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# Meewasin Valley Explorers

## CLIMATE CHANGE EXHIBIT COMING TO SASKATOON IN 2005

The Climate Change Show outlines the serious and contemporary challenge of climate change in a fun and humorous way. The show is hosted by an animated sheep wearing rubber boots. He takes us into the past, present and future of the world's climate and how it affects life on earth. The topic is timely, the experience is fun, and the technological effects are stunning.



The Meewasin Valley Authority is partnering with the Western Development Museum with local sponsorship from Sask Power, Roadmap 2020 and the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation. The City of Sudbury, Campbell Scientific, Suncor Energy and Environment Canada support the Canadian tour. Thanks to all these supporters, Saskatoon has the opportunity to have a three-month booking of this popular travelling exhibit produced by Science North in Sudbury, Ontario.

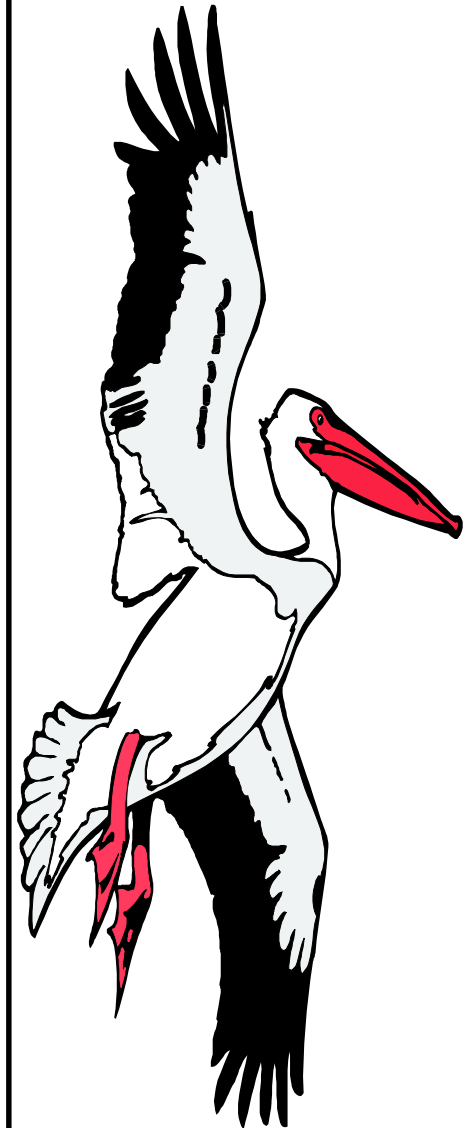
**When:** January 15 - March 27, 2005

**Where:** Saskatoon Western Development Museum

**Cost:** \$1.50 per student for school groups;  
regular admission applies to all others

**Grade 3 - 12 Teachers - Program and booking information will be forthcoming in early January, 2005.**

Did you know that a "gift plus life annuity" can give you tax-free monthly cash, a one-time charitable deduction, and help the charity of your choice? Call Meewasin at 477-9124 for more information on Planned Giving options.



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## MEEWASIN ANNOUNCES 2004 CONSERVATION AWARD

Stan Shadick is the 2004 winner of the Meewasin Conservation Award, presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the heritage resources of the Meewasin Valley.

Stan Shadick has been a leader in encouraging public interest in conservation for over 40 years. He has been a member of the Saskatoon Nature Society for 20 years, president of the organization and a volunteer field trip director. He has served as president of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society and as its nature tour director. Stan has led 20 birding tours to Churchill, Manitoba, and areas of special interest throughout Saskatchewan and Canada. In the 1970s, Stan represented the Nature Society on the advisory committee for Raymond Moriyama's Master Plan for the Meewasin Valley Authority.

Stan has presented briefs on behalf of the Nature Society on conservation issues including the establishment of Grasslands National Park and the protection of the Redberry Lake Bird Sanctuary. He acted as secretary to Nature Saskatchewan's Endangered Species and Spaces Committee that sponsors research into the protection of Saskatchewan's endangered wildlife. He also served on the Environmental Advisory Committee to the City of Saskatoon.

Stan's written work includes several "Nature Notes" in the Saskatoon Sun. He was the editor of "Saskatoon Field Notes" for several years. He authored the Beaver Creek chapter in the Nature Society's "Guide to Wildlife Viewing Areas Around Saskatoon". He also served as one of the editors and authors of the recently published "Birds of Saskatoon and Area".

Stan is an Astronomy Lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan. He writes a monthly astronomy column in the Saskatoon Sun and is the author of the "Skywatcher's Calendar 2004", which this past summer was awarded the silver medal for the "Most Original Calendar in the World Calendar Competition" in Chicago. The calendar is distributed through bookstores across Canada, the northern United States and Great Britain.

Stan is married to fellow birdwatcher, Janine Shadick, who is a volunteer conservationist, and an active advocate of Wildlife Rehabilitation with the province.



CEO Susan Lamb, Vice Chair Dick Nieman and Stan Shadick

### 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  $-31^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Meewasin greatly appreciates and welcomes the donation of used skates. Call 665-6888 for information.



### "Telling Our Saskatchewan Stories"



The Heritage Festival of Saskatoon will be held on **Sunday, February 6, 2005 between 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm** at the **Western Development Museum**. There will be heritage exhibits along Main Street and entertainers will be found performing on the train platform. Story tellers for young and old will share tales of past times in a celebration of our province's and Saskatoon's history. **Free admission**. Please call 665-6888 for more information.

# Meewasin Valley Centre *and Gift Shop*

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

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



## January 2005 We Celebrate Saskatchewan's Centennial

On display in January and February - "Red, White and True" by Scott Stonechild - a collection of mixed media paintings that reflect his love of life in all of its complexity.

**January 2 - Heroes, Rogues & Adventurers video- For Everyone (2 pm)** - This fifty minute video profiles 12 Saskatchewan people who lived intriguing lives between 1900 and 1950. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Parents must accompany children younger than 13 years.

**January 9 - Gallery Opening - For Everyone - (2 - 4 pm)** Come visit with artist Scott Stonechild and view his colourful paintings that reflect his love of life and commentary on social issues. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

**January 16 - Paddle to the Sea - For Everyone - (2 pm)** This half hour video from the National Film Board of Canada traces the journey a wooden man makes in his canoe launched from northern Ontario. Follow his exciting and sometimes frightening voyage by water. After the video, discover water flow patterns in our province by participating in a special activity.



**January 30 - 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.

## Learn About Our Prairie Heritage in February at Meewasin Valley Centre

**February 6 - Saskatoon Heritage Fair 2005 - 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 13 – 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 20 – Paper Making - For Adults (2 pm)** Who were the original papermakers? Find out the answer to this and other paper making questions during this program where you will learn the history of paper, work through the paper making process and take home some beautiful hand-made paper. Call 665-6888 to register.



**February 27 – History Carved in Stone - For Everyone (2pm)** Join us at Meewasin to learn about the lives of the early residents of Saskatoon in this presentation about the Pioneer (Nutana) Cemetery. Everyone is welcome.

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

### February 14 - 18 - Pioneer Winter Crafts (2 pm)

Each day, Meewasin Valley Centre offers a different pioneer winter craft or activity. For information and to register please call 665-6888. Cost is \$2 per child. Adults must accompany. Check out the cool programs being offered:



Monday, Feb. 14 - Spool Knitting

Wednesday, Feb. 16 - Silly Sock Puppets

Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Dried Apple Dolls

Thursday, Feb. 17 - Shadow Puppets

Friday, Feb. 18 - Paper Making

# Beaver Creek Conservation Area

## January & February look for friends

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.**

Thank you to the Saskatoon Nature Society for providing bird seed for our feathered friends this winter season!

## Chip's Winter Lodge Party!

Chip is having a party during the winter school break and you are all invited!



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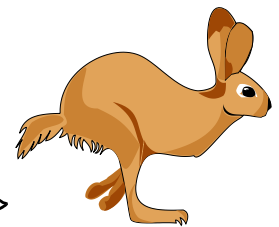
1:00pm - 4:00pm each day



Come & go indoor & outdoor activities



Popcorn & hot chocolate for 50 cents



## 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.** Winter camp season is January through March on Friday or Saturday evenings.



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

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