

The Greenwise Gazette

Tending to Creation at Immanuel Anglican Church, Regina

Spring Into Action!

April 6, 2024

Regina Horticultural Society

Welcome to a day of learning from Saskatchewan gardening experts being held in Regina at Luther College. There are 9 sessions in 3 timeslots. Lunch is included with your \$80.00 registration fee. Sessions include:

- Creating an Air Plant Display
- Fruits for Your Backyard Orchard
- Farm Your Yard
- Herbs for the Prairie
- Backyard Greenhouse Basics
- No-Till Gardening
- Container Gardening
- Basic Orchard Management
- Everything Tomatoes



Registration [LINK](#)

Have stuff you don't need anymore?

A perfect way to stop items from going to the landfill is to offer them to someone else who can use them. Immanuel is holding a **Garage Sale** on June 27, 28, and 29. When you're doing your spring cleaning, save anything that you don't need any more for our Garage sale.



Yardless Gardening

Many of Immanuel's parishioners have moved from their single-family homes with yards and gardens to apartments and retirement homes. What is someone who is a green thumb and who loves gardening to do without a yard?

There are many ways to stay green, even if your garden space is limited to a balcony, terrace, rooftop or windowsill. Container gardening is the answer – you can grow flowers, herbs, and even vegetables in containers.

For more information, check out this article from the Regina Leader-Post or register for the Regina Horticultural society's workshop on April 6. <https://leaderpost.com/news/yardless-gardening>

Noxious Weeds

Similar to any other park or open space, Wascana Centre has noxious weeds that have either spread into the park from outside sources or were once planted over a decade ago before they were known as and considered noxious weeds. Wascana Centre has been managing the weed population to provide ideal habitats for various creatures.



Here is a list of Wascana Centre's most common noxious weeds:

1. Leafy Spurge
2. Nodding Thistle
3. Scentless Chamomile
4. Purple Loosestrife
5. Canada Thistle
6. Common Burdock



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Passive Solar Greenhouse

Say What? Passive solar means that we are using the energy from the sun to heat the greenhouse. In our cold climate, the greenhouse greatly extends the growing season. Typically, sunlight entering a passive solar greenhouse is 'captured' by strategically located, dark-coloured water-filled barrels. Solar heat trapped in the water barrels during the day then slowly radiates back out into the greenhouse at night or when temperatures cool.

Read about Dong Jianyi of Freshpals Farms in Olds Alberta and his story about Passive Solar Greenhouses at this [LINK](#)



Pictured here is Ryan Merck of Blue Oak Horticulture – check out his story at www.growjourney.com

On May 14, the University of Saskatchewan is presenting a free two-hour ZOOM class that will explain what a passive solar greenhouse is, how it works and what you need to maintain and successfully grow in a greenhouse all year round. Check it out [HERE](#)

Mushrooms Anyone?

With a kit or from scratch, you can grow mushrooms indoors at home. There are many kinds of kits – this one you can find at Walmart and is so easy. Just place the box near a window with indirect light, mist twice a day, and you'll see delicious, beautiful mushrooms growing within a week, and harvest in 10 days.

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Check out this [LINK](#) to Best Products Canada to see the ones recommended. Garden Girl at 1070 McDonald St. in Regina also has Mushroom kits available!



Recycle those Crayons!

Crayons are made of paraffin wax, a petroleum by-product, that is not biodegradable. In the U.S. alone, more than 60 million crayons are discarded annually. That is over 500,000 pounds of waxy sludge that won't decompose. Here are the steps you can take to make your old crayons new again!

Preheat oven to 250 degrees F.

Remove labels and break the crayons into small pieces. The smaller the pieces the faster the crayons will melt. Place the crayon pieces into a silicone ice tray or mold. Or use a muffin tin sprayed with cooking spray. Try mixing different colors in each mold section to create beautiful works of art!

Bake in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the crayons are completely melted.

Place in the freezer for about 30 minutes to harden and then pop your new crayons out.



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Remember to drop off your cans and bottles to help us with environmental projects at Immanuel. The code is our phone number **3065864420**. If you prefer to bring your cans and bottles to the church, just let Max in the office know, so we can get them to Sarc.

In 2024 we hope to have enough money to expand our rain barrel system with some pumps.