Fish Road Concert. Everyone is welcome to attend, please call 665-6888 for details.



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Meewasin Pelican Watch 2007

Saskatoon residents have special visitors every summer. April through October, pelicans gather by the weir. These birds, once on the threatened 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; An overnight stay for two at White Pelican Bed and Breakfast Saskatoon, Homestead Ice Cream Pelican Party for a School, Grocery Certificate courtesy Pelican Market Saskatoon; Engraved brick Rotary International Peace Plaza; Interpretive Canoe Tour Charter for 9 in Meewasin 10 passenger canoe; Deciduous tree Meewasin Plant-A-Tree program; Gift Certificate to the Meewasin Gift Shop.

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



Meewasin Pelican Watch Contest 2007
Meewasin Valley Authority, 402 - Third Avenue South
Saskatoon, SK S7K 3G5 Fax: 665-6117
Visit the Meewasin Valley Authority web site
<http://www.meewasin.com>
for contest information.



Following are past arrival times the pelicans have been observed by the Saskatoon Nature Society:

April 13, 2006 at 5:15 p.m., April 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.,
April 12, 2004 at 5:11 p.m., April 18, 2003 at 4:25 p.m., April 12, 2002 at 6:43 p.m.,
April 13, 2001 at 5:15 p.m., April 8, 2000 at 1:55 p.m., April 9, 1999 at 4:34 p.m.,
April 16, 1998 at 8:51 a.m., April 17, 1997 at 12:10 p.m., April 8, 1996 at 12:35 p.m.

Meewasin Winter White at Riverfront

Meewasin's Winter White is part of the Artist in the Community project that celebrates Saskatoon's designation as the 2006 Cultural Capital of Canada. From January 18 -21, 2007, ten Saskatchewan artists working on the Riverfront Riverwalk at River Landing carved eight large snow sculptures into creations that represented the flora and fauna of our South Saskatchewan River Valley. Winter White is a celebration of community, winter, beauty, art and place.

Thank you to participating artists Patricia Leguen, Edward Gibney, Elizabeth Yonza, Floyd Wanner, Darren Gowan, Doug Taylor, Theresa Wright, Terry Ouellette, Bridget Aitken and Meewasin Artist in Residence Laura Hale who also coordinated the event. Thank you to sponsors Advanced Security Protection, Allan Construction, Astro Towing, City of Saskatoon CJWW, CTV, Rawlco Radio, Star Phoenix, The Partnership, The Rent-It Store, Tourism Saskatoon, Global Television, and the Meewasin Cameco Riverfront Campaign. The event was very well attended and very successful as it brought attention to the tremendous work of Meewasin and its three participating parties: the City of Saskatoon, the Province of Saskatchewan, and the University of Saskatchewan as Meewasin provides increased public access to a conserved river valley through its development on the Riverfront at River Landing.



Bison Snow sculpture by
Darren Gowan

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 4 - Near and Far - Views of Saskatoon - Pat Clarke - Open House For Everyone (2 - 4pm).
Enjoy Pat Clarke's original watercolour paintings depicting the Saskatchewan landscape and the birds that visit our beautiful river valley. Refreshments will be served. Please call 665-6888 for information.

March 11 - "The Pelican Show" - For Everyone (2pm)

A wonderful presentation to help everyone learn more about Pelicans as part of "Pelican Watch 2007". 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 18 - "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 25 - 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 paddle wheelers have all travelled our river. Come and find out more about this method of travel and make your own paddle wheeler to take home. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. \$2.00 per craft.

Prairie Roots - Living off the Land



April 1 - Easter Growing Basket - For Children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

With Easter just a week 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 8 - Tenth 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 9- 13 - 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 15 - "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.

April 22 - EARTH DAY PROGRAM/Clean up Campaign - For Everyone (All Day)

The Meewasin Valley Centre team invites you to come celebrate Earth day and our annual clean up campaign. Activities will help remind us why and how we should tread lightly on the earth. Presentations/Activities will focus on lunch litter; climate change; and information will be available on a variety of topics. Please call 665-6888 to register and for more information.

Please note that the Meewasin Valley Centre will open at Noon on Good Friday - April 6th

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Invites You to Explore...

... and take a walk on the wild side!

Throughout March and April spring springs forward until it has sprung.

In March owls hoot at dawn and dusk as they hatch and rear their owlets. As the snow melts Richardson's Ground Squirrels emerge from their winter sleep and provide the owl's some breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

In April pussy willows and furry crocuses are seen while meadowlarks and robins can be heard. From high overhead is the screech of migrating hawks looking for food and a tree in which to build a nest.

On March & April Sundays at 2:30 p.m. enjoy a guided walk at Beaver Creek Conservation Area and look for signs of spring.



Easter Bunny Count - Saturday, April 7

Count the number of camouflaged Snowshoe Hares along the "Animal Signs" trail and enter your name to win your own hare!



During the spring school break April 9-13, 2007

Beaver Creek Conservation Area is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Birds of Beaver Creek Thank the Saskatoon Nature Society.

Throughout this winter season the birds of Beaver Creek Conservation Area have been able to depend on a steady supply of seed thanks to generous funding from the Saskatoon Nature Society. From Black Capped Chickadees, Hoary and Common Redpolls, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Pine Grosbeaks, and Blue Jays - all were frequent users of the feeding stations. Visitors delighted in having the Black Capped Chickadees feed directly from their hands!



Beaver Creek Conservation Area
Follow Lorne Avenue South
13km on Highway #219
Email: meewasin@meewasin.

Chip's Hotline: 374-2474

March & April
Weekdays 9am - 5pm
Weekends & Holidays noon to 5 pm
Easter Break - April 9 - 13
Daily 9am - 5 pm

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