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# Meewasin Valley Explorers

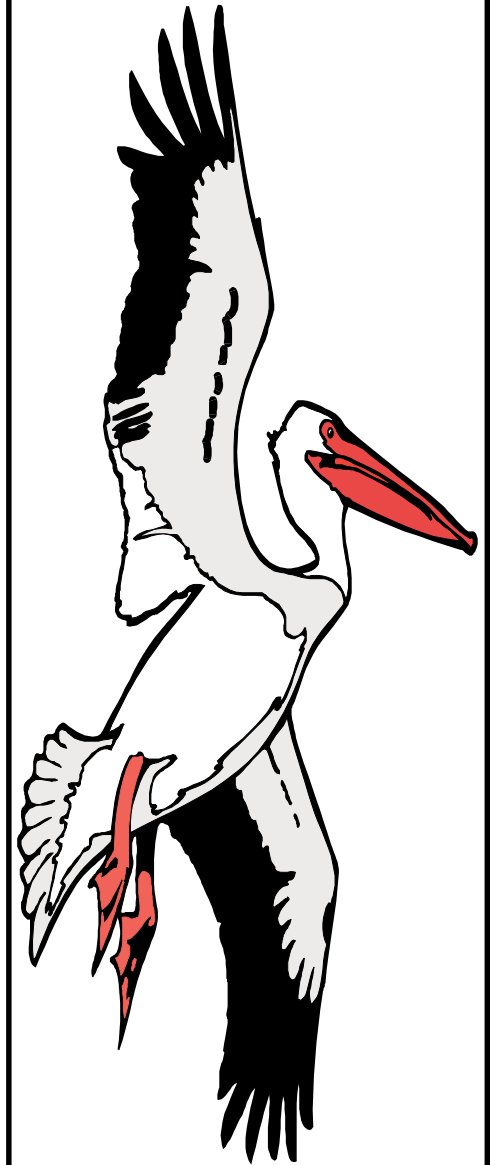
## Riverworks Weir Project Award Winner "Excellence on the Waterfront"

Meewasin Riverworks Weir project was recently recognized for excellence on the waterfront at an international conference held in Savannah, Georgia. This was the Waterfront Centers 23rd annual international conference and the 19th year that the Excellence on the Waterfront awards have been awarded. Meewasin's recognition came in the Waterfront Projects Park/Walkway/Recreational category. Meewasin CEO Susan Lamb attended the conference and accepted the award on behalf of Meewasin and project landscape architects Crosby Hanna & Associates.

The Waterfront Center is a non-profit education and urban planning organization. Its mission is to assist communities and the professions in making the wisest and best long term uses of waterfront resources for maximum public benefit. The organization was formed in 1981 in the belief that waterfronts are unique, finite resources. Like the cities they help define, urban waterfronts are dynamic places, undergoing profound change. Waterfronts often represent the best opportunity for community enhancement and enrichment.

Safety and beauty were two reasons Meewasin redeveloped the weir area. The Saskatoon landmark, originally built in 1939, had long been a popular spot for romance and viewing wildlife. Meewasin transformed the area into an attractive highlight of the Meewasin Trail system. All within the Cameco Kilometre, the development focused on safety, trail linkage, vehicular movement, protection and enhancement of wildlife, interpretive and recreational opportunity. The grand opening was in the fall of 2003. The redevelopment included: The Reality Executives Boardwalk, viewing platforms, the Kinsmen fishing Platform, the Prince of Wales Promenade, the Credit Union Light Towers, stairs to the railway bridge and a redeveloped parking area.

The weir remains one of Saskatoon's popular visitor attractions. Presently more than 650,000 visits are made to the site annually. In addition, hundreds of species of birds and other wildlife make their home near the water.



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## Meewasin Announces 2005 Conservation Award

Claire Bullaro is the 2005 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.

Arriving in Saskatoon in 1971, Claire volunteered with the usual things as her children were growing up: Community associations, Home & Schools, school parent volunteer, and the Scouts. She sat on numerous church committees and was an executive member of the Canadian Federation of University Women Saskatoon. She is a member of the University of Saskatchewan Women. Since 1983 she has been a member of Community Experiences Resources and Tours group, originally representing the Saskatoon Zoo and now representing Friends of the Forestry Farm House. She has been on the Board of the Saskatoon Zoo Society since 1981.



Claire Bullaro and Richard Nieman

She was on one of the early committees to save the Silverspring Prairie (Saskatoon Natural Grasslands), is a member of the Saskatoon Nature Society, the Meewasin Foundation, the Saskatoon Heritage Society and was Chair of the Forestry Farm Superintendent's Residence Task Force. Two major conservation projects that Claire has been involved in include the preservation of the Forestry Farm House and the Sutherland Forest Nursery Station.

Claire's interests include both natural and built heritage. The retention of our heritage structures keep us in touch with our past and inform and enrich our future. Once a building or neighborhood is gone, all of the memories, events and history that went with it are no longer as real. She believes conservation of nature enriches our lives. Claire has led hundreds of educational tours at the Saskatoon Zoo, emphasizing learning about endangered species and the human impact on our world. In 1989 she received an award from Saskatchewan Parks, Recreation and Culture Department for her volunteer work with the Saskatoon Zoo Society.

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## Saskatoon Centennial Events

**New Year's Day in the Park - Archibald Arena / Park and Pest Hill - 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.** Enjoy a winter festival with outdoor and indoor activities designed for family participation. Activities include tobogganing, free skating to music, snow sculpture teams led by nationally renowned sculptor Patricia Leguen, bonfire and warm-up shelter, sleigh rides, snowshoeing demonstrations by Wanuskewin Heritage Park, and other activities. Food and beverages will be available at reasonable prices. Transit shuttles also available. **Contact the City of Saskatoon 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 2006 - 100 Years of Arts and Culture

**On display in January and February - "It's a Changing View"** This collection of original artwork and limited edition prints by Saskatoon artist Deborah L. Mann includes prairie and west coast subject matter and celebrates the Meewasin Valley.

**January 8 - Gallery Opening - For Everyone - (2 - 4 pm)** Come visit with artist Deborah L. Mann and view her artwork celebrating the Meewasin Valley and other nature areas. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

**January 15 - "On with the Show." - For Everyone - (2 pm)** Let us entertain you with the many pictures and personal stories in this look at Saskatoon's earliest theatres. Everyone is welcome.

**January 22 - The Art of Stained Glass - For Adults - (1 - 4 pm)** The making of stained glass is an ancient art. Join **Artistic Touch of Glass** and the Meewasin staff to learn how these beautiful works are created and to make your own treasure to take home. **Please call 665-6888 for more information and to register. Maximum 20 adults. Program cost to be announced.**

**January 29 - "Broadcasting Live from Saskatoon." - For Everyone (2 pm)** The introduction of radio to early Saskatoon was a boom to people's lives. Join us to learn about the interesting history of radio broadcasting in Saskatoon.

## Look to the Past - A Heritage Celebration

**February 5 - Saskatoon Heritage Fair 2006 - 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 12 - 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 The Scrapbook Shop"**. Please call **665-6888** to register. **Maximum 12 people. Program cost is \$8.00.**

**February 19 - 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 26 - Candle Making - For Adults (2 pm)** Have you ever wondered how candles are made? Join us for an afternoon to design with wax and make your own unique candle to take home. Please call **665-6888** to register. **Program cost is \$2.00 per person.**

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

February 13 - 17 - Renewable Energy (2 pm)



Each day, Meewasin Valley Centre offers a different program about alternative energy. 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. 13 - Solar Power

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - Water Energy

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Wind Power

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Heritage Seeds

Friday, Feb. 17 - One Tonne Challenge

**\*\*\*Programs are for the general public. If your groups wishes to participate, please call 665-6888 to book a separate time. A nominal fee may be charged.\*\*\***

# 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.**

Thank you to the Saskatoon Nature Society for providing bird seed and feeders 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!



February 13 - 17, 2006

1:00pm - 4:00pm each day

Come & go indoor & outdoor activities

Popcorn & Movies

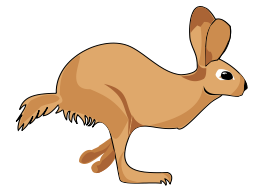


You can try feeding birds sunflower seeds from your own hand!

## Group Overnight Camps



Book your overnight camp adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. This **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 February on Friday or Saturday evenings.



Beaver Creek Conservation Area wishes to thank the **Saskatoon Nature Society** for their generous donation of funds for seed, suet, and feeders that will help our feathered friends this winter season. When you visit Beaver Creek this winter ask for a cup of seed and you may be able to experience feeding birds by your very own hand!

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

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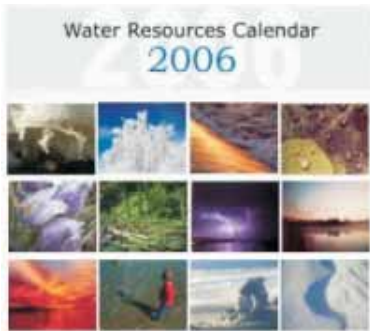
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## Meewasin Skating Rink is Fun for All!

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 borrow a pair at the rink. There is a warm-up shelter and a skate sharpening service available. The rink is open 12 noon to 9 pm, Monday to Saturday; and 11 am to 9 pm Sunday. The rink will close when windchill exceeds minus 31°C. Meewasin greatly appreciates and welcomes the donation of used skates. **Call 665-6888 for information.**



## Water Resources Calendar 2006



The 2006 Water Resources Calendar is now available. This calendar contains beautiful images depicting different aspects of the water cycle. In a province wide photo contest managed by the Saskatoon Chapter of the Student and Young Professionals, Saskatchewan residents submitted over 500 photographs of the water cycle. Help support the CWRA through the purchase of this stunning calendar for the low price of \$15.00. For more information, visit: [http://www.saskriverbasin.ca/CWRA\\_Calendar/](http://www.saskriverbasin.ca/CWRA_Calendar/)

### Planned Giving

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.



## Beaver Creek Remembers Audrey Smith

Beaver Creek Conservation Area wishes to acknowledge the passing November 2005 of Audrey Smith, and the contribution she made to the staff and site of Beaver Creek. Over many seasons of volunteering, Audrey prepared an extensive plant collection and data base of the flora found at Beaver Creek. Site staff benefited from Audrey's knowledge and willingness to share her expertise in plant identification. The plant collection is continually used by site visitors and staff in identifying seasonal flora.



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*Thank you.*



## Friend of Meewasin Award 2005 - Gordon Wilson



The Friend of Meewasin Award 2005 has been awarded to Gordon Wilson for his volunteer leadership in the Kiwanis Memorial Park Improvements and celebrations throughout the past 15 years.

Gordon was born in Limerick, Saskatchewan, where he lived for 12 years before moving to Regina. He attended Regina College where he was very active in various sports. Gordon enlisted with the Regina Rifles in 1939 at the age of 19 years. The Air Force called him in 1940 and by the age of 22 years he was flying Spitfires. By 1945 he had completed 5 years of service, two and a half of those years in the desert.

Gordon has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon since 1965, serving as president in 1973, receiving the Lieutenant-Governor (honour) Award in 1982 and the Kiwanian of the Year in 1984. He has been the Chair of the Kiwanis Memorial Park Development Committee for the past 15 years and in that capacity has worked closely with Meewasin and the City of Saskatoon to facilitate the park's improvements.

## Saskatoon Heritage Fair - A Centennial Celebration

### "A 1906 Fair for the Whole Family"

The Heritage Festival of Saskatoon will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2006 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, all in the style of a 1906 Saskatoon fair. **Free admission. Please call 665-6888 for more information.**



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