

CROCUS CO-OP

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Fall Events

Tuesday, Oct 3
Friday, Oct 6
Friday, Oct 6
Monday, Oct 9
Tuesday, Oct 10
Tuesday, Oct 17
Friday, Nov 3
Tuesday, Nov 7
Monday, Nov 13
Tuesday, Nov 14
Tuesday, Nov 21
Friday, Dec 1
Tuesday, Dec 5
Tuesday, Dec 12
Tuesday, Dec 19
Friday, Dec 22
Monday, Dec 25
Tuesday, Dec 26
Monday, Jan 1

Bingo at Crocus 1:00 p.m.
Monthly members' meeting (First Fri of month)
Thanksgiving Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Crocus Closed (Thanksgiving)
Executive Finance Committee meeting
Monthly Board meeting 1:30 p.m.
Monthly members' meeting (First Fri of month)
Bingo at Crocus 1:00 p.m.
Crocus Closed (Remembrance Day holiday)
Executive Finance Committee meeting
Monthly Board meeting 1:30 p.m.
Monthly members' meeting (First Fri of month)
Bingo at Crocus 1:00 p.m.
Executive Finance Committee meeting
Monthly Board meeting 1:30 p.m.
Christmas Dinner 11:30 a.m.
Crocus Closed
Crocus Closed
Crocus Closed

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A Place to Work

A Place to Learn

A Place to Heal



Crocus Co-operative

Caring, Respect, Opportunities, Challenges, Understanding and Support

YES! I support cost-effective rehabilitation services in the field of mental health.

Here is my gift of: ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500

Please return this form with your donation.
Make your cheque payable to Crocus Co-operative and
mail to 135 Ave B South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 1M2.

I prefer to give: \$ _____

Name: _____

For tax purposes, a receipt will be issued for all
contributions of \$10.00 or more.

Address: _____

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Thank you! Your support is truly appreciated.

_____ I am interested in obtaining more information regarding planned giving



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Summer Happenings

The summer at Crocus was an exciting time for our members, as we continue to provide meaningful programming. With the help of funds given to us by the Third Avenue United Church Foundation in 2015, we were able to fund several excursions into the community. This summer members visited many places including the Western Development Museum, Kinsmen Park, the Farmers' Market, River Landing, Forestry Farm, Wanuskewin and Beaver Creek. In addition, members also at-

tended Taste of Saskatchewan, Folk fest and the Jazz Festival. One of the highlights this August was our annual trip to Blackstrap where over 40 members and staff from Crocus, as well as the Saskatoon Housing Coalition, enjoyed a barbeque, games and the beautiful scenery. Taking a trip outside of the city means so much to our members, many of whom rarely get the chance to leave Saskatoon. We are looking forward to staying busy this fall and winter with many

social programs, outings, and opportunities to learn and experience new things together. We will not have a Social Work practicum student to help with programming this fall but are excited to once again host a College of Nursing student, from Sept 11 until mid-December. We are very pleased to have Jared Kroeger join us for the four months of his practicum and we know that the members will benefit from his presence.

- ◆ Crocus Co-op is a registered charity providing cost-effective mental health rehabilitation services in Saskatoon since 1983. There are over 2000 lifetime members of Crocus Co-operative with approximately 500 active members.
- ◆ Seven of our twelve Board of Directors are members of Crocus, including our President, Past President and Treasurer.
- ◆ Thanksgiving lunch will be held on October 6 for all members beginning at 11:30.



On August 16 over 40 Crocus members and staff enjoyed the fresh air and peaceful surroundings of Blackstrap Lake. Staff and members cooked and enjoyed a barbeque lunch. For some Crocus members it is their only chance to escape the city for the great outdoors.

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Al Moore and Cal Carr oversee the cooking of burgers and hotdogs under the watchful eye of Shelagh Patterson.



Credit Card & E Transfer:

Crocus Co-op now accepts *Visa, MasterCard, American Express* and *Discover*, as well as E-Transfer for payment of TE Invoices! To pay by credit card or E-Transfer phone Taylor at 306-655-4968.

Crocus Co-operative is ready to do snow removal from sidewalks and driveways.

If your yard needs a fall clean up or rubbish hauled away, don't hesitate to contact Mumtaz at 306-655-4969. Crews can come out to aerate, rake, trim shrubs, or haul refuse to the landfill or compost. Our rates are quite competitive and all money earned is paid to our members or supports our social programming.

Feel good about spending your dollars making a significant difference in the lives of others.....and save your back too!
Call @ 306-655-4969

Beta Sigma Phi

Crocus was pleased to be informed that the sorority Beta Sigma Phi had awarded one of its grants to us, partly because a former member of Crocus had been an active member of the sorority. Diane Billings, who passed away in 2016 was a past president of Crocus and in her memory, Beta Sigma Phi made a contribution to our organization. The cheque was presented at a members meeting on August 4.



Robin Mitchell accepts a cheque from Audrey Peters representing Beta Sigma Phi.

Donations:
We now accept donations through PayPal on our website! **All donations we receive are tax deductible.**



Funding of Crocus Co-op

We are often asked where the funding for Crocus comes from. The largest portion of Crocus' funding comes from the Ministry of Health through the Health Region. Approximately 49.5% of all of our revenues come from the Ministry. 10% of our revenues come from the United Way of Saskatoon and Area. Our work program generates almost 15% of our gross revenues. This revenue comes from the work our members do in the Transitional Employment Program. Our other grants that we have obtained provide just over 15 % of our revenues. These are particularly precarious as most of our grants are only one year commitments. If we were to lose any of our granting agencies' support, we would certainly be scrambling to provide all

of the services we currently offer. The latest attempt by the provincial government to reduce funding by 10% would have created a very serious hardship for Crocus, a situation we might not have been able to survive. Thankfully the government bowed to pressure and reversed their decision to cut all CBO funding by 10%.

The remaining 10% of funding comes from various sources: revenue from our kitchen, catering and our canteen, but primarily from donations from Crocus supporters. 6.2 of the 10% of our budget comes from donations and is critical to what we do. With a full time staff of five, we have little excess that we can trim when our revenues decline. The bulk of our expenses are

in salaries to our staff and the Transitional Employment workers (members), building finances (loans) and the day to day expenses that come from owning a building and keeping the programs running.

Our Social Program is part of this funding but we specifically write grant applications that have allowed us to hire a programmer, as well as fund the activities we provide. These grants are never guaranteed from year to year, thus there is always uncertainty surrounding this position.



Crocus Co-operative Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 28, 2017. Jeff Crowder, our President, gave the President's Report. Robin Mitchell gave the Director of Operations Report as well as the Treasurer's Report. Elections for the 2017-18 Board of Directors were not necessary as the 10 positions open were filled by acclamation. The 2017-18 Board consists of: Jordan Mills, Nadya Karas, Evan Carlson, Michael Finley, Kevin Crickett, Les Griffiths, Peter Johnson,

Janelle Unrau, Robin Crich, Heather Cooper, Betty Lou Rennie and Jeff Crowder. Jeff Crowder is completing his second year as President, Jordan Mills was elected as Vice President and Betty Lou Rennie continues as Past President. Nayda Karas moved into the position of secretary and Heather Cooper was appointed Treasurer. The AGM was highlighted with recognition of Clarence and Laura Norris, our long-time accountants, but more

importantly friends of Crocus and a final farewell to Valerie Dawson, long time office administrator of Crocus who was retiring. After the AGM was adjourned attendees were invited to share a meal and lots of conversation and fellowship.



Crocus's "Raise the Roof" fund raising campaign, a second Saskatoon Housing Initiative Partnership grant, and bank loans allowed us to complete the reconstruction of our work shop and meeting room. We were able to connect the addition to our existing building and are quite happy with the finished product. As you can imagine, the cost of all of the renovations was quite high, but it appears that, aside of additional debt, we have survived.

We are always thankful for the support shown Crocus by our generous supporters.

This past May Crocus received over \$19,000 in donations from a relatively new organization in Saskatoon, **100 Women Who Care.** Over 190 women in the group meet four times annually to hear about the work of nominated charities and award one of the charities \$100/woman. We are thrilled to have been chosen.

Cargill and Day of Caring

This June and again in September, staff of Cargill Canada offered their time, talents and treasure to help finish painting the interior of Crocus. They were able to paint several rooms, including the washrooms and assisted with other small jobs that the staff of Crocus never seemed to have the time to attend to. In September they will come back and put a second coat of paint on the washroom walls and finish up in other areas. The help they provided, and the financial support they gave for the paint, etc., is one more example of the community caring for the members who call Crocus home. The staff and members of Crocus are extremely thankful to Cargill and its staff for brightening the inside of Crocus.



Cargill Canada staff hard at work at Crocus on Day of Caring.

Robin Mitchell, Director of Operations accepts a cheque from Vince Mullee and Amanda Verishine of WealthCo Financial. With the support of their clients, Vince and Amanda are a great example of an organization of Saskatoon helping those less fortunate.



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