

MEEWASIN ANNOUNCES CONSERVATION AWARD

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Greg Fenty is the recipient of the Meewasin Conservation Award 2011 presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to conserving the heritage resources of the Meewasin Valley.

Greg was born and raised in Saskatoon attending Queen Elizabeth School, Aden Bowman Collegiate and the University of Saskatchewan. Following university he worked for Environment Canada throughout the Arctic and Saskatchewan. He returned to Saskatoon in the 1990s to complete a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Saskatchewan. He since has been employed by the Saskatoon Zoo Society to help develop and deliver the education programs.

As a youth, Greg was always interested in the environment. His parents were outdoor people. His spare time was spent hiking along the river valley and at Beaver Creek before it became a conservation area. Summers were spent camping, hiking and canoeing. His winters were spent cross-country skiing. Growing up in Saskatoon meant nature was only a few steps away.

Over the past twenty years Greg has spoken to more than 150,000 youth about ecology and the importance of conserving biodiversity, much of it in a volunteer capacity. He has been on the board of directors of the Saskatoon Nature Society for more than fifteen years taking his turn as president during that time. He volunteers promoting conservation of Meewasin's Saskatoon Natural Grasslands and for the past five years has volunteered with Meewasin's Monitoring Avian Productivity Species program. He has given his time to Meewasin's Christmas Day Bird Counts, Children's Festivals, Rivers Day, National Wildlife Week, Earth Day and Reflections of Nature where he would bring live animals to display, lead creek dipping, speak on conservation issues and facilitate environmental displays. Greg is a past member of the Saskatoon Heritage Festival, Meewasin's Education Advisory Committee, Meewasin's Resource Conservation Advisory Committee and the Saskatchewan Eco-Net Steering Committee. He is an accredited Earth Day Coordinator.

A past recreation director of the Saskatoon Canoe Club, Greg played a role in the establishment of Meewasin's Poplar Bluffs Canoe Launch. For more than twenty years he has volunteered with the Saskatchewan Marathon, an event that focuses on the Meewasin Trail. Married with one child, Greg is a great supporter of conserving the heritage resources of the Meewasin Valley, an excellent choice for this year's award.

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