

HAPPENINGS



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A LOSS TO THE SETON CENTRE

We are saddened to report that we have lost one of our loyal volunteers and supporters with the passing of Minnie Oliver earlier this summer. Minnie contributed a good amount of time and resources to the ongoing activities of The Seton Centre over the years. Like Minnie's family and friends, we will miss Minnie's caring ways and her generous help.

Cheryl Orr-Hood
Chairperson

NEW "BIRDS, BEES, AND BUTTERFLIES" POSITION

With the development of Little Seton Park, the green space at the back of The Seton Centre, we have also added a new position this year.

to help encourage wild-life such as birds, bees, and butterflies to build their homes around The Seton Centre.

This position will be

this garden, and finding the best way to encourage them to make our garden their home with the help of the youth volunteers. She will be building bird and bat houses, finding native plants for the garden, and creating a green space for everyone to enjoy.

This position was made possible by a grant that was provided by the Environmental Youth Corp. of the Dept. of Conservation.

You will soon be able to stop by The Seton Centre and see what Heather has created, hope you will have a chance to take a look!



A sketch done by Heather to show her vision of the garden area at the back of The Seton Centre.

The "Birds, Bees, and Butterflies" position has been created to fill the need at the centre for someone to plan and create the butterfly garden and natural playground at the back of the centre.

This green space is being created

filled this summer by Heather Murray. She is a student at St. John's Ravenscourt and has just completed grade 11. She enjoys hockey, rugby, and art.

Heather will be spending her summer learning about the wildlife that will be visiting



Heather Murray

"My real journey and my real life were begun in Manitoba". - ET Seton

THANKS AND KUDOS

We have been blessed with helpers in lots of projects since the last issue of the newsletter in August 2008: my apologies for any omissions in the following. In the late summer, Gerald Curle and Bruce Hood lent us a hand with the reconstruction of the cement blocks during the restoration of the walls of The Seton Centre. Sharon Rankmore joined the crew to paint the exterior of the centre. In October we organized the Field and Farm Supper as a fundraiser. Volunteers too many to list helped with food donations, food preparation and serving, MCing, donations of auction items and help with clean-up. Board members were joined by Linda Yablonski, Gordon Rankmore, Joanne Broatch and Lorry Broatch in two bingo sessions we were required to do to satisfy successful grant applications for some of the funds to construct the addition to the centre. Recently Gerald Curle, Mame Curle and Bob Wilson did a good amount of carpentry and painting to prepare sample bat houses and bat house parts for use by our Environmental Youth Corps project. Gerry Oliver, who has a background in wild plant harvesting, has provided us with healthy specimens of each of the Pincushion Cactus and the Prickly Pear Cactus for our native plant garden. Thanks to each of you.

Cheryl Orr-Hood
Chairperson

SUMMER OF 2009 INTERPRETERS

This year The Seton Centre has some new and old faces joining us for the summer. The two interpreters that you will find behind the friendly smiles this year are Kelley Friesen and Laura Chartrand.

Both are excited to start at the centre and to bring their creative ideas to life.

Kelley Friesen is a student at Carberry Collegiate and has just completed grade 10. In her free time Kelley enjoys painting, singing and multiple sports.



Kelley Friesen

Laura Chartrand is a recent Graduate at Carberry Collegiate. She enjoys playing saxophone and piano, and plans to attend Brandon University in the fall for Music Ed.



Laura Chartrand

METAMORPHOSIS WITHIN THE SETON CENTRE

Recently the Seton Centre employees have started thinking ahead and are already considering what will live in our upcoming green space, Little Seton Park. Our plan is to find and care for caterpillars and chrysalises that are native to Manitoba. We will be nurturing these growing caterpillars until they have metamorphosed into beautiful butterflies.

At the time of their metamorphosis we are hoping our green space will have proceeded further in production allowing the newly developed butterflies to frolic among native flowers we like.

There will be many butterfly and caterpillar friendly plants in the garden as well as a place for them to eat, drink and stay the winter. By doing so, the new garden will blossom and

our lovely butterflies will more frequently show their colors around these parts.

So far we have 2 wriggling guests at the Seton Centre and would love to accept more if they are lost but would prefer you leave them in



Roger, the caterpillar, who is currently in a cocoon within the Seton Centre.

THE SETON CENTER SUMMER KIDS PROGRAMS

As the summer approaches so does the Seton Centre summer programs. This year we are providing a variety of programs that will in total encompass children between the ages of 3 to 12.

One set of programs is for children between 5-12. These programs are held every Wednesday afternoon.

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The second set of programming works with children between 3-6. This age group comes to the centre on Thursday afternoons.

Programs are all nature based and will include such activities as animal tracking, bats, buffalo,

and some activities like nature scavenger hunts.

To find out more about the programs, or if you know anyone who wants to enroll in these programs please contact us at 834-2509.



Children at a Junior Explorers program

IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

On Friday, August 14 we will be celebrating Ernest Thompson Seton's 149th birthday!

The festival will be held either at the fair grounds or the park at the end of main street. We have yet to decide, but we will keep you posted

closer to the event time.

We may have face painting, a slip and slide, a barbeque and a great big 149th birthday cake. There will also be a craft corner that will include bracelet making, tie-dyeing, coloring and painting

There may also be a guest appearance from a speaker from Spruce Woods Park or an entertainer from Brandon.

We urge everyone to come out and enjoy the summer while it is still here!

"Here I was settled down to do my share of the work and really live the life." - ET Seton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get outside this summer with the environmental Youth Corps! We need volunteers of all ages to come out and help improve the habitats of Manitoba's native animals, insects and plants.

We will be setting up

bat houses to increase the bat population. This in turn will keep the mosquitoes at bay the natural way. We will also be gathering information about the nesting requirement of local song birds as well as building and painting bird

houses. This year we want to create a natural green space behind the Seton centre. There we will gather and plant native trees and plants. So come out and help us help our environment every Monday through Friday!



Volunteers building bat houses and having a ton of fun!

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Fall newsletter out in August! Make sure you come by and pick one up!

"Scribbled in pencil, ink, water color, anything; smirched with the blood of victims sacrificed on the altar of the knowledge hunter; burned with sparks of the campfire; greasy with handling by unwashed, hasty, eager hands; badly written; at times badly illustrated with hasty sketches - hasty but meaningful." - ET Seton referring to his journals made in Manitoba

THE SETON CENTRE NEEDS THE NEW ADDITION

This summer we are awaiting the construction of the addition to The Seton Centre. While the project has just been under discussion since January 2008, the fact that it is soon to be a reality is, as you might expect, testing our patience. The need for the extra space has been particularly evident this past couple of weeks when three, not two workers are spending time at the centre each day.

Our third worker, Heather Murray, coordinator for our Environmental Youth Corps project actually has working space at the Town offices next door to us. Heather is spear-heading a series of projects aimed at creating more suitable habitat for wild life within the

bounds of the town. The wildlife we have in mind are helpful creatures, some of which pollinate our gardens, and others which have a voracious appetite for mosquitoes. Having work space next

door allows Heather to spread out the materials for the various activities in the space in preparation for sessions of building a willow fence, bat houses and other wild life friendly habitats. For joint planning, telephone and the like she works at The Seton Centre. We are very appreciative of the generosity of the Town of Carberry in making this space available to us on a temporary basis for our project.

dation for \$3500.00 will be applied to expenses for the construction of the wheelchair accessible washroom in the addition. This brings a total of \$7500.00 that the Foundation has committed to our addition, an amount that will make a good dent in the total costs of the construction. In June, we were pleased when we received a \$20,000.00 grant from Community Places, Department of Culture, Heritage,

Tourism and Sport, a large and absolutely critical contribution to our building fund. Our fundraising continues, but these additional funds mean that we can begin construction. We

have secured a building permit, so once we have our schedules worked out there should be signs of construction at the centre soon.

Cheryl Orr-Hood
Chairperson.

One important piece of paper... Now build!

Let's see--where are we with the building project? The fundraising has moved forward nicely. A much appreciated grant from the Carberry and Area Community Foun-