

Meewasin Valley Explorer

Public Art at River Landing Phase I

When River Landing was conceived, the idea was to create a link between the city and its River. Part of that connection is fostered by public art. Since construction on River Landing began, a variety of public art pieces have been installed, and there are still more to come. The following outlines some of the pieces that you can now see.

Prairie Wind: In 2006, the City of Saskatoon celebrated its centennial. To help celebrate this important event the 2006 International Century Plaza landmark competition was launched. The winning design was Prairie Wind, 25 steel poles inspired by prairie grasses, designed by Jyhling Lee and Paul Koopman. Prairie Wind is best appreciated at night, when the poles are lit up.

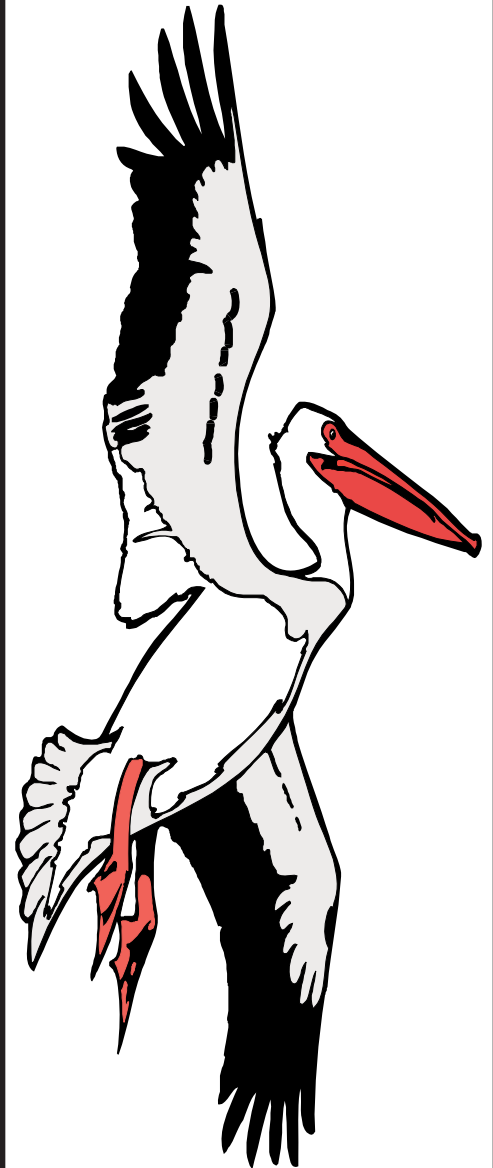
River Landing Tree Grates: This project was completed by the City of Saskatoon Urban Design and First Nation Elder consultants and focuses on the symbolism of the medicine wheel. The tree grates are separated into four parts to represent important aspects of Aboriginal culture such as the four seasons and the four directions. The four themes to this work are home, storytelling, play, and ceremony.

Launch Time: The seven boat hulls coming out of the ground at River Landing were done by the Prairie Design Group (consisting of Mel Bolen, Charley Farrero, Michael Hosaluk, and Sean Walley). This interactive piece is designed to engage the community, spark imagination, and encourage conversation on the role and purpose of public art.

A "School" of Fish: With guidance from Meewasin's artist-in-residence, Laura Hale, school children in Saskatoon assembled these fish tiles surrounding the water play feature. The fish tell the story of the journey of fish migration from the Rocky Mountains to Hudson Bay.

Cut-Out of Time: Walking under the Traffic Bridge is a good time to think about river transportation, and Elizabeth Yonza's work depicts the River's many modes of transportation. All types of river transportation are reflected, including dragon boats, rowboats, barges, canoes, and steamboats. The piece was officially unveiled on June 13, 2008.

"The Founders" The Meeting of John Lake and Chief Whitecap: Unveiled on June 20, 2008, this piece depicts the momentous meeting between John Lake and Chief Whitecap. John Lake founded the city of Saskatoon as the leader of the Temperance Colonization Society, but only after meeting and discussing a location with Chief Whitecap, leader of the Dakota people. The sculpture was done by Hans Holtkamp.



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Meewasin Interpretive Canoe Tours

Meewasin is once again offering interpretive canoe tours of the river valley. Meewasin operates two 25' voyageur style canoes with a capacity of 9 paddlers each. An experienced guide will pilot each boat. Paddlers with no experience are welcome. The cost of a tour is \$20 per participant or \$150 per canoe (a \$30 savings for a group of 9). Any non-profit group which facilitates programs for youth can book a tour free of charge. Tours operate from May to August and can be booked by contacting Gillian at 665-6887.

A South Saskatchewan River Discovery

Two years ago, divers conducting training dives with the Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services near the east bank of the Broadway Bridge came across a large metal object half-buried in the river bed. This object turned out to be the keedge anchor of the City of Medicine Hat, the last paddleboat to come down the South Saskatchewan River.

On June 7, 1908 the boat collided with the newly opened Traffic Bridge when it lost control in high waters. This part of our heritage, known as Saskatoon's only "maritime disaster", has been commemorated under the Traffic Bridge at River Landing.

Meewasin took the opportunity to celebrate not only the unveiling of the anchor, but also the unveiling of a new piece of public art at the same location. Elizabeth Yonza won a competition to display her work "Cut-out of Time" which shows the history of the River in images. These images include the first postman, the ferry, paddleboats, canoes, and even bison.

These unveilings were all a part of Meewasin's celebration of Rivers to Oceans Week (June 8-14). This week focuses on creating an understanding of Canada's watersheds, our connection to water, and what we can do to protect this resource.

River Landing- South Saskatchewan Water Play Feature



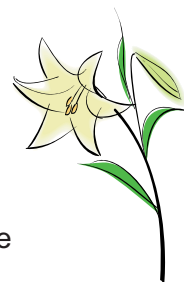
The water feature (a water play area) has been completed and was activated for the first time for "sponsors, donors and friends" on June 20th at River Landing. This is a major feature of the site, covering approximately 30,000 square feet. This feature models the Saskatchewan River Basin geographically, naturally and culturally. The water feature is a play area with educational value, and it is designed to be attractive, durable and unique. Stretching from the Rocky Mountains to Lake Winnipeg, the play feature includes several ecological zones, bubbles and fountains, a misting and fogging area, interpretive areas and wetlands. The water from the park will be filtered through a constructed wetland filled with aquatic vegetation before eventually draining into the River.

New Era in Grazing for Biodiversity

Meewasin's Award-Winning grazing program is evolving in 2008 to include a variety of animals. Beginning in mid-June, sheep, goats, and cattle will make their way onto a number of prominent natural areas within the Meewasin Valley. Grazing a variety of animals is an experiment for Meewasin and if successful, the program will expand the objectives for the grazing program including brush-control and control of weeds.

Watershed Stewardship Presentations

Want to learn more about the watershed of the South Saskatchewan River flowing through Saskatoon and what you can do to protect it for future generations? Franny, the Valley Steward for Meewasin, can present to groups large or small, young or experienced. Call 665-6887 to set up an appointment.



Founder's Day Family Fun Fair

On Monday, August 18 join Meewasin in Friendship Park for a celebration of Saskatoon's history! Enjoy local musicians, games, and food as we celebrate Saskatoon's Birthday. From 1 - 4 pm, Meewasin will be entertaining children and adults alike with games, crafts, stories and songs. Everyone is welcome!



Meewasin Valley Centre *and Gift Shop*

402 Third Avenue South - 665-6888

Open 9 am to 5 pm - Weekdays and 10:30 am to 5 pm - Weekends & Holidays

Discover Nature in Saskatoon in July!

On display in July and August - Held Over! - "Walks along a River"

Saskatoon artist and teacher Debbie Mann and her Grade 1 and 2 North Park Wilson elementary school students, display art work inspired by walks along the river. There will be student art with some of Deborah Mann's own artwork complimenting the exhibit throughout.

July 6 - "Walks Along a River" Open House- For Everyone (2- 4 pm)

Meewasin is hosting an Open House today to showcase the art of Debbie Mann's Grade 1 and 2 students from North Park Wilson School. Come visit the exhibition and our own displays. Refreshments will be served.

July 13 - "Falcons on the Rise" - For Kids 6-12 (2 pm)

The program begins with a fascinating short video on the majestic Preregrine falcon. Afterwards, our Interpreters will assist participants in creating their own paper falcons to take home. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardian must accompany children. Cost \$2.00/craft.



July 20 - Butterfly Bonanza - For Kids 6-12 (2 pm)

Saskatoon is home to many species of butterfly. Join us to learn more about the butterfly's life cycle, diet and habitat. Guests will then hear a butterfly story and build their own butterflies to take with them. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parent/guardians must accompany children. Cost \$2.00/craft.

July 27 - River Critter Discovery - For Everyone (2 pm)

This afternoon will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the small creatures that live in our river. We will have a pour-a-pond so that children can safely see these creatures. Afterwards we will build a fish kite. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parent/guardian must accompany children. Cost 2.00/craft.

Let's Remember our Pioneers in August

August 3 - Ladies' Home Journal - For Everyone (2 pm)

Go back in time and experience the lives of pioneer women in early Saskatoon. Hear stories about homesteads, husbands, parties, and prairie life in this video presentation.

August 4 - Saskatchewan Trivia Challenge - For Everyone (2 pm)

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



August 10 - Weather Program - For Everyone (2 pm)

Living on the Prairies, we are very aware of the weather and how it affects our lives. Learn more about what makes the weather and how we can predict it. Join us for some fun activities. Please call 665-6888 to register.

August 22-24 - We Are Many Festival - Children's Tent

We Are Many is an arts and environmental music festival happening at Diefenbaker Park. This free event is open to the public and features workshops, seminars, booths, children's activities, and of course, music. Please come visit us at the children's tent and make a craft. Call 665-6888 for more details or visit www.wearemanyfestival.com.

August 31 - Make Your Own Silent Movie! - For Kids 8-12 (2 pm)

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! Limit of 10 children. Please call 665-6888 to register. Cost is \$2/child.

Meewasin River Cinemas Return

Enjoy the South Saskatchewan riverbank in a unique way by watching movies on our outdoor screen during the August and September long weekends! Admission is free and a small concession will be open. Bring your own blankets or lawnchairs. Shows start at dusk. Call 665-6888 for more details.

Family River Cinema

(August Long Weekend)

*Approximate show time is 9:30 PM

Fri., August 1- Ratatouille

(G) 2007, 110 minutes (animated)

Sat., August 2- Enchanted

(G) 2007, 107 minutes

Sun., August 3- Robin Hood

(G) 1973, 83 minutes (animated)

Classic River Cinema

(September Long Weekend)

*Approximate show time is 8:30 PM

Please note that the Saturday and Sunday movies are pre-empted by the fireworks festival.

Fri., August 29- Mary Poppins

(G) 1964, 139 minutes

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 and Meewasin is helping out. It will be open for public tours on Sundays and holiday Mondays from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm during the summer months. Call the Marr at 652-1201 for further details!

House Tours and Pioneer Activities

- Tuesday, July 1** - Canada Day Tea
- Sunday, July 6** - Pioneer Cooking
- Sunday, July 13** - Pioneer Laundry
- Sunday, July 20** - Neighbourhood Walking Tour
- Sunday, July 27** - Pioneer Rug Braiding



- Saturday, August 2** - Kids Pioneer Day
- Sunday and Monday, August 3-4** - Rhubarb Festival
- Sunday, August 10** - Pioneer Flower Pressing
- Sunday, August 17** - Neighbourhood Walking Tour
- Sunday, August 24** - Pioneer darning and embroidery

September Long Weekend Events at the Marr

- Saturday, August 30** - Antique Appraisals
- Sunday, August 31** - Gustin and Trounce House anniversaries
- Monday, September 1** - Harvest Fair - Join us for some heritage demonstrations and events!



Call the Marr for more details and to pre-register - 652-1201

Meewasin Valley Centre Summer Events

Walking Tours

Every **Wednesday at 10 am**, our interpreters will be leading an interactive walking tour, highlighting part of Saskatoon's rich heritage. Call 665-6888 for details.

July 2 - River Landing

July 9 - Gargoyles

July 16 - Nutana

July 23 - Riverside

July 30 - Art Walk

August 6 - River Landing

August 13 - Riversdale

August 20 - Castles and Cathedrals

Puppets in the Park

Back by popular demand, Meewasin interpreters will be coming to a park near you! Through an interactive 15 minute show, our interpreters (with a little help from some special furry friends) bring the 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 am - 5:00 pm

Weekends and Holidays: 10:30 am - 5 pm



Beaver Creek Conservation Area

July and August

Daily: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm



Bishop James Mahoney Students win the Sask. Envirothon

Envirothon is an exciting Olympic style event in which teams of five high school students (grade 9 through 12) compete using their environmental training and problem-solving skills. The competition centers on four universal testing categories (soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, and wildlife) and a current environmental issue. "Team members experience the world in which we live through environmental education and hands-on activities, including current issues," said Jennifer Nelson, manager of the Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin, "the competition was developed to engage and encourage youth to be passionate about the environment."

This year marked the second year for the Saskatchewan Envirothon, held in Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, May 26th and 27th. The team from Bishop James Mahoney High School in Saskatoon won Rookie of the Year and 1st place. The Bishop James Mahoney team consisted of students Dylan Hardy, Brittany Thoms, Cameron Baribeau, Amy Gibson and Jaden Dirk. The team was coached by their teacher Kevin Riffel.

During the Trail Test, students were challenged to apply what they have studied to various problems such as who killed the rabbit at a CSI station, determine the volume of wood in a tree and identify various animals and plants. During the oral presentation component, students were asked to prepare a ten minute presentation helping a new cabin owner to minimize his impacts on the environment. The results were phenomenal as the students demonstrated a true passion while providing substantiated solutions.

The students from Bishop James Mahoney High School will represent Saskatchewan at the 2008 Canon International Envirothon in Flagstaff, Arizona from July 28 to August 3, 2008.



Beaver Creek Conservation Area

July & August 2008



Chip's Canada Day Celebration - July 1st (1:00 to 4:00 pm)
Celebrate Canada Day at Beaver Creek and discover more about our natural heritage and our national symbol, me, Chip the Beaver.

Night Hikes and Perseid Meteor Watch August 8th to 12th

Experience the excitement of night hikes and meteor showers during this special time of the year. On **August 8, 9, & 10** enjoy a **night hike program from 9:00 pm -10:30 pm**. Maximum 25 participants per night hike. **Call 374-2474 to pre-register.**

For the **Perseid Meteor Shower on August 11 & 12** the gates are open until **11:30 pm** for you to view meteors away from the city lights. Bring a blanket to lay on and look up.

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 survive.

Trivia Trail - Can you figure the fact, solve the riddle, or get the joke? This trail activity is full of chuckles.

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 or visit Chip's lodge in the Beaver Room.

**Fun activities for friends
and family
everyday at anytime.**



**This is good
stuff to know!**



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.

Visit Beaver Creek Conservation Area, July 2 - September 1, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm to explore discovery stations and participate in interpreter-led activities that will show the many ways insects and birds pollinate plants and what you can do to help pollinators in your neighbourhood. Visit often as activities change throughout the summer.

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Chip's Hotline 374-2474



Summer Hours
July 1 to September 3
9 am to 9 pm daily.

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