

# Meewasin Valley Explorer

## Peggy McKercher Conservation Area Dedicated



Meewasin held an official dedication ceremony for the Peggy McKercher Conservation Area on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

Meewasin purchased the Peggy McKercher Conservation Area was purchased by Meewasin in 2007. It features 22.8 acres of land on the east bank of the South Saskatchewan River, with 1 km of river valley within city limits. Work is already underway to clean up the site, develop walking trails, and install seating nodes. Interpretive signs will tell the story of the site's rich history. In the future, the site will link this section of the valley to more than 60 kms of the Meewasin Trail.

The site is named in honour of Peggy McKercher, Meewasin's first board chair. Peggy became the chair of the Meewasin board in 1979 and remained in that position until 1995. Her leadership skills in its formative years established Meewasin as an award winning conservation organization.

Following the dedication, Meewasin interpretive staff from the Meewasin Valley Centre and Beaver Creek conducted site tours.

### The Meewasin Valley Centre Holiday Schedule

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| <b>November 11</b>          | <b>The Centre is open from Noon to 5pm</b>  |
| <b>December 24</b>          | <b>The Centre is open from 9 am to Noon</b> |
| <b>December 25 &amp; 26</b> | <b>The Centre is Closed</b>                 |
| <b>December 31</b>          | <b>The Centre is open from 9 am to Noon</b> |
| <b>January 1</b>            | <b>The Centre is Closed</b>                 |

 A stylized black and white illustration of a stork in flight, carrying a bundle tied with a red ribbon. The stork has a long red beak and is shown from a side profile, flying upwards and to the right.
 

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 The Meewasin logo, featuring the word "Meewasin" in a blue, sans-serif font with a stylized green and blue wave graphic to the right.

## Gallery Opening at the Meewasin Valley Centre November 1 - "Flow" - (1-4 pm)

Monique Martin most often creates large scale oil paintings; however this body of work is comprised of reductive technique linocuts. The prints are on layered pieces of vellum creating both translucent and semi-translucent views of Saskatchewan fish.

The exhibition explores the concept of "flow". She gained inspiration for the artwork from reading the book *Flow* by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi. For Monique, art is all about entering a state of flow, whether it is working with students at the Fine Arts School where she teaches or in her studio. The creative process is what Monique's life is about; she is a constant flow from one creative experience to another.

## Have you seen what's new "in" the Meewasin Trail?

Have you noticed something new in the Meewasin Trail? Have you passed the concrete bands and discs in the trail? Do you know where they are located? Have you asked yourself what these are for? What do you think?

Meewasin began this pilot project to establish better identification of the Meewasin Trail distances and to indicate the location of the Trans Canada trail within our multi-use pathways.

Where can you find this pilot project? These new markers, made of concrete and stainless steel, were installed in September 2009. These identifiers are bands the width of the trail accompanied by discs marking the distance at 1 kilometer intervals. They are found in following four locations along the trail:

- Weir parking lot
- East side of Weir after you descend from the train bridge crossing
- Behind the Mendel Art Gallery
- And at Devil's Dip

We hope you enjoy these new additions to the Meewasin Trail. We appreciate all of your comments, if you have suggestions with regards to the first stage of our pilot project please leave us a note on our website contact page.



## Outdoor Skating at its Finest

Read the Star Phoenix and listen to the radio for the opening day of **Meewasin's Outdoor Skating Rink**, located in Kiwanis Memorial Park. If you don't have a pair of skates you can always borrow a pair at the rink. There is a warm-up shelter and a skate sharpening service available. Donations of used skates are greatly appreciated. Call **665-6887** for details.



## Gifts for that hard-to-please person? Think Meewasin!

Sponsor a seating block, bench or commemorative brick to honour the memory of a loved one, pay tribute to a friend or relative, or mark a special occasion. A limited number are still available at the Riverfront.

Bricks are made of granite and installed in the Saskatoon Community Foundation Plaza. They can be inscribed with a printed name or message. Benches are made of "Ipe wood", a forest stewardship product, and seating blocks are fashioned from concrete.

For more information, contact: Celeen at 306-665-6887

## Christmas at The Marr Residence 326 11th Street East



Music, stories and old-time hospitality abound when the Marr Residence welcomes visitors the weekend of

December 4-6. Each day offers a different theme. Call the Marr at **652-1201** for each day's events or to register for a program.

## Santa's Sack Sale at Meewasin Gift Shop

The seventh annual Santa's Sack Sale is a must-visit event! Make your selections in Meewasin's Gift Shop and then choose your discount from Santa's Sack. You will receive from 10 - 50% off your purchases of nature and heritage items! The sale runs during the **Twelve Days of Christmas** (Dec.1-12) so make sure the Gift Shop is one of your stops.



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# Meewasin Valley Centre

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

402 3rd Avenue South  
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**Weekend Programs start at 2 pm. There is a \$2 fee for all Programs and Crafts. Please call 665-6888 for details and to register. Or for more information visit: [www.meewasin.com](http://www.meewasin.com)**

## November "A Month of Memories"

**On Display in November and December – "Flow" by Monique Martin**

**November 1 - Gallery Opening - "Flow" by Monique Martin**

Artist Monique Martin's art exhibit entitled "Flow" will be opening at the MVC. Please see page two for more information.

**Nov 8 - X-ray Art Day - For Everyone (2pm)**

Today was the day X-rays were invented. Join us as we explore some X-ray style art by artist Morrisseau and create some art that mimics the beautiful colours and lines found in Morrisseau's work.

**November 11 - "Remember Me" Presentation and Craft - For Everyone (Video Every Half-Hour)**

We don't realize how many war memorials we have in Saskatoon until they are shown in this 15 minute presentation. Take some time to remember the many Canadian soldiers who fought for our freedom.

**November 15 - Candle Making and Sand Candles- Youth/Adults 12 Years and Over (2 pm)**

Have you ever wondered how Pioneers made candles 100 years ago? Join us for an afternoon of historical candle making and make your own unique candle to take home.

**November 22 - Santa Clause Parade Warm Up Station - For All Ages (All Day)**

The 19th Annual Santa Clause parade kicks off this winter season for Saskatoon. Visit the Meewasin Valley Centre after the parade to warm up your nose and explore our exhibits.

**November 29 - "Deck the Halls" - For All Ages (All Day)**

Join a Meewasin Interpreter for some crafts and treats, and help get our Centre ready for the holidays! Make some of your own Christmas decorations to hang and some to take home. We'll paint windows, and decorate the galleries as we prepare the Centre for the holiday season.

## December "A Timeless Season"

**December 6- Sustainable Christmas Decorations - For All Ages (2 pm)**

Save a spot on your Christmas Trees for these ornaments! We'll have all the supplies you need to make a neat ornament from recycled materials like cd's, light bulbs, and clothes pins.

**December 13 – Christmas Crackers, Clay Ornaments and Cocoa Day! (2 pm)**

Christmas is around the corner. Let's make some noise. We'll have all the materials here for you to make some crackers and clay ornaments to use for Christmas.

**December 20- 23 – Christmas Matinee Classics**

Come join us for a Christmas Classic daily at 2 pm. Popcorn and small concession will be available.

**Dec. 20 - The Grinch Marathon**

**Dec. 22 - The Nightmare Before Christmas**

**Dec. 21 - Elf**

**Dec. 23 - The Muppets Christmas Carol**

**December 28 to 30 - New Year's Noisemakers - For Everyone (All day)**

Welcome the year 2010 with a bang! We'll have all the materials here for you to make some noisemakers to use on Dec. 31. There will be a different noisy craft each day (Rainstick, Tamborine Shaker/Kazoo).



*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.*

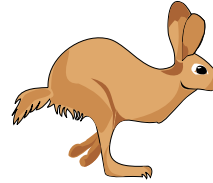
# Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Open 9:00 to 5:00 Weekdays - Closed Weekends and Holidays

Follow Lorne Avenue South  
13Km on Highway #219  
Phone: 374-2474

## Meewasin

### November & December



Beaver Creek Conservation Area is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on weekends. Weekday daytime group bookings are available throughout November and December by arrangement. Interpretive programs are \$35.00/hour/interpreter. **Call Beaver Creek Conservation Area at 374-2474 for information on fees and program details.**

### Christmas Holiday Week - December 26 to January 3

Beaver Creek Conservation Area is open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily during this time for you to bring family and friends out to enjoy a winter walk. Fun for the whole family with nature trail and Interpretive Centre activities, nature movies and popcorn.

On **Boxing Day - December 26** help us keep track of our feathered friends at our **Boxing Day Bird Count**.



### Did You Know?

*You can use your library card to borrow a jackhammer, drill, belt sander, and other tools in some American States. Libraries in nearly a dozen states lend or rent tools. This service ensures that not every family has to own a complete set of tools to maintain its house. This tool-lending library urban service program deserves wide imitation.*

*Vampire power use is costing the United States up to \$3.5 billion annually. What is vampire power? Vampire power is energy expended by home electronics when they aren't in use. The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy calculates that these vampires are sucking the lifeblood of the equivalent of five nuclear power plants. You can use a device called a "Kill-a-Watt" to measure the electricity usage of your appliances and it also tells you how much you're spending on electricity.*

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