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Meewasin Valley Explorer

Farewell to Wayne Wallace

Meewasin lost one of its own Wednesday, November 19 with the untimely death of its Construction Supervisor Wayne Wallace. Wayne passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 54 years. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Sheila, son Steven (Meredith), daughter Sherri (Scot), his grandchildren Connor and Megan, and by all of his Meewasin friends.



Wayne had worked at Meewasin for most of the past twenty years. He had a construction and mining background with a superior knowledge of how things should be maintained. He was well liked and respected by all. His work ethic and support of the organization was second to none. Most of all, Wayne was known for his wit and humour, understanding and patience. His caring ways and ability to put things into perspective made the working day better for everyone, and kept Meewasin fun and fulfilling.

The Meewasin family are planning to commemorate Wayne with a bench at his favorite Beaver Creek Conservation Area lookout. If you would like to be included in the donation, please contact Celeen at 665-6887.

Meewasin Thanks ASUPCA

ASUPCA is an association of conservation and development agencies in Saskatchewan. It was formed in 1988 to provide a means for the member agencies (Battlefords River Valley - North Battleford, Chinook Parkway - Swift Current, Meewasin Valley Authority - Saskatoon, Tatagwa Parkway - Webburn, Wakamow Valley - Moose Jaw, Wascana Centre Authority - Regina and Prince Albert River Park - Prince Albert) to provide a means to share resources and pursue common objectives. Each of the agencies is responsible for the development and resource management of park systems and conservation areas in their respective communities.



In recent years ASUPCA managed a number of government grants to support Meewasin's programs. ASUPCA was instrumental in funding the weir redevelopment and Saskatoon Natural Grasslands conservation initiatives, as well as supporting 75 summer students over three years. Meewasin recognizes ASUPCA as a valued organization instrumental in assisting Meewasin to conserve the cultural and natural resources of the South Saskatchewan River Valley.



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MEEWASIN ANNOUNCES 2003 CONSERVATION AWARD

Peggy Sarjeant is the 2003 winner of the Meewasin Conservation Award which is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the heritage resources of the Meewasin Valley.

Peggy Sarjeant has taken a leadership role in encouraging public interest in the history of Saskatoon and surrounding area for well over thirty years. As a volunteer she has brought public attention for the need to preserve Saskatoon and area buildings, neighborhoods and sites of historic and aesthetic interest. She is a founding member and President of the Saskatoon Heritage Society. Peggy is also a founding member of the Friends of the Forestry Farm House and is a current board member. Peggy also serves on the Superintendent's Residence Task Force Committee and the Forestry Farm Park Advisory Committee.

Peggy has been involved in the development of many Saskatoon walking tours including Woodlawn Cemetery, Forestry Farm Park, "On Safari" (a children's walking tour of downtown Saskatoon), and Broadway Avenue. Tours of Broadway Avenue are an offshoot of a research project that the Heritage Society undertook in 1985 under the leadership of Peggy and Elaine DeCoursey. The tours were first offered in 1989 and have been offered every summer since then.

Peggy was previously recognized for her heritage work by the City of Saskatoon (1986), the Heritage Foundation of Canada with the Lieutenant-Governor's Award (1992), and the Queen's Jubilee Medal (2002).

Peggy Sarjeant is an advocate for understanding our past through conservation and documentation of our historic sites, monuments and buildings so that we and our children can better understand our future. Of particular interest to Peggy are historic landscapes, especially the Forestry Farm Park, which recently achieved the status of a National Historic Site with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.



Meewasin Skating Rink is Fun for All!



Meewasin Skating Rink is located on Spadina Crescent next to the Delta Bessborough Hotel 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. The rink is open 12 pm to 9 pm, Monday to Saturday; and 11 am to 9 pm Sunday. The rink will close when windchill exceeds -31°C. Meewasin greatly appreciates and welcomes the donation of used skates. The rink will be open before Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE

New Hours of Operation
at the
Meewasin Valley Centre



The Meewasin Valley Centre has new
hours, effective December 13, 2003.

Weekdays - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Weekends
and Holidays - 12:00 to 5:00 pm**

Meewasin Valley Centre and Gift Shop

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

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



January 2004 The Start of a New Year

January 4 - Winter Wonder Videos - For Everyone (2 - 4 pm) - Come in for a relaxing afternoon of videos on a winter theme. Hot chocolate/cookies will be served. Parents must accompany.

January 11 - Gallery Opening (2 - 4 pm) "Broad Spectrum" Broad Spectrum is a group of artists who have come together to exchange artistic ideas and experiences, to work together and to develop as artists. Please join the artists to learn more about their work. Refreshments will be served.



January 18 - Bridge Tales - For Everyone (2 pm) Have you ever wondered about the history of Saskatoon's bridges and why Saskatoon is called the "City of Bridges"? Join us for a video presentation that will answer your questions.

January 25- Traditional Rug Hooking for Adults (1 - 4 pm) - Join The Rug Hookers Guild for an afternoon to learn the basics of traditional rug hooking. Please call 665-6888 to register. \$20.00 fee for materials.

Learn About Our Prairie Heritage in February at Meewasin Valley Centre

February 1 - Nature Winter Walk – For Everyone (2 - 3 pm) Learn how pioneers got around during the winter and then join us in Friendship Park and practice snowshoeing. Then warm up in the centre with hot chocolate. Call 665-6888 to register as the program is limited. Parents must accompany.



February 8 - Saskatoon Heritage Fair 2004 - For Everyone (12 - 5 pm)

As a proud member of the Heritage Festival of Saskatoon, the Meewasin Valley Centre team invites you to celebrate the heritage of Saskatoon and area by attending the annual Saskatoon Heritage Fair at the Western Development Museum. Please call 665-6888 for further information.

February 15 – National Flag of Canada Day – For kids ages 6-12 (2 pm) Join us in learning about the history of the Canadian Flag and make your own flag to take home. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents must accompany.

February 22 – Kids Story Quilt – For kids ages 6-12 (2 pm) Kids will love this activity where they decorate a story quilt panel and then assemble it to hear the whole story unfold. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents must accompany.

February 28 – Scrap booking for Adults (2 pm) Have you ever wondered what to do to display your photographs? Join us to learn this craft with the assistance of "**Just-Scrap-It Scrapbookers**". Please call 665-6888 to register. \$6.00 fee for materials.

February Break at Meewasin Valley Centre for Kids Ages 6 -12



February 16 - 20 - Pioneer Winter Crafts (2 pm)

Each day, Meewasin Valley Centre offers a different pioneer winter craft or activity. Check out some of the cool programs being offered:

Monday, Feb. 16 - Pioneer Plays

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Silly Sock Puppets

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Dried Apple Dolls

Thursday, Feb. 19 - Snow Globes

Friday, Feb. 22 - Spool Knitting

For information and to register please call 665-6888. Cost is \$2 per child. Adults must accompany.

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

January & February look for friends feathered and hairy!

Discover more about our furred and feathered friends and their winter adaptations on which their lives depend. Enjoy a family program each **Sunday at 2:30PM.**



Chip's Winter Lodge Party!

Chip is having a party during the winter school break to celebrate his renovated Beaver Room and you are all invited!

* February 16 - 20, 2004

* 1:00pm - 4:00pm each day

* Come & go indoor & outdoor activities

* Popcorn & hot chocolate for 50 cents.

* Draw a picture of you and Chip enjoying your favorite outdoor nature activity for a free popcorn & hot chocolate.



Moonlight Mysteries January 10 & February 7 (6:30 to 8:30)

Explore the full moon and the activities of nocturnal animals. Bring the family on **Saturday, January 10th** for 'Ice Moon' and **Sunday, February 7th** for 'Coyote Moon' from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to unravel some moonlight mysteries. A moon craft and snack is included. **Cost is \$5.00/person. Maximum 20 people. Call 374-2474 to pre-register.**



Group Overnight Camps



Book your overnight camp adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. This unique **environmentally based program** offers guided hikes, nature crafts, special guest speakers and films. We'll tailor the program to meet the specific needs of your group. **Call Beaver Creek Conservation Area at 374-2474 for information on fees and program details.**

Skating or cross-country skiing opportunities on Beaver Creek are provided by Mother Nature. Call 374-2474 for current conditions.

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Open January & February
Weekends & Holidays noon to 5 pm
Weekdays 9am - 5pm

