

HAPPENINGS



Children's Programs

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This summer was very successful in regard to the children's programs. We had 131 children over the course of six weeks. Programs were held twice a day Tuesday through Friday, with the Carberry Childcare Co-op attending one session per week. The children enjoyed making a variety of crafts using mostly natural materials such as natural clay, leaves, twigs, rocks, and wood. They also enjoyed participating in a small nature scavenger hunt which allowed them to find items in nature that they may overlook in their day-to-day play.

Two years ago during the children's programs, they painted pieces of wood which were then displayed in the Little Seton Park. This year, we decided to revamp the idea and gave the children an opportunity to revitalize their imagination and paint again on new pieces of wood. These

beautiful paintings are now being exhibited throughout the park.



Some of the children's favorite crafts were ones that placed no limit on their use of imagination, as it gave them a reason to be proud of the work they completed. If the kids finished a craft early, they looked forward to playing with the nature puppets and putting on shows, playing a guessing game with the items from the Clue Bag, inspecting various things under the microscope, spending time at the touch table, and playing bingo with their friends. One game that they specifically enjoyed was hiding our little owl puppet in the front of the museum for others to find.

They would come in and eagerly find where it is hidden, and then search for subtle hiding places where it can be discovered once again.

We as interpreters were very pleased with the children's programs this year, and were happy to have met some new kids as well as spending time with those we already knew. We hope that the kids enjoyed it and in hindsight remember it as an enjoyable summer. We hope next year will be just as good, or even better!





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We have a virtual tour option!

For a virtual Tour of The Seton Centre, visit "communitystories.ca" and search **The Seton Centre**. You will find information on Seton's life, as well as many of his drawings, and pictures of him and his family.



R J Waugh Visitors

The Seton Centre is always pleased to welcome visitors from R J Waugh School. Both grade 2 classes visited us in June for a tour of our museum and for a nature art session. Upon arrival the classes were split into two groups. One group viewed the artifacts, learned a bit about E.T. Seton, checked out our microscope station, had a picture taken with one of our taxidermized animals and played a guessing game. The other group did a still life drawing of museum artifacts. A big thank you to Nova Cassan, who joined us again this year to facilitate the drawing session. The groups then switched so all had a chance to take part in both activities. The students enjoyed their visit, and we loved having them and sharing some information about Seton and his connection to Carberry.

Donations

In September of last year we had Fred Dane from Carberry ask us if we would like another addition to our taxidermy collection. We agreed to accept the donation, and the black bear head was mounted and is currently being displayed in the museum.



Garden Update

Little Seton Park has become quite overgrown in the past few years and needs some TLC. The board would like to thank Donna Chandler who came to help us identify the wildflower and prairie plants of the park and work to clean up some areas.

We made a start in the spring and had another work bee at the end of August, but there is still a lot more to be done.

Another working day is being planned for September to continue the rejuvenation of the park. Our small board needs help to regain the health and beauty of the garden. If you are interested in helping us with this big project, please contact a board member.

Paving Stones

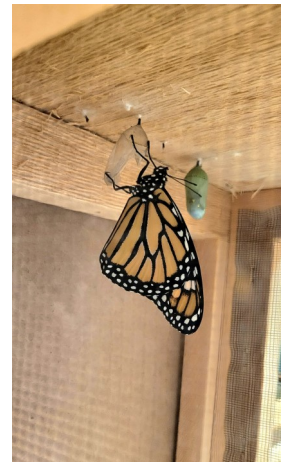
The board was successful in our grant applications and received funds from the **Carberry Community Foundation** and the **Town of Carberry** to help cover the cost of replacing several molded concrete planks in our park. Many stones were cracked and damaged a few years ago. We would like to extend a big thank you to these two organizations for their support with this costly project. We look forward to the walkway being restored. Michael Labelle will be completing the work.



Monarch Butterflies

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This summer we found two caterpillars and it didn't take very long until they transformed into chrysalises. They hung at the top of the butterfly cage for about one and a half to two weeks. The more we neared the end of this process, the more transparent the chrysalises got. Then, on August long weekend both butterflies emerged and we let them out of the cage to enjoy the beautiful nature for the very first time. We were happy to have the privilege to save another pair of butterflies this summer!



Fundraising

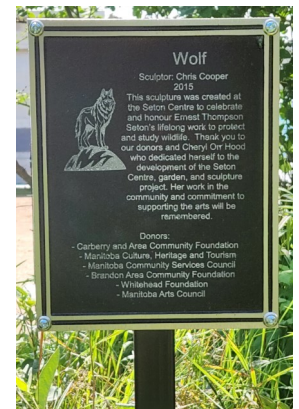
A bake table and rummage sale table were set up in front of the museum for Carberry's Town Wide Garage Sale on June 17. The bake table is always popular, and we sold out all our items again this year.

There was a good turn out and many of our donated items sold, anything left at the end was donated to MCC in Brandon.

The board may also set up a bake table in November at the Christmas Craft sale in Carberry.

Wolf Plaque

The wolf statue that resides in Little Seton Park was created by Chris Cooper of Brandon in 2015. This summer we installed a plaque commemorating her work.



Refurbished Benches and Table

Over the summer, we also refurbished the table and all three benches outside. They needed a wash, some sanding, and two fresh coats of stain.

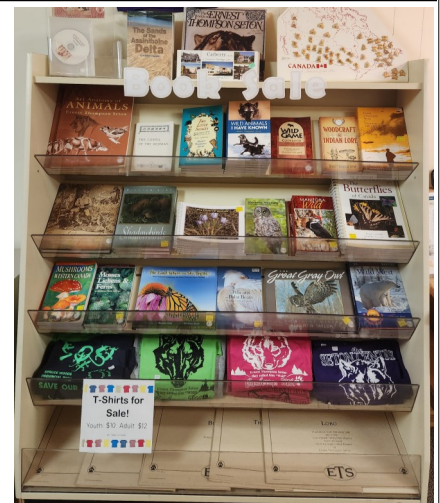


For Sale

T-Shirts: We've got 2 different types of t-shirts for sale with the titles "The SETON CENTRE" and "SAVE OUR SKINKS". Both come in a variety of colors and range in sizes from youth small to youth XL as well as adult small, medium, and large. Youth t-shirts are \$10 and adults are \$12.

Prints: We also have a limited edition collection of prints drawn by Seton himself, and they are mostly from stories he wrote. They are sold individually for \$5, or in groups of all 5 for \$20.

Book Sale: Our books range in prices from \$5-\$45! We also sell DVDs of Spirit Sands for \$10 as well as pins of the provinces and territories of Canada for only \$2!





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Wild Animals I have known is one of Seton's most popular books and also where I found the quote "The life of a wild animal always has a tragic end" (page 11). This quote reminds me of the wildlife we have in Manitoba and how often we forget about the struggle they have to go through to survive their worst enemies. The many fights that a parent experiences for its children, while protecting and raising the next generation to be better and more powerful than the one before. Then soon after, the children must look after their parents as they grow old and that's when the fighting for your parents to survive begins. This is an ongoing cycle and wild animals rarely die of old age, but more commonly like Seton stated "The life of a wild animal always has a tragic end." We have the privilege of growing up with grasslands and wildlife all around us as we watch them grow from little fawns to big bucks, but it is up to us to appreciate these little miracles because most don't die of old age.

- Esther

In his book, *The Gospel of a Redman*, Ernest Thompson Seton states the following, "How much service have I rendered to my people?" (page 1). The depth of this quote and the significance it had to the Indigenous people shows just how much reverence they demonstrated towards each other. One can dedicate their life serving themselves, but true joy and fulfillment comes from serving others. The question he asked himself cannot be answered finitely, for there is no end in serving others. This question was not only relevant in Seton's time, but is even more applicable in 2023. Serving others can look different for everyone, but simply spending time with or saying kind words to others can already make them feel more loved and appreciated. Whether it's a seemingly small or simple gesture, it might mean the world to someone else. What Seton quoted in his book in 1937 is still important for each individual today, and the question he asked is one that everyone should ponder upon today. "How much service have I rendered to my people?"

- Lea

Carberry Homecoming

On Saturday, August 26, The Seton Centre was proud to be a part of Carberry's Annual Homecoming Festival once again. We had over 100 people stop by and admire Seton's work while more than 50 children were eager to participate in a mini scavenger hunt.



2023 Interpreters

This years interpreters, Esther (left) and Lea (right), are two graduates of 2023 and have enjoyed spending their summer at The Seton Centre.

