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Silverwood/ Factoria Site - DVD Presentation

Meewasin, with support from the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, has developed a virtual presentation on the changing land-use over time at the Silverwood Factoria site. People have gathered at Factoria for thousands of years and there are many important lessons that can be learned from studying the site's past.

Archaeological testing on the site has uncovered several intact pre-contact layers dating back as early as 6,000 years. Within these layers, archaeologists have found remnants of rudimentary tools, Gowen projectile points, bison bones, other bone fragments, and evidence of stone boiling pits. These findings provide us with clues as to what life was like at that time. It also shows us that people have occupied the land for thousands of years.

By combining authentic images with a narrative of its past, this multi-media presentation brings the story of Factoria to life. In addition to the archaeological assets of the site, Factoria also contains cultural remnants that tell us more about the settlers that first came to the area over one hundred years ago. The presentation will be available on DVD and online at www.meewasin.com.

Donate Online!

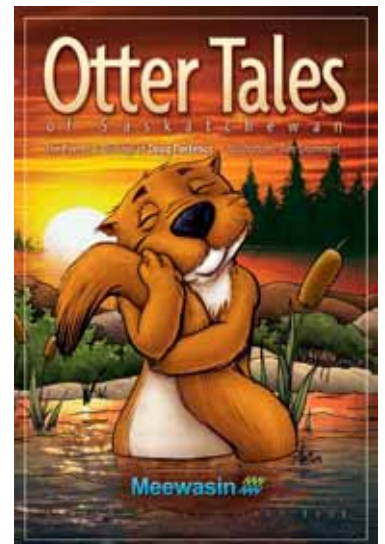
Gifts to Meewasin projects can be made at a secure on-line web site. Go to www.CanadaHelps.org and type "Meewasin Valley Authority" as the charity name. CanadaHelps provides affordable online technology to both donors and charities in Canada.

Launch of the Meewasin Valley Carbon Offset Website

Meewasin Valley Authority, as part of the Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks & Conservation Agencies, has started a voluntary carbon offset website. It is a great way to offset necessary carbon emissions and support your local conservation agency. Check it out at <http://www.carboncreditcanada.ca/>

Otter Tales of Saskatchewan

Following the success of Doug Porteous and Tom Grummett's first book *Gopher Tales of Saskatchewan* (November 2007) about the truths, tales and idiosyncrasies of growing up in Saskatchewan, Porteous and Grummett (Marvel Superman Comics) launched their sequel, *Otter Tales of Saskatchewan*. *Otter Tales* may be purchased exclusively in the Meewasin Gift Shop for \$11.95.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEEWASIN

Meewasin Northeast Swale Project

Meewasin recently decided to begin work on a two year project at the Northeast Swale. The Northeast Swale is a relatively natural 225ha area, linked to the South Saskatchewan River valley, and it is quickly being surrounded by urban development.

Meewasin will undertake a program of habitat improvement, including:

- A disturbance regime to favour native species and control shrub and exotic species encroachment into grasslands (grazing and controlled burns);
- Remove non-native species, seed and plant native selected species in damaged zones and roadway right-of-way improvements to beneficial permanent cover (includes volunteers);
- Restore a wetland and improve its health assessment;
- Clean-up of illegal dumps;
- Restrict all-terrain and vehicle access;
- Signs (including posting adjacent roadways as wildlife corridors) and wildlife-friendly fencing;
- Implementation of a "bio-blitz" to increase knowledge about the resource (includes volunteers);
- Communications strategy to enlist residents and contractors working on adjacent neighbourhood development in conservation.

Habitat lands are generally fragmented in the region. The target site is large and therefore an important opportunity to protect and improve habitat for many species, including Burrowing Owl, Common Nighthawk, Loggerhead Shrike, Short-eared Owl, Sprague's Pipit, Yellow Rail, and many others. The area is under threat from surrounding land-use change. Investment now helps highlight the area for conservation and appreciation and prevents further ecological degradation.

We are really excited about this opportunity and look forward to being able to make a big difference in an important area. Some of the work we will do can be a model province-wide.

Beaver Creek Facility

Meewasin has begun the process of redeveloping the Beaver Room interpretive display at BCCA due to previous water damage. Aldrich Pears Associates (APA) have been contracted to do the working drawings. Beauchesne & Co have been contacted to do the fabrication. With the recent rainfall and the exposed exterior walls we are learning that the wall systems are leaking.

We are exploring the issue to determine a course of action but rather than sealing from the inside as we had originally hoped we now believe that we need to excavate to expose the walls and to determine if there is any sealant or drainage tile. We believe that we will need to install drainage tile and properly seal the walls. Regardless, we must repair the leaks prior to the development of the Beaver Room interpretive display.

Water Treatment Plant Trail and Residual Removals

This work includes trail restoration, and reconnecting Victoria Park with the section of trail that links the Sanatorium site and Holiday Park. The completion of this link and associated landscaping will be a priority and is scheduled for construction by August. The work will also include the removal of "residuals" (sludge) that was discharged as part of the former treatment processes. The removals are scheduled to occur in 2011 and will offset the loss of fish habitat as a result of the intake construction. In addition we are working with the city to develop interpretive node(s) along this trail link that provide information about domestic water usage, treatment processes, fish habitat and water conservation.

Repurposed Trees At Place Riel

We have had a good result from a re-purposing project of ash trees into benches at the University Place Riel expansion. We delivered the raw wood to a mill north of the city, who were able to mill and build 5 benches at a very modest cost.

We are still "curing" the wood to see if there is additional cracking or checking. We then plan to seal them with a clear sealer. We also do not know how these will perform in the long run but so far, so good. We plan to give two benches to the University for placement near where the trees were removed and use three benches in the valley. We now have our eye on the pine and spruce (elm is unfortunately out of the question) on parcel Y.

OPEN 9:00 TO 5:00 WEEKDAYS - 10:30 - 5:00 WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

MEEWASIN VALLEY CENTRE

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S BUILT CULTURAL HISTORY



On Display at the
Meewasin Gallery from
July 1, 2010 to Aug 30, 2010
"On The Farm - Rural Images"
by Patricia L. Clarke

July "Out in the Summer Sun"

July 3 – Nutana 100th Anniversary Celebration & Walking Tours – For Everyone - (10 am, 1:30 pm, 3 pm Saturday)

Learn more about the history of Nutana, Broadway, and the river through walking tours and a reunion celebration.

<http://www.nutana100.com>

Call 665-6888 to for tour times and details.

July 5 - Gallery Opening - "On The Farm - Rural Images" by Patricia L. Clarke (1 - 4 pm)

Landscapes and farm animals fondly painted in watercolour; inspired by images around Saskatoon and rural Saskatchewan.

For more information, please call 665-6888.

July 10 & 11 – Butterfly Bonanza - For Everyone (12 - 4 pm daily)

Learn some interesting facts about butterflies, find them hiding in the galleries, do some activity sheets, and make one of your very own to take home. Call 665-6888 for more information.

Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost: \$2/craft.

July 18 – Pet Rock Nature Walk Program – For Everyone (2 - 4 pm Sunday)

Join one of our interpreters for a fun walk along the river to find your pet rock, then return to the centre to decorate it!

Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost: \$2/craft.

July 24 & 25 – Kite Making Program - For Everyone (12 - 4 pm daily)

Ever wonder where kites originally came from? Learn about the colourful history of kites, and make one to take home.

Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany.

Cost: \$2/craft.

July 30, 31 August 1 – Luminaries at Meewasin For Everyone (12 - 4 pm daily)

Help light up Friendship Park for our July River Cinema weekend. Make a simple luminary just like the pioneers might have. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany.

Cost: \$2/craft.

August "History and Fun"

August 3 - Saskatchewan Trivia - For Everyone (12 - 4 pm)

Bring your entire family to celebrate our civic holiday with an outside scavenger hunt, and test your knowledge with our province in our Saskatchewan Trivia game.

August 7 & 8 – Water Spray Park Explorations at River Landing – For Everyone (2 pm daily)

Join us at River Landing as we explore the Water Spray Feature, and learn more about water and our river system!

Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany.

August 15– Make Your Own Silent Movie For Kids 6-12 (2 - 4 pm Sunday)

Join us to learn about the Kevin Theatre, one of the earliest theatres in Saskatoon. Participants will then create their own silent movie, which they will perform on our replica Kevin Theatre stage! Actors and Actresses will get a DVD of their performance and it will be shown before our River Cinema on the Big Screen! Limit of 10 children. Please call 665-6888 to register - spots fill up quick! Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost: \$2/person

August 18 - Meewasin's Founder's Day Celebration For Everyone (11:30 am - 3:30 pm)

Join us at River Landing for this come and go celebration and commemorate the founding of our city! There will be music, face painting, walking tours, and a cake for everyone. Call 665-6888 for more information.

August 22- Saskatoon's Castle - Gargoyles and Tales For Everyone (2 pm)

Join us for a walk to the Bessborough Hotel 'Saskatoon's Castle' on it's 75th Anniversary year, learn some fun facts, and search for gargoyles and grotesques along the way! Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany.

August 27, 28, 29 - Luminaries at Meewasin For Everyone (12 - 4 pm daily)

Help light up Friendship Park for our August River Cinema weekend and the Fireworks Festival! Call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost: \$2/craft.

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Meewasin's Walking Tours

July & August: Monday - Friday DAILY walking tour! -10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Meewasin Valley Centre and join us on a walk of River Landing Phase I and II to learn more about our watershed, and some interesting features along the way. Sponsored by the RBC Blue Water Project. <http://bluewater.rbc.com/>

July & August : Wednesday afternoon walking tours - 2:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday this summer the Meewasin Valley Centre is offering Interactive Walking Tours highlighting Saskatoon and the South Saskatchewan River. Our Summer Walking Tours depart from the Centre **Wednesdays at 2 pm** and last about 1.5 hours. If you are interested in booking a private/ group walking tour there is a \$35 fee per hour/interpreter. There is a max. of 20 people per interpreter. Larger groups require an additional interpreter(s).

- **July 7 - River Landing** - Join our Interpreters as we explore Phase I & II of River Landing and look at the interpretive Water Play Feature.
- **July 14 - Gargoyles and Grotesques** - Walk with us downtown as we hunt for Saskatoon's unique building ornamentation, gargoyles and grotesques.
- **July 21 - Pelican Hike** - Meet a Meewasin interpreter at the Weir, where we will walk along the Meewasin Trail and learn about the pelicans.
- **July 28 - History Along the River** - Discover Saskatoon's natural, cultural and historical features and explore the South Saskatchewan River.
- **August 4 - War Memorials** - Join our interpreter for a hike along Kiwanis park and the downtown area as we take a look at some of the war memorials located in these areas.
- **August 11 - Pioneer Cemetery** - Meet our interpreter at the Pioneer Cemetery for an historic look at some of Saskatoon's founders.
- **August 25 - Nutana & Broadway** - Explore and learn more about this historic area of our beautiful city - where it all began.

Summer Events at the Marr Residence

The Marr Residence, 326 11th Street East, is Saskatoon's oldest house on its original foundation. The Marr Residence is hosting a number of unique events this summer, some in conjunction with Meewasin.

House Tours and Pioneer Activities

Thursday, July 1 - Dominion Day Celebration - 1 - 4:30

Saturday, July 3 - Exhibit Opening: The Story of the Saskatoon Field Hospital - 2 - 4

Sunday, July 4 - Field Hospital Re-enactment - 12 - 5

Sunday, July 11 - Open House and Century Houses Tour - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, July 18 - Prairie Child's Life - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, July 25 - Ice Cream Cone Anniversary - 1 - 4:30

Saturday, July 31 - Open House 1 - 4:30

Sunday and Monday August 1, & 2 - Rhubarb Festival - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, August 8 - Children's Pioneer Activities - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, August 15 - Open House and Garden Concert - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, August 22 - River Walk - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, August 29 - Prairie Flowers & Herbs - 1 - 4:30



September Long Weekend Events

Saturday, September 4 - Family Treasures - 1 - 4:30

Sunday, September 5 - Batoche Commemoration - 1 - 4:30

Monday, September 6 - Marr Harvest Fair - 1 - 4:30

For more details about programs and Open House activities, please phone 652-1201.

Watch "The Sun" for August/September program details.

Meewasin Summer Programs

Group Video Presentations

Our group video presentations may be viewed for no charge during regular MVC hours, subject to availability of interpreters. A \$35 fee applies to after-hours and off-site presentations.

Kids Programs

Our Kid's Programming is also available by request. Programs last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. We have a variety of crafts, activities and parties to choose from. A \$35 per hour/interpreter fee is charged with a max. of 20 people per interpreter. Larger groups may require an additional interpreter(s).

Meewasin's Puppets in the Park



The Meewasin Valley Centre will again be partnering with the City of Saskatoon to bring Meewasin's Puppets in the Park to various playgrounds around the city. That's right, Meewasin interpreters will be coming to a park near you! Through an interactive presentation, our interpreters (with a little help from some furry friends) bring the natural and cultural history of our great city to life. Look for us every **Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 and 2:30 pm** in various parks around the city, in collaboration with Saskatoon's Playground Program. Please call 665-6888 for more information about our schedule and times.



Meewasin Valley Centre *Summer Hours* July and August

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Weekends and Holidays: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Meewasin's River Cinema is Back

River Cinema is back again this year! Join us in Friendship Park to enjoy the South Saskatchewan Riverbank in a very unique way by watching movies on our outdoor big screen! Admission is free and a small concession will be open. Bring your own blankets or lawnchairs. Shows start at dusk and have been licensed by Audio Cine Films. Also join us earlier in the day at the Meewasin Valley Centre as we make some lanterns to light up Friendship Park. Please Call 665-6888 for more details.

Classic River Cinema

(July 30 - August 1, 2010)

*Approximate show time is 9:30 PM

Fri., July 30 - Monty Python & the Holy Grail

(G) 1974, 92 minutes

Sat., July 31 - The Breakfast Club

(14+) 1985, 95 minutes

Sun., August 1 - Hook

(G) 1991, 144 minutes

Family River Cinema

(August 27th -29, 2010)

*Approximate show time is 8:30 PM

Fri., August 27 - Up

(G) 2009, 96 minutes

Sat., August 28 - The Princess and the Frog

(G) 2009, 98 minutes

Sun., August 29 - Open Season

(G) 2006, 86 minutes



BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S NATURAL HISTORY

July & August



Chip's Canada Day Celebration - July 1st

Celebrate Canada Day at Beaver Creek and discover more about our natural heritage and our national animal, me, Chip, the beaver.

Interactive Interpretive Centre

Use your wild imaginations with animal dress-up activities in the Discovery Theatre. Perform your own puppet show for your family in Chip's Puppet Theatre.

Eye-Spy Animal Trail

Test your "wild eyes" by finding all of the wooden animal cut-outs placed along the trail. If you spy them all you survived.



Facilitated Family Programs

These programs are offered in a "come & go" format permitting you to be flexible with your time.

Need it - Get it - Got it! (NiGiGi)

Food, water, shelter, and space - all plants and animals need these to meet their requirements for survival.

Play a game of "NiGiGi" where you are challenged to collect all you need for survival through three interactive activities - *Animal Drop*, *Home Spot*, and *Habitat Plop*.

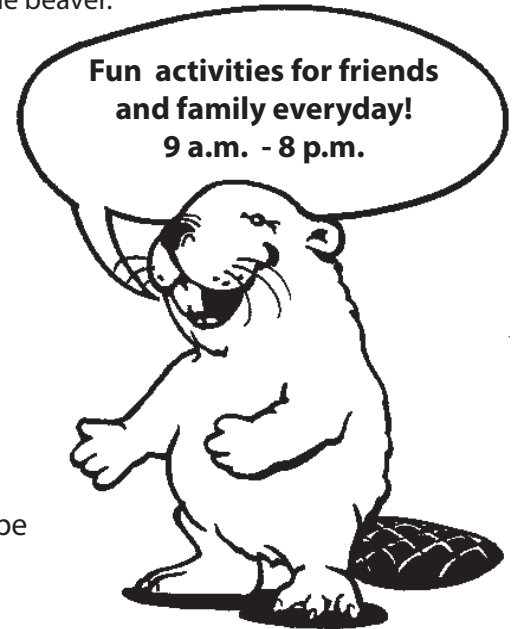
It Came From the Forest

More than 5,000 wood and paper products make our lives better each day. Chances are you ate some wood today, wore it, and brushed your teeth with it. Everything from baby food to rayon to toothpaste are made from trees. To discover more about trees play a game of *Forest Match Up*, *Tree Trunk Treasures*, and hike the *Tree Trivia Trail*.

Birds and Bees that Feed You and Me!

Did you know that without a variety of insects and birds pollinating 90 per cent of the seed-producing plant species in the world, food webs and entire ecosystems would collapse. We would quickly run out of food, medicine, wood products - almost everything we need to survive on this green planet.

Play a game of *Picnic Pollination* with *Petel Power Ball Toss* and hopefully your bee will feed you and me.



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