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**National Forest Week  
Theme "Our forests - Continually giving"  
Saturday September 18, 2021 to Sunday September 26, 2021  
Maple Leaf Day September 22, 2021**

**"Trees and life are closely connected. We often take them for granted, but trees are the mainstays of our natural environment. Whether is it purifying the air, providing food, preventing erosion, modifying the climate, creating habitat for wildlife or providing timber...trees are essential for life. We once thought our forests would last forever. Now they need our help" said the Richard St. Barbe Baker Foundation.**

**A week of free webinars for National Forest Week explore the amazing benefits of trees and forests as they support biodiversity and ecosystems, mitigate flooding, raise the water table, absorb carbon dioxide, provide life-saving oxygen as well as providing amazing greenspace for recreation and healthy lifestyles. It's a celebration to focus on forest heritage, culture, and history highlighting the importance of trees, their essential ecological services. It's a time for residents to tell stories about their love of trees, and appreciation of forests and how very blessed we are.**

**We are honoured to invite you to speak at the National Forest Week event. We are a huge fan of the work that you are doing, and would be very excited if you would join us. We believe your voice would be a critical addition to the National Forest Week stage. Thank you for your time today, and we look forward to hearing from you. In anticipation of a positive response, we would work together ahead of time regarding the time of day, date and length of the virtual webinar. The webinar will be recorded and posted on a video-sharing webpage such as YouTube, Vimeo, etc. Please let us know by August 1, 2021 whether or not you'd be interested in speaking.**

**Local presenters with a proposal(s) for virtual webinars may additionally submit an event for an in-person outdoor place-based sessions in or around Saskatoon related to forests.**

**We anticipate an exciting and informative week celebrating "Our forests – continually giving"**





## **National Forest Week**

### **Theme "Our forests - Continually giving"**

#### **Sub-themes and Areas of Focus**

- **Ecological Succession and tree planting**
- **Creating a rally for woods and trees; United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 Life on Land**
- **United Nations Decade on Ecological Restoration**
- **Urban Forestry, Green belts, Garden Cities and the North American Horticultural Society Green Survival Program**
- **Tree Health and the relationship with Mycology [fungi] How Trees Talk to Each Other**
- **Benefits of trees, tree calculators, trees absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, Nature based solutions to climate change, United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 Life on Land**
- **Tree science and ongoing research for trees and forests**
- **Invasive Species and Ecological Restoration**
- **Stewardship Practices for Environmental Protection and Species at Risk**
- **Trees and Art**
- **Tree Blindness, Vitamin "N" Deficiency**
- **Re-wilding the forest, native pollinator gardens, food forestry, three sisters community gardens**
- **Community Development changing the talk to embrace forests and environmental protection, CPTED**
- **Heart mind and soul stories; nonfiction and science meet up. Folklore and characters, i.e. Ents**
- **Findhorn, and Richard St Barbe Baker and spiritual connection to trees**
- **The Bahá'í Faith the interrelationship with the environment which captivated Richard St. Barbe Baker and the interrelationship of this spirituality and trees/forests**
- **Trees and Healing**
- **First Nations Cultural practices, ethnobotany and trees, Other cultural practices; Shinrin Yoku and Hygge**
- **Biosecurity.**
- **Passionate people past and present regarding trees and forests. An echo to the campaign from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change for the Environment and Climate Change ECCC 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2021.**
- **Nature-based solutions to Climate action United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13**