

U of R



Women

# Newsletter

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January 2013

## Program of Events 2013

### Landscape Architecture

**Date:** Wed. , Jan. 30

**Presentation:**

Landscape architecture.  
Ingrid Thiessen, MLA.

**Location:** University Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, College West Building, U of R.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

reception.

Presentation: 7 – 8 p.m.

**Contact:**

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### Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Wed. April 24

**Presentation:**

Dr. Dena McMartin, (PhD), Engineering, Associate Professor U of R . Dena's research is focused on both agricultural and rural community water resources management and environmental analysis of waste stream management.

**Location:** University Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, College West Building, U of R.

**Times:**

**AGM:** 5 p.m.

**Dinner:** 6:15 p.m.

**Contact: TBA.**

(Joan will be away. If you are willing to coordinate this event, please let Joan know [kruger@accesscomm.ca](mailto:kruger@accesscomm.ca))

### *Message from Francoise Kenny, President*

First, I would like to wish everyone a very happy new year and all the best for 2013. May it be a lucky one for you, your family and friends. I hope Christmas cheer will sustain you throughout the coming winter months.

Our fall activities were a great success and we are looking forward to the next season. We have a little over fifty active members participating this year. The Canadian Federation of University Women was very pleased with our joint meeting about immigrants and refugees as presented by Regina Open Door Society managers in November. In addition, two carloads of happy women had a great day at the Silver Museum in Weyburn. If anyone has a different idea for an eclectic event, please let us know and we will do our best to organize it. I encourage you to continue to participate in all our events. Our next event will be on Wednesday January 30th. Ingrid Thiessen, a landscape architect, will give us a presentation at the University Club. You are all invited, and please bring a friend if you can. Variety is the spice of life.

***You are cordially invited to a presentation by  
Ingrid Thiessen, MLA, landscape architect,  
on Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 - 8:00 at the University Club.  
\$20 each, Guests are welcome.  
Please reply to Joan Kruger at [kruger@accesscomm.ca](mailto:kruger@accesscomm.ca)  
by Friday, January 25th.  
Friends and colleagues are welcome.***

Landscape Architecture is not a well understood profession on the Prairies. This presentation will cover the skills and qualifications of the profession and how it has been applied to projects at the university and research park. The university has changed significantly over the past 15 years and Ingrid will highlight some of those changes. Current issues in landscape architecture include sustainability and health. Ingrid will explain why these have become her passion.

### U of R Women – Executive for 2012-2013

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## Member News

We welcome new member **Natalie Hemingway**, a therapist/counselor at UR Student Counselling Centre. Her husband was Peter Hemingway(deceased) professor of Education for 37 years. All three of their children graduated from UR programs.

**Magdalena Cismaru** is another new member. She is a professor of Marketing in the Faculty of Business Administration.

### **New - the Walking Club**

Throughout the fall the U of R Women Walking Club got out and walked "briskly and far" until the week before Christmas. Between two and six members gathered at the Legislative Building and walked as far as the dog park or the RCMP barracks as long as the weather and health were good. There are plans to keep going on Tuesdays, starting at 9 am, gathering in front of the Legislative Building. The route is determined by the walkers each time, lasting anywhere from one hour to 1 1/2 hours. The intention is to walk outside, along designated pathways. If you are not there at 9 o'clock we will start without you. For more information contact Judith Conlan at 585-0239.

Please send member news items to **Ruth Heinrichs** at [rheinrichs@sasktel.net](mailto:rheinrichs@sasktel.net) phone her at 586-5024.

## Membership Report - Sandra Flegel

We currently have 55 members in good standing. Our membership numbers are less than last year when 63 women joined. If you know of someone who fits the parameters of membership, please encourage them to join. Our membership fee remains an economical \$20.00 for the year. A Membership Form must be completed as part of the membership application.

Some changes have been made to the Membership Form to better serve our members and to provide our executive committee with a more comprehensive vehicle to disseminate information pertinent to membership policies and requirements. The fee for membership and the method of payment is detailed on the Form, as well as other information pertinent to membership.

On the Form, permission is requested from the member for the printing of personal information, in accordance with privacy policies. Conversely, members may request suppression of some information from publication to the general membership. A member can also indicate preference for a mailed copy as opposed to electronic transfer of information. The executive committee retains and acts on preferences and requests recorded on the Membership Form. The Membership Form also records members who are willing to drive a member without transportation to events the driver is attending. This provides an avenue of contact for members who need a ride to an event. Other information is detailed on the Form with respect to eligibility and participation responsibility.

A copy of our Membership Form is shown on the website. In your browser, enter <http://www2.uregina.ca/urw/membership.html>

## Book Club #2 - looking for members!

During Fall 2012 Book Club 2 enjoyed reading and discussing the following books: *The Mistress of Nothing* (Kate Pullinger), *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (Alexie Sherman), *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey* (Izzeldin Abuellaish), *Death Comes to Pemberley* (P.D. James), and *An Object of Beauty* (Steve Martin). This book club meets on the first Tuesday of the month and is open to new participants. Contact Tatiana Levit for more information at 337-8455 or e-mail [Tatiana.Levit@uregina.ca](mailto:Tatiana.Levit@uregina.ca).

Upcoming schedule:

February 5: *State of Wonder* (Ann Patchett)

March 5: *The Housekeeper and the Professor* (Yoko Ogawa)

April 2: (open)

May 7: Book Potluck - bring your own book to recommend

## Interest Group Activities

Please consider joining one or more of our interest groups. For more information about any of these interest groups, please contact Interest Group co-ordinator Toby Willis-Camp at 586-6479 or [williscamp@sasktel.net](mailto:williscamp@sasktel.net).

### Couples Gourmet Dinner Club

Members and their partners meet once a month in a member's home. Each couple brings a dish from a menu set by the convenor. Themed menus are typically planned based on different regions or ingredients. This group is looking for new members, so be sure to sign up at the Welcome Back event or contact Toby Willis-Camp at 586-6479 or [williscamp@sasktel.net](mailto:williscamp@sasktel.net).

### Book Club #1

Book Club 1 had a wonderful Fall reading *Empires of Food: Feast, Famine, and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations* (Fraser and Rimas), *Mother Tongue* (Bill Bryson), *Caleb's Crossing* (Geraldine Brooks), *Lady With a Lantern* (Kay Parley), and *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer* (Tracy Kidder). Author Kay Parley joined the club and shared about her time as a psychiatric nurse at the provincial hospital in Weyburn. (Book Club #1 is full.)

### Curling Club

The Curling Club is looking for spares. The group curls at 1:15 on Wednesdays at the Tartan Club on Broadway.

For more information contact Linda Paul [paulal@uregina.ca](mailto:paulal@uregina.ca) or phone 585-0988.

### International Gourmet Cooking Club

The International Cooking Club enjoyed a delightful Christmas potluck meal. This group meets monthly for dinner and lively conversation. Meals are planned to reflect either the cuisine of a certain culture or a special theme. Members work in pairs, each pair hosting one evening during the year. On all other evenings, they enjoy being guests. For information or to register interest in this group, contact Joan at 586-5536 or e-mail [joan.roy@uregina.ca](mailto:joan.roy@uregina.ca).

### Eclectic Events

Three or four events will be held during the year, and the name says it all! Events and places are selected and planned by any U of R Women member who volunteers. If you would like to suggest and/or organize an eclectic event this year, contact a member of the Executive for help in getting your event organized and publicized.

### Culinary Explorers

The Culinary Explorers Group has sampled three restaurants so far: Abstractions Cafe, Fortuna, and Bombay. If you wish to attend the January 14th event, please RSVP to Lise Lundlie, at 586-1085 or [llundlie@sasktel.net](mailto:llundlie@sasktel.net) at least 3 days before each restaurant outing takes place. The group usually meets at 6:15 on the 2nd Monday of the month.

### Mixed Bridge Group

With winter the snowbirds travel south, so the Mixed Bridge group is looking for more couples to fill in empty seats. The bridge group meets once a month in the homes of individual members. Contact Susan McLaren at 525-0058 or [susanmclaren2007@yahoo.ca](mailto:susanmclaren2007@yahoo.ca) for more information.

Note: anyone can lead an Eclectic Event. Last September a group enjoyed a lovely day in Weyburn visiting the Silver Museum there. If you would like to suggest and/or organize an eclectic event this year, contact Toby Willis-Camp at 586-6479 or [williscamp@sasktel.net](mailto:williscamp@sasktel.net) for help getting your event organized and publicized.

## **University of Regina Women – 2013 Bursary and Award**

### **Recipient of 2012 Annual Award, the Dr. Anne Lavack Bursary**

In early December, we were notified that the recipient of our 2012 annual \$1000.00 award, given in Anne Lavack's name, is Cassandra L Whitelaw, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting. The bursary fund was paid out to her by the university on December 2, a welcome early Christmas present for Cassandra.

### **2013 Annual Award, the Linda Joan Paul Bursary**

The annual bursary in 2013 will be presented to a woman studying Human Geography. In designating this area, Linda indicated that throughout her teaching career, her preferred focus was on Human Geography, with special interest in the areas of Gender and Geography, Aboriginal Geography, Geography and Literature and Geography and Culture.

Linda has been highly involved in gender issues at the academic level and has thus been a member and chair of URFA's Status of Women Committee, as well as serving for six years on the Canadian Association of University Teachers' Status of Women Committee. She has co-edited a book, *Women in the Canadian Academic Tundra: Challenging the Chill*, and has been on the editorial committee for *Inside Corporate U: Women in the Academy Speak Out*. She has published many articles on women, with special interest in female academics who are in other than tenure track positions. She is also an activist and concerned with community and international issues.

Linda, a long-time member of University of Regina Women, has been active on the executive of U of R Women for a number of years. As well, she participates in a variety of our special interest groups – Book Clubs #1 and #2, International Gourmet Food Club, Bridge Club, Curling Club, Eclectic Events and the Walking Club.

Our treasurer, Kay Antrobus, reports that for the U of R Women's 2013 Bursary, which will be given in Linda's name, a total sum of \$1075.00 was donated by our members during the period September – December, 2012. We thank each of you for your generous contributions to the bursary. The university will be mailing tax receipts for these donations before the end of February.

### **University of Regina Women's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award, Audrey McKinnon Award**

In celebration of the founding 50 years ago of the predecessor to University of Regina Women, we are offering a special award in the name of our first president, Audrey McKinnon. As reported in the fall newsletter, our \$1000.00 contribution is being matched by money from the province's *Innovation and Opportunities Program*. In addition, the fund recently received an additional \$1000.00 from Eleanor Coomber, daughter of Audrey McKinnon and her husband James Coomber, a sum that they are donating in Eleanor's mother's memory. With the Coomber-McKinnon donation, the award now is worth \$3000.00 and will be given to a woman who is studying in the Faculty of Engineering. Directing the award to a woman in engineering was done for two reasons, Eleanor's father (Audrey McKinnon's husband) was one of the first professors of Engineering in Regina and the matching grant from the *Innovation and Opportunities Program* was designated by the government for the field of Engineering.