

# 2022 ARBOR WEEK PUBLIC EVENTS



## ARBOR WEEK KICKOFF

**Thursday May 19th at 1 pm** - A planting ceremony will be held at the **Ukrainian Museum of Canada** (910 Spadina Crescent East) dedicated to the Ukrainian Community. Trees represent peace, hope and life - something Ukrainians long for at this time. SOS Trees will be planting three High Bush Cranberry which is an important plant for the Ukrainian Culture. Come join us! Rain or shine. It will be under roof if it's raining. Students, the Open Door Society, the media and the general public are all invited.

## QR CODE TREE WALK

**May 21st - 29th:** 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. This event will be in two park locations: **Silverspring Park** (710 Konihowski Road) and **Victoria Park** (corner of 16th Street West and Ave H South). Fun for families and friends in small groups. This event will be up for the entire Arbor Week.

## MEEWASIN ECO-SCAVENGER HUNT

**May 21st - 29th.** Eco Scavenger Hunts are citizen science activities that motivate the community to observe and collect data about the species in the Meewasin Valley and natural areas around the City of Saskatoon. Your nature findings assist Meewasin's stewardship efforts and help to create better wildlife management plans! Download the iNaturalist app by visiting [iNaturalist](#). Build your nature knowledge and share your nature findings on social media by tagging Meewasin for a chance to win! Download the poster [here](#).

## DRAWING OUTDOORS

**Saturday May 21st, 12 - 2 pm.** Hues Art Supply with artist Jean Dudley will lead two plein air painting sessions under the trees. Bring a sketch book and pens or pencils to draw some trees at Gabriel Dumont Park. Meet first at Hues Art Supply 1818 Lorne Avenue (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 cancelled if weather is below 10 degrees C or if it's raining or snowing.

## SASKATOON CYCLES - BIKES AND BANTER

**Saturday May 21st and 28th, 2 - 4 pm** at the Gardeners Park on the corner of Ave H and 16th st in Riversdale. Cyclists can meet up for a little banter, check out the QR code tree tour and enjoy a donut from Darkside Donuts or ice cream from Fable across the street. What could be better than socializing under the shade of the trees while eating treats? Come on out to see what Saskatoon Cycles is all about.

## LOVING NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Sunday May 22nd, 2 - 3 pm.** Friends Of The Saskatoon Afforestation Areas presents *Loving Nature Scavenger Hunt* at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation area. Explore the area's biodiversity with the iNaturalist app and a scavenger hunt. Free. Register at [Eventbrite](#).

## FOREST STORIES SHARING CIRCLE

**Monday May 23rd, 2 - 3 pm.** Friends Of The Saskatoon Afforestation Areas presents *Forest Stories Sharing Circle* at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation area. A time to share about your forest reminiscences. A gathering to celebrate peace and tranquility of the woodlands. Free. Register at [Eventbrite](#).

## MEEWASIN'S VOLUNTEER TREE PLANT

**Tuesday May 24th, 2022, 1 - 2:30 pm.** Located near the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan parking lot in Kinsmen Park. We'll be planting a small collection of trees and some shrub material in a bed prepared beside the parking lot, before continuing on the Meewasin Trail to inspect the wrapped trees and willow stakes in the area. With the assistance of our head horticulturist Kathy, we'll learn more about the importance of planting native tree species for our riverbank, and indeed the valley. Join us for a chance to plant a series of legacy species in this important area. All volunteers of all ages, both new and experienced, are encouraged to attend, no skills set required. Register [here](#) to attend this event.

## HOW TO TAKE BETTER PHOTOGRAPHS OF TREES AND FORESTS

**Tuesday May 24th, 7 - 9 pm.** [Branimir Gjetvaj](#) representing 'Wild About Saskatoon' will be leading this workshop to help improve skills and gain personal insight for creative photos of trees. Location: Chief Whitecap Park Trail south of Saskatoon. Limited participants (15). To sign up go to [Eventbrite](#). (In case of rain the alternate date will be May 26th)

## WALK THE TRAILS

**Wednesday May 25th, 1 - 2 pm.** Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas presents *'Walk The Trails'* at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation area. Wander this mixed wood forest with a couple of guides who share their enjoyment of this Saskatoon green space. Free. Register at [Eventbrite](#).

## TREE SPIRIT CONNECTIONS: EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY IN THE TREES

**Wednesday May 25th, 7 - 9 pm.** Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck (known as the Green Priest) will lead this workshop using a form of spirituality which utilizes breathing, prayer, body movement and the active imagination as a way to connect with and bless the natural world around us. This is an intriguing way to see the power of nature in a different light. For more information about his work check out this [interview](#). The outdoor location will be the [Sanatorium](#) site. Pre-register at [Eventbrite](#).

## THE FOREST UNDERGROUND: HOPE FOR A PLANET IN CRISIS

**Wednesday May 25, 2022, 7 - 8 pm.** Virtually meet with Tony Rinaudo, BSc AM. Agronomist, Senior Climate Advisor World Vision, Forest Maker, Famine Fighter. Rinaudo is an Australian agronomist who has pioneered and championed a simple method to grow trees in dry and degraded lands. He has empowered and inspired a farmer led movement across continents, greening the lands, improving the livelihoods of millions and helping to combat biodiversity loss and climate change. Register at [Eventbrite](#).

## OUR TREES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE - UNIVERSITY OF SASK. WEBINAR

**Thursday May 26th, 7 - 9 pm./** Dr. Colin Laroque from University of Saskatchewan will be exploring the carbon sequestration of trees in our environment where we work, live and play. How do they contribute to mitigation in our city and what can homeowners and city planners do through adaptation strategies to maximize our efforts? What could be the financial benefits of having trees for homeowners in a changing climate?. Dr. Laroque's experience with climate research and trees across Canada will make this a very informative presentation. This live-streamed class, provided through the City of Saskatoon Healthy Yards Partnership, SOS Trees Coalition, and funded by the City of Saskatoon, is free but you must register [here](#) to participate.

## WHAT TREES TALK ABOUT - REMAI MODERN FILM NIGHT

**Friday May 27th, 7 pm.** Narrated by scientist, author and broadcaster David Suzuki, [What Trees Talk About: Secrets in the Boreal Forest](#) is an awe-inspiring look at the secret and dynamic life of trees in the boreal forests of the north – how they communicate, wage war and work together to transform their world and ours. Special guest, Sandy Marie Bonny will present an introductory talk, **Storied Canopies**, that invites us to consider the ways that we talk with our human neighbours about the trees that live among us on city streets. Details [here](#).

## ARBOUR CREST TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

**Saturday May 28th, 9 am - 12 pm** at Varsity View Community Garden, Wiggins Ave and 12th St. As part of Arbor Week 2022 the S.O.S. Trees Coalition is pleased to offer a hands-on pruning workshop instructed by local ISA Certified Arborist Robin Adair. Robin will be discussing the what, when, why and how to prune your shrubs and trees. Also, the proper cleaning and sharpening techniques for your pruning tools will be discussed. Students are asked to bring their own pruning tools but a few extra tools will be available. Bring work wear - gloves and safety glasses and be ready to prune and learn! Limited capacity. Register at [Eventbrite](#).

## PLEIN AIR PAINTING

**Saturday May 28th, 12-2 pm.** Hues Art Supply with artist Jean Dudley will lead 2 plein air painting sessions under the trees. Bring along your supplies to paint the trees and sites at Gabriel Dumont Park. Meet first at Hues Art Supply, 1818 Lorne Avenue (11:30am) 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 paint some trees. Event will be cancelled if weather is below 10 degrees C or if it's raining or snowing.

## COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING - FOOD FOREST

**Sunday May 29th, 1 pm.** SOS Trees has partnered with a local community garden, Sunnyside Care Home, the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Nature Society to plant fruit trees. This initiative will be a model connecting vulnerable populations with access to safe, sufficient and nutritious food that improves their food security in a sustainable manner. This planting will also encourage bird populations in the area with a variety of bird friendly tree and shrub species. Volunteers can take part in order to learn more about tree planting and the benefits of trees for the community. Register at [Eventbrite](#). If the volunteer list is full, the public is encouraged to still come and join the celebration of trees and birds. A plant exchange and tree seedling give away is also part of the event.

## LOVING NATURE - NATURE BINGO

**Sunday May 29th, 2 - 3 pm.** Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas presents 'Loving Nature - Nature BINGO' at the Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation area. A fun game to connect with Nature and explore the forest. Free. Register at [Eventbrite](#).

## PLAYFUL GAMES FOR FOREST FAMILIES

[Woodland Adventures](#) has shared some fun tree related activities for young kids to try. Enjoy discovering and playing in nature with the whole family.

## OTHER EVENTS

### MAY 24-27: SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: BRIGHTWATER FOOD FOREST

The Brightwater Food Forest is located at the Brightwater Ecoscience and Indigenous Learning Centre south of the city along Beaver Creek. Students from Saskatoon Public Schools have been working for four years on this project while learning about food security, ecosystems, and sustainability. This year will be our last major planting session as we complete our eco-buffer shelter belt and add raspberry canes throughout the project.

## WILD OUTSIDE

[Wild Outside](#) is conducting a workshop for Wild Outside program participants that will incorporate some creative writing, music, drawing, meditation, and other art ideas all under a tree theme.

## ONE SCHOOL ONE FARM

[One School · One Farm](#) connects urban schools with farms in their region. The goal is healthier people through healthier land. This goal is reached through planning and planting diverse shelterbelt systems and prairie strips that support pollinators, sequester carbon, prevent erosion, and maintain the water cycle. Their planting projects will begin May 19th and run throughout the spring at various rural locations.