



Tree News

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What's Happening This Arbor Week May 28-June 6

MEEWASIN ECO-SCAVENGER HUNT AT BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

Starting Friday May 28th: In celebration of Arbor Week, Meewasin is hosting a self-guided tree-themed Eco-Scavenger Hunt where participants can learn to identify and record their nature findings as citizen scientists! Stop by the Beaver Creek Interpretive Centre to pick up your Eco-Scavenger Hunt card. Participants are encouraged to report their sightings using the [iNaturalist app or website](#). Collected data will be used as part of Meewasin's monitoring framework to assist in Meewasin's stewardship efforts. Build your nature knowledge and take part in the activity by visiting Beaver Creek during regular hours (Wed. – Sun. from 10 am – 5 pm). Learn what you need to know before you go [here](#).

QR CODE TREE WALK

May 28th to June 6th: The QR Code Interpretive Walk is a guided audio nature walk which teaches the audience about specific trees living in Saskatoon and what they contribute to our urban ecosystems. The walk will feature six interpretive sites in Meewasin Park North. Start at the entrance of the park at the intersection of Pinehouse Drive and Whiteswan Drive. They are in a small area and easily visible. Fun for families and friends in small groups. This event created by [Wildernook](#) will be up for the entire Arbor Week.

THE FRIENDS OF THE FORESTRY FARM TOUR

This self-guided tour taken from the [Janes Walk Tour](#) focuses on the evergreen species in the park. Arbor Week should be good timing to also enjoy the flowering apple trees in and around the Meditation Gardens. On May 29th there will be volunteers in the gardens who can answer any questions about the trees.

SK TREE FOR LIFE PROGRAM AT BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

May 29th & 30th, 12-4 pm. The Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds and its member watershed groups are excited to announce the launch of the [Saskatchewan Tree for Life Program](#)! The goal of the program is to educate and increase public awareness of climate change and to promote positive environmental change in Saskatchewan. A young tree can store up to 13 lbs of CO₂, and at 10 years old, a tree can store up to 48 lbs of CO₂! With financial support from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), the Saskatchewan Tree for Life Program will kick off with an initiative that will see 24,000 free trees be planted across Saskatchewan. By planting trees, a person can do their part in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Representatives from the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards will be on site at Beaver Creek on May 29th to promote this program. Stop by for your free tree!

RICHARD ST BARBE BAKER AFFORESTATION AREA: TAKE CARE OF TREES PROGRAMME

Saturday, May 29th 9-11 am. Come out to honour Arbor Week and the inspirational role of Richard St. Barbe Baker. This forest restoration event will indeed help the participants to take care of trees everywhere, and also to do a good deed while restoring the forest. Please register your intent to participate in this restoration programme so we can align with COVID protocols. Everyone will need to bring and wear facemasks. We will also encourage social distancing during this restoration programme. All participants will need to sign-in as per COVID regulations additionally. For more information see [Eventbrite](#).

PLEIN AIR SKETCHING (HUE'S ART SUPPLY)

Saturday May 29th - 12-2 pm. Drawing Outdoors Bring a sketch book and pens or pencils to draw some trees at Gabriel Dumont Park. Meet first at Hues Art Supply (1818 Lorne Ave) at 11:30 am to pick up anything you need and to meet Jean Dudley, today's facilitator. We will head over to the park and set up to draw some trees. Event will be canceled if weather is below 10 degrees C or if it's raining or snowing.

DRINKS ON THE PATIO: BLACK FOX FARM & DISTILLERY

Weekends - 12-5 pm. Black Fox Farm & Distillery was borne of a passion for agriculture and love of the land. Trees are planted on our property nearly every spring and that is something to celebrate this Arbor Week! For this special occasion, Maple Oaked Gin Old Fashioneds will be served on our patio both weekends. Come enjoy the fresh air and tree themed cocktails while taking in the new spring growth here on the farm. Reserve a spot on the patio [here](#).

RICHARD ST. BARBE BAKER INFORMATION SESSION WITH ROBERT WHITE

Sunday May 30th 2-3 pm Extraordinary legacy tour of Richard St. Barbe Baker and the 326 acre afforestation area named in his honour. Robert White will share his knowledge about Richard St. Barbe Baker who, by some estimates, has been responsible for planting at least 26 billion trees during his lifetime through international organisations he founded or assisted. Many world wide tree planting

organisations have arisen inspired by his legacy. Arbor Week is a fitting time to commemorate the legendary work of Richard St. Barbe Baker. This tour will have two leaders to share stories about this heritage forest and how Saskatoon was a pioneer in creating nature based climate action solutions with the planting of this man-made forest on the prairies. Free. Registration and more info at [Eventbrite](#).

URBAN TREES & SHRUBS: WEBINAR WITH SARA WILLIAMS

Tuesday June 1st, 7-9 pm. "Urban Trees & Shrubs: Planting, their role in our landscapes & selection" Free online webinar with Sara Williams co-sponsored by the University of Saskatchewan. Celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree! Majestic elms and Manitoba maples once dominated our urban treescapes, But our choices have never been as great as they are today. Selected for their ease of maintenance and freedom from problems, these trees range from the diminutive and dainty 'Princess Kay' plum to the newer white to pink flowering crabapples: oaks, lindens, mountain ash hackberry and maples; soft and slender evergreens such as sub-alpine fir and Swiss stone pine; and many more. Thanks to the City of Saskatoon Healthy Yard Program for sponsoring this wonderful event. [Register here](#).

NATIVE PLANT WALK & SCAVENGER HUNT AT WANUSKEWIN

Friday June 4th, 3-5 pm Chris Standing Community Connections Coordinator will be leading a guided Native Plant walk & Scavenger Hunt at [Wanuskewin Heritage Park](#) to help promote and participate in Arbor week.

GEORGE GENEREUX URBAN REGIONAL PARK CLEAN UP

Saturday, June 5th, 9 am - 5 pm Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas will host a clean up at the George Genereux Afforestation site. We are following great COVID protocols as recommended for safety, while still looking after our amazing city park. There is lots of room for social distancing. After signing in, COVID bubbles will be directed to different areas in the large greenspace with maps of targeted areas which need attention. There are both large items and smaller trash to remove. It is wise to come dressed for the weather - a hat, closed toe footwear, sunscreen, bug spray & water bottle, canvas gloves, masks. We supply refreshments (i.e. water bottles, juice boxes, granola bars). There will be on-site free facemasks, sanitizer, plastic gloves & trash bags. Free. Registration and more info at [Eventbrite](#).

PLEIN AIR PAINTING (HUE'S ART SUPPLY)

Saturday June 5th - 12-2 pm. Plein Air Painting - Bring along your supplies to paint the trees and sights at Gabriel Dumont Park. Meet first at Hues Art Supply (1818 Lorne Ave) at 11:30 am to pick up anything you need and to meet Jean Dudley, today's facilitator. We will head over to the park and set up to draw some trees. Event will be canceled if weather is below 10 degrees C or if it's raining or snowing.

HOT DRINKS OUTSIDE

Saturday June 5th 2-4 pm. Saskatoon Cycles "Hot Drinks Outside" will meet in Meewasin Park straight into the park where Pinehouse Drive meets Whiteswan Drive. Enjoy the camaraderie with other cyclists and learn a little about trees through the Wildernook interpretive tour.

SASKATOON NATURE SOCIETY: ARBOR WEEK HIKE

Sunday, June 6th, 1–3 pm. We will view trees along the MVA trail and City Park neighbourhood. Leader: Sara Bryson. This field trip is open to members and non-members. Register by emailing [Saskatoon Nature Society](#).

REMAI MODERN: SOMETHING ON SUNDAYS

Sunday June 6th 1-4 pm. This is a drop in come-and-go free program featuring a pop-up tree card making activity. There is a free gallery space on the main level, The Connect Gallery, where there are drawings of medicinal plants and trees by artist Clara Hume. Details at the [Remai Modern website](#).

Mayor Charlie Clark will be planting a tree to honour the essential employees and volunteers who worked tirelessly during the covid pandemic. This is a media event and so watch for it on a local media station.

If you can't attend any of these events, think about what you can do on your own to celebrate trees. Go for a walk in your neighbourhood and enjoy the trees, plant a tree, tree art, sidewalk chalk tree art, have a picnic under the trees, or whatever else you can think of. Enjoy.

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Tree Stories



Dianne Wilson shared this 1909 photo of the house and elms at 516 11th St E, Saskatoon. There is a buggy with two women in front of the house, and the elms are visible behind the buggy and horse. The building visible in the left rear of the photo is identified as the 1884 building built by James D. Powe. It was a very distinctive style and was used as a Post Office, with Mrs. Powe serving as Post-mistress for many years. This building appears on the 1907 Fire Insurance map, and was demolished in 1909 just prior to the construction of the current house on that lot (Block 62, Lot 9). The house at 516 11th was built by Robert McIntosh for his wife Maud, nee Fletcher, on land she owned. Maud was the eldest daughter of Grace Fletcher (Grace-Westminster Church named for her) and Grace's husband Joseph.

The two women in the buggy are Maud (Fletcher) McIntosh and her good friend Dora (nee Clinkskill) Ashley, who have come to view Maud's new house. The foliage on the elms indicates a summer season, possibly June, as does the weed grown along the edge of the board sidewalk in the unpaved street. The eastern-most tree is the taller of the pair, but both trees appear to have been planted perhaps the previous year. ("Maud McIntosh, Dora Ashley", Saskatoon Public Library, Local History Collection, LH-2939)

The gentleman who grew up in the house at 516 during the 1940's-early 1950's says that he remembers two elms in front of the house, one on each side of the curving entry sidewalk. The western-most tree appears to have been removed to facilitate the installation of a city power-pole/streetlight.

The tree on the left is thriving today 111 years later.



Continue the Legacy

We can continue the legacy of the past 100 years of tree planting. Caroline Dinter shows what our new neighborhoods could look like with significant tree planting.





Calendar

For the most up to date Arbor Week schedule of activities go to [Arbor Week](#)

For the most comprehensive listing of environmental events in the province check out. [EcoFriendly Sask](#)

In The News

On Thursday May 13th, from 12-1 pm Linda Moskalyk representing SOS Trees was interviewed on WANUSKEWIN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. Linda talked about the upcoming Arbor Week and trees in general. The show was on the [Wanuskewin Community Connections Facebook live](#).

On Saturday May 8th members of SOS Trees Coalition presented to friends and neighbors of **Optimist Park**. They led discussion about the value of the trees in the park for our mental health, sense of being, renewal of faith and finally the financial value to the City of Saskatoon and the future generations.

Join SOS Trees Coalition Today

SOS Trees Coalition is on the move and we have increased our efforts by working with the City of Saskatoon to protect our trees. Arbor Week will be our largest public education event in recent history. We are already advocating for a major public tree planting initiative in 2022 and every member and donor is crucial as we build our coalition.

Membership and contributions to SOS Trees Coalition support the protection and fostering of stewardship of Saskatoon's urban forest. Please take a moment and sign up for your [Membership](#) or you can mail directly to: 1618 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K3A1. SOS Trees Coalition is a registered charity. Thank you!

SOS Trees Coalition is pleased to offer this electronic newsletter to our members and supporters who have an interest in trees in Saskatoon. Through sharing information we can all be more consistently informed and therefore become better advocates for our urban forest and the individual trees that make life so much more enjoyable. If you do not want to receive this newsletter or to share your comments with us regarding our publication please email us at [SOS Trees](#) . You can also follow us on Facebook at SOS Trees Coalition <https://www.facebook.com/SOSTreesCoalition>.