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April 13, 2019 VAP Awards and Earth Day



**7th Annual Saskatchewan Visual Arts Project
2018 – 2019**

Saskatchewan youth working through visual arts for peace, unity
and care of the earth.

Sask. Lt. Governor to attend 2019 Visual Arts Award and Earth Day Event

The visual arts project organizing committee of Multi-Faith Saskatchewan proudly announces the 7th annual visual arts awards project in conjunction with the celebration of Earth Day 2019.

The project once again will recognize up to 15 pieces of student art open to Grades 9 to 12 art classes through Saskatchewan. The selected pieces will form a digital touring exhibit that will promote mutual understanding and respect for all faiths.

An added feature to this year's program is that art submissions are also accepted digitally.

The award presentation will be held on the second floor, MacKenzie Art Gallery, 3475 Albert Street, Regina, Saturday April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Special guest at the Arts Award and Earth Day celebration will be Hon. Tom Molloy, Lieutenant Governor, Saskatchewan. The Lieutenant Governor will deliver an address, present awards and recognize Earth Day.

The event on April 13 is open to the public and admission is free. Light refreshments will be available.

Each participant will receive a certificate of participation. The 15 finalists will receive medals and certificates of recognition and cash

prizes: 1st \$150, 2nd and 3rd \$100 each, 4th and 5th \$75 each, 6th \$50, 7th to 10th \$25 each and 11th to 15th \$15 each.

Special feature of this year's event will be the presentation to each guest of a tree seedling donated by Nature Saskatchewan.

Other sponsors of the Visual Art Project and Earth Day are Regina Multi-Faith Forum, SaskCulture, Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan, MacKenzie Art Gallery, B'nai Brith Lodge 739, Regina Eastview Rotary Club, Dunlop Art Gallery, Saskatchewan Lotteries, Regina Hindu Samaj, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission and Access Communication.

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Information about the VAP and Earth Day are also available at www.multifaithsask.org or by contacting Multi-Faith Saskatchewan at mfsask2007@yahoo.com.

Please email mfsask2007@yahoo.com also for a copy of the digital poster for use in your place of worship, school, community building, business or other building.

RMFF presents Spiritual Service Awards

Regina Multi-Faith Forum honored four Regina citizens for their spiritual service to the community. Presentations were made at the forum's recent annual general meeting.

Award recipients are:

Dr. Amr Henni, individual award, for his contributions to the Muslims for Peace and Justice, Multi-Faith Saskatchewan and Regina Multi-Faith Forum and the Regina refugee project.



Barbara Dornan, Gagan Deep Singh (MC) and Amr Henni (right).

Chinmay Jain, youth award, for his service to the Jain and Hindu communities and youth activities at the Hindu Samaj.



Chinmay Jain (left), Krishan Kapila and Gagan Deep Singh (MC)

Frank Flegel, individual award, for his contributions to the Regina Roman Catholic Archdiocese, including as a writer for the Prairie Messenger, and support of the inter-faith community.



Frank Flegel

Roberta Swetlow, individual award, for her volunteer work at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, including the library, and her support of Regina Multi-Faith Forum and World Religion Day.



Roberta Swetlow (right), Gagan Deep Singh (MC) and Miriam Friedman.

Multi-faith pioneer to receive Honorary Doctor of Divinity

Long-time member of Multi-Faith Saskatchewan and current board member, Krishan Kapila will receive a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) degree from St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon at the spring convocation on May 3.

In its announcement of the award, the College states:

Krishan Kapila is a member of the Hindu worshipping community in Regina and is heavily involved as a volunteer in cultural, multicultural and interfaith organizations. He was born in Myanmar, studied in India, and then chose to settle in Canada in 1969. He is a retired high school science teacher who taught in Wolseley and the Saskatchewan Correspondence School. In his retirement, he has taught with the First Nations University and Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Krishan is a founding member of the Regina Multi-Faith Forum and Multi-Faith Saskatchewan. As stated in one letter of support: "Krishan's commitment to building a world in which all people live together in peace and harmony is unconditional."

Every year, the theological college of The United Church of Canada presents honorary doctorate degrees to individuals who have made significant spiritual contributions to the community. Other recipients at this year's convocation will be Rev. Brian Walton and Rev. Lorne Calvert.

We congratulate Krishan on this distinguished recognition and thank him for his extensive and inspiring service to the Hindu community, the interfaith community and the wider community in Saskatchewan.



Multi-Faith Community Stands in Solidarity with Victims of New Zealand Terrorist Attack

Statement from Amr Henni, Multi-Faith Saskatchewan; Stephanie Molloy, Regina Multi-Faith Forum; and Glenn Zimmer, Calling Lakes Interfaith Friendship Forum

“In response to the devastating tragedy in Christchurch, New Zealand, the multi-faith community in Saskatchewan stands in solidarity with all victims and with those who abhor the violence.

As a diverse group of brothers and sisters from many faith traditions, we condemn this violence and hatred. We offer support, peace, and prayer to the Muslim community.”

MCoS holds anti-racism campaign

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) will continue its annual public education campaign to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21.

This year it is holding youth leadership workshops and community forums in Yorkton, Swift Current, the Battlefords, La Ronge and Regina.

The Regina event will be held March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Buddhist Centre, 1401 Robinson Street, and is open to anyone to “join in respectful conversations about racism and solutions.”

Contact MCoS at <http://mcos.ca/events/regina-community-forum-on-racism> for more information, including details about the other provincial events.

Swift Current churches sponsor conference on Who Is My Neighbor?

The question of Who Is My Neighbor will be explored at an education conference to help foster understanding between the Church and Indigenous peoples Friday April 5 to and Saturday April 6 in Swift Current.

The event will include plenary sessions with leadership by:

- Benjamin Ironstad, Indigenous educator
- Erin Goodpipe, Host of RezX
- Cheryl Bear, Singer, songwriter
- J.R. Miller, history professor emeritus
- Rachelle Friesen, Christian Peacemaker Teams
- Adam Halkett, Indigenous Bishop
- Kallie Wood, Indigenous director

Workshops will include the Kairos Blanket Exercise.

The cost is \$60 and a special rate of \$20 for youth 13 to 17.

Registration can be done online at www.whoismyneighbour.online.

Annual Sikh Day Parade in Regina

The Sikh Day Parade (Nagar Kirtan) will be held Saturday May 18 in Regina. The Sikh community invites all faith and non-faith communities to be part of the parade and experience the Sikh culture. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. from Sikh Society Regina (Gurdwara) 3905 Princess Drive and will proceed to Legislative building and then return to the Gurdwara.

The parade promotes values of equality, respect for all, community service, compassion and diversity. Everyone, regardless of nationality, race, ethnicity, culture or faith is welcome to attend the parade.

Free food (langar) and snacks are served both at the Gurdwara and at the Legislative building.

Water Ritual at Buddhist Centre

The Buddhist Centre of Regina is celebrating the Vaisahki (New Year's) by hosting a water ritual on April 20.

The Regina community is invited to join the ceremony. The ritual will be followed by a vegetarian meal and a variety of cultural components.

Regina Multi-Faith Forum elects new executive

RMFF held its annual general meeting recently and elected the following persons to its executive:

Chair, Stephanie Molloy; Vice-Chair, Uttam Barua; Secretary, Miriam Friedman; Treasurer, Dwaine Dornan; Program, Brenda Anderson and Maysa Haque; Membership, Mary Jesse; and Communication, Gagan Deep Singh. Past Chair is Mary Brubacher.

Guest Speaker at the AGM, Rhonda Rosenberg, Executive Director of Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan explored the four streams of multiculturalism, namely:

- Cultural continuity
- Celebrations of Diversity
- Anti-racism
- Intercultural connections
- Integration.

Roast Fundraiser with Rabbi Jeremy Parnes and Friends

Beth Jacob Synagogue will honor Rabbi Jeremy Parnes March 23 in Conexus Arts Centre, Regina, with a three-course meal, music and tributes. Tickets at \$75 or \$600 for a table. More information at 306.533.4475

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