

Golden Anniversary

50th Anniversary of the Afforestation Areas

Inspiration for the afforestation areas, and connecting with their rich heritage. This Golden Anniversary booklet is packed full of ideas to celebrate! Isn't it great that the City of Saskatoon purchased the land for Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area and George Genereux Urban Regional Park in 1960, and planted them in 1972 as part of the Green Survival Program? This is a visionary place where all the citizens of Saskatoon and Area can come to experience and be transformed by the naturalized greenspace. And, these Areas were preserved in perpetuity for generations to come. This audacious seed was Saskatoon's foray into climate action turning degraded farmland into diverse and healthy semi-wilderness habitats. Here individuals, families, classrooms connect with nature and the outdoors. It is a place of inspiration and wonder as the community recognizes the passion, love and respect which Richard St. Barbe Baker had for forests and trees, and this is echoed by the City of Saskatoon naming this experiential place named in his honour. Celebrate the incredible mixed woodlands right here in our city, and enjoy our bounty, for healthier and happier communities. Include place-based learning, and natural outdoor activities. It's a year long Event to say Happy Birthday to the trees and forest. A true celebration during these challenging times. Outdoors, in large outdoor greenspaces, we can celebrate when and where we can. Here are 50 steps just for you in honour of the 50th anniversary. A number of actions focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 Life on Land. Though, an exploration is had of SDG 13, Life Below Water, SDG 13 Climate Action. SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 16 Peace Justice and Strong Institutions. Protecting critical habitats for species at risk, and building on the rich treasures of natural space we look forward to an amazing year with your help! It is great to spend more time outdoors in the 326-acre Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area and the 148-acre George Genereux Urban Regional Park. We have so many milestones in 2022 to celebrate! It is the 50th anniversary for World Environment Day on June 5, 2022, and this same day marks the 40th anniversary of the last tree planted by Richard St. Barbe Baker of billions. Take a look, and see how many you can accomplish in 2022. It works out to about one every week.

Let us know how you make out; we would love to hear from you friendsafforestation@gmail.com There will be surprises, and activities to delight everyone, so stay tuned to the 2022 line up. Visit OUR Website as we post more details on location and time of events throughout the year.



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