

ARBOR WEEK 2024 EVENTS

TWIGS AND TREES CONTEST

Nominate your favourite Saskatoon Tree and submit a photo for a chance to win one of many great prizes. Tell us why you love your tree - interesting shape, has a story, birds love it, etc. You'll have a chance to win any number of great prizes! Contest is open to everyone, but your tree must be within City Limits. Only one entry per person please. Download a printable [poster](#).

QR CODE SELF GUIDED TREE TOUR: MAY 26TH - JUNE 1ST

May 26th - June 1st. 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 as well as our health and wellbeing. Fun for families and friends in small groups. For a group of people a small bluetooth speaker and one phone works very well so all can listen together. This event will be in two park locations: **Meewasin Park North** - Enter near the Pinehouse Drive intersection and follow the Meewasin trail looking for the signage. **Thornton Park** - On the corner of Isabella Street (118 Isabella St. E.) and Mcpherson Avenue. This signage event will be up for the entire Arbor Week.

LEARN WHAT TREES TO GROW IN AN URBAN YARD

Pre Arbor Week: Wednesday, May 22nd at 7 pm. Join Rick Van Duyvendyk at Dutch Growers for a guided nursery tour of suitable hardy trees for your urban yard. Both old and new favourites will be discussed on the tour. Meet in front of the nursery entrance at Dutch Growers (1818 Central Avenue, Saskatoon).

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Friday May 24th at 10 am (alternate date in case of rain May 28th) - Come out and help plant a naturalized tree and shrub forest at 2506 Mcpherson Ave (Just south of Ruth St.) You can join students from St. Frances Cree School, along with SOS Trees members and other volunteers. There will be time to ask tree related questions and to have fun meeting others who want to help green Saskatoon through community work. If you have a shovel, gloves, wheelbarrow or pails for watering bring them along. We will also have some of these supplies available to use.

U OF S WEBINAR: OUR MEDICAL COMMUNITY RALLYING AROUND TREES FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITY HEALTH

Tuesday May 28th at 7 pm. Are you interested in learning more about the evidence behind spending time in nature and how it is beneficial for our health? Fitting with our theme of Home Grown Resilience, Dr. Murray Opdahl with the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, (CAPE Sk), will provide insight on the association, their programs and research. He will discuss how nature benefits our mental and physical health, and how spending time in nature benefits the planet. You will learn about PaRx, the innovative nature prescription program! Details and registration [here](#).

PATTERSON ARBORETUM TOUR

Wednesday May 29th, 3 to 4:30 pm. This tree tour led by Jackie Bantle and Alan Weninger is for anyone who wants to come and experience the trees at Patterson Garden.

TREE-ATHLON AT GEORGE GENEREUX PARK

Wednesday May 29th 6:30 pm. Arbor Week holds special significance in the spring as it aligns with the optimal time for tree planting, allowing saplings to establish strong roots and flourish in the warm months ahead. Immerse yourself in the natural splendor of George Genereux Park during the thrilling Tree-athlon event, inspired by the legacy of esteemed gold medal Olympic athlete, George Genereux. Details on the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. event page [here](#).

OUTTER LIMITS STORE: "TREE TALK " - A WRITER'S APPROACH TO THE URBAN FOREST IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wednesday May 29th, 6:45-9-00 pm. Outter Limits, 630 Broadway Ave, Saskatoon. Speaker Ariel Gordon, a Winnipeg writer and outdoor nature enthusiast talks about her craft as a writer and how that translates into promoting the great outdoors. Her innovative way of drawing people in to slow down, participate and pay attention to the natural world is fun and creative. She will also present a talk on the urban forest, what it contributes to our communities and how it is threatened both in her home town of Winnipeg and in Saskatoon. More on Ariel [here](#).

MEEWASIN ARBOR DAY TREE WRAP

Thursday May 30, 2024 - 4:30-6:30 pm at Meewasin Park (Meeting point at Southwest Trail Turnaround. Take a look at the [map](#).) We're continuing our work wrapping special trees along the trail to protect them from those busy beavers! Wrapping the trunks of trees with fencing not only protects the trees from chewing, but also modifies the habitat by decreasing the beaver food supply. To Register: [Meewasin Tree Wrap](#).

REMAI FILM NIGHT: "THE HIDDEN LIFE OF TREES"

Thursday May 30th at 7 pm. Remai Modern Art Gallery. Guest speaker Winnipeg poet Ariel Gordon will read an excerpt from one of her many published tree books and talk about her exciting outdoor community event for Arbor Week. View the [trailer](#).

"TREE TALK"

Thursday May 30th, Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st. Downtown Meewasin Trail. Winnipeg Writer Ariel Gordon will sit beneath a tree for three days, writing poems to the tree, which will be hung from the tree using recycled paper and string. People participating in Arbor Week will be invited to TreeTalk too — their poems / one-liners / meditations / secrets will also be hung from the tree. The goal of this project is to help people to connect to the urban forest, to the trees that surround them, one tree at a time. It asks them to slow down and contemplate one tree, to spend time with it. More on Ariel Gordon [here](#).

BRANCHING OUT: A TREE-CENTRIC CELEBRATION FOR ARBOR WEEK

Friday May 31th, 6:30 pm. Arbor Week holds special significance in the spring as it aligns with the optimal time for tree planting, allowing saplings to establish strong roots and flourish in the warm months ahead. Celebrate the wonder of trees during Arbor Week at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area! Join the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc. for an immersive tree-related event that promises a captivating journey through this expansive 326-acre woodland. Details [here](#).