



## STS Saskatoon Chapter

### OCTOBER 2023

*The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan is an organization of retired teachers who are dedicated to promoting the welfare of all superannuated teachers, and to maintaining the ties which bind them to fellow professionals. The STS Saskatoon Chapter has over 2700 members and is the largest chapter in the organization.*

#### October is Pumpkin Time

**One day I found two pumpkin seeds.**

***I planted one and pulled the weeds.***

***It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.***

***A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.***

***The pumpkin was quite round and fat.***

***(I really am quite proud of that.)***

***But there is something I'll admit***

***That has me worried just a bit.***

***I ate the other seed, you see.***

***Now will it grow inside of me?***

***(I'm so relieved since I have found***

***That pumpkins only grow in the ground!)***

Credit to DLTK's Sites



**Be sure to check out the special activities that have been**

**planned for the fall and mark your calendar to save the date.**

**A very special welcome is extended to the new retirees! Enjoy this new chapter in your life.**

***Please peruse the email and focus on the information that is pertinent for you.***

**Please take time to visit:**

The **STS Website** at <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca> [CLICK HERE](#)

It is a quick way to check out planned activities, acquire forms, become more familiar with membership benefits, and read **The Voice online**. The **FALL** issue of **The Voice** is now available. [CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook** page - another fine way to stay current and in-touch with activities and announcements.

Don't forget that **OUTREACH FALL Edition** [CLICK HERE](#) is the provincial publication of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan and is available online in PDF form. It is an excellent resource for current updates and provincially planned recreation activities. You can look up previous issues of **\*\*OUTREACH** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Keep us informed:**

**If your email address changes, please be sure to include the STS when notifying people of the change.**

## **PLANS for the FALL**

### **Buying a Ticket for an Event -**

### **Here are your options!**

**Payment by cash, cheque or e-transfer using [saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com](mailto:saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com) are accepted. *Please do not send e-transfers directly to Judy's or Irma's cell number or email. In the Message box, please include your***

**name(s) and the name of the event you are purchasing tickets for.**



## **Payment by Cheque?**

If paying by cheque, make it payable to

**Superannuated  
Teachers of SK  
Saskatoon Chapter**

and mail it to Irma or Judy (please contact one of them for their mailing address).

**STS Saskatoon Chapter is no longer accepted by our bank.**

**The deadline for ticket sales for the Christmas Banquet will be December 5, depending on availability.**

**To purchase tickets, please contact**

**Irma Kittelson - [ijkitt@sasktel.net](mailto:ijkitt@sasktel.net) or 306-934-0881**

**Judy Pidskalny - [pidskalnyj@gmail.com](mailto:pidskalnyj@gmail.com) or 306-955-0026.**

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# Christmas Banquet

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

10:30 a.m. Craft Sale & Social

12:15 p.m. Buffet Meal

Western Development Museum

**\$20** Name on reverse for door prizes  
Scent free, please!



ORIGINAL COVERS

**STS Fall Social**

**Come On Out to this Baseball Theme Event!**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

No cover charge, cash bar!

All STS Members, their friends and family are welcome!

## STS Saskatoon Chapter

Take ME  
Out to the  
Ball  
Game  
Social

Royal Canadian Legion  
606 Spadina Cres W

6:30 pm Hot Dogs - \$1

7:00 pm Music begins

9:15 pm Wrap-up

Come out for music, dancing, socializing, snacks

Band - Original Covers | Full Bar

Free Admission

### A Travel Bug Opportunity:

Shammi is a wealth of information when it comes to travel plans. Hope to see you on November 15!

## Chapter Event - Travel

November 15, 2023

1:30 pm

Eamer Auditorium



- Shammi Rathwell - Travel Advisor CTC from Ixtapa
- Travel will be our guest presenter. She will discuss
- travel opportunities and excursions as well as answer
- questions about travel in general.

**IxtapaTravel**  
ADVICE WORTH SETTING

The STS Distillery Tour has proven to be a very popular. A second tour guide has been arranged and there is now

room for 6 more people to join in. Please contact Darlene Danyliw if you wish to be added to the tour groups.

Watch your email for confirmation and more information about the tour.  
Be sure to check your Junk folder!

## STS Distillery Tour



**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

**1:30 pm**

Register with Darlene at 306-251-0303  
or email: [darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca](mailto:darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca)

We will grab a cocktail and learn about  
all things Lucky Bastard!

**SEW MUCH FUN is Gearing Up for Another  
Season!**



*Nuno Scarf Making in November*

Welcome to Fall, everyone! The time of year when we all start seriously considering how we will ramp up our creative juices and projects for the winter.

To get you started with your plans, here is what the Sew Much Fun group has in the works for the next while. Please note:

1. Register through Wanda at [wandaldrew@gmail.com](mailto:wandaldrew@gmail.com)
2. Payment due when you arrive for the day.
3. All days are held in Eamer Auditorium in the STF building on Arlington.
4. Bring your own beverage.
5. Some people pack a lunch. Some go out as a group. Some dash home to let their dog out!
6. Days start at 9:00 unless stated otherwise below and we sew until about 3:30.
7. Please let Wanda know if something "last minute" will cause you to need to let go of your spot in a class.

Also, please note that all dates for classes include limited spaces for all sewers and crafters to come for the day to work on their own projects (\$5). Please register with Wanda ahead of each date.

#### **October 25 – Personal Project Day**

Christmas is coming!! Plan on using this day to begin / work on / finish those Christmas gifts and decorations.

Fee: \$5.00

#### **November 8 – Nuno Felted Scarves with Cathy Merkley**

Last year, Cathy drove in from her studio in Outlook to teach us how to make felted hats. This year, it's Nuno Felted Scarves! This is a very simple technique with no stitches to learn or previous experience necessary. You will complete a scarf for yourself during this half-day workshop.

**When you register, please let Wanda know if you prefer a morning (9:00-12:00) class or an afternoon (1:00-4:00) class.**

**Fee: \$55.00 (includes materials and instruction)**

Space available for personal project folks (\$5.00)

#### **November 24 – Ever Wanted to Try Sewing with Cork?**

Last spring, a number of our Sew Much Funnies said they would love to try a small project made out of cork . . . mostly for the experience of seeing what it's like to work with this material. So . . . Kim will lead the group in the making of small, raw edged wallets (Small enough to fit in your pocket). Once you've tried sewing with cork, our prediction is you'll be making bags with it before you know

it!!

**When you register, please let Wanda know if you prefer a morning (9:00-12:00) class or an afternoon (1:00-4:00) class.**

**Fee: \$25 (includes materials and instruction)**

Space available for personal project folks (\$5.00)

### **December (date to be determined) – Personal Project Day**

Yikes!! It's December already!! You truly are running out of time for the making of those gifts and decorations!! You better register for this project day and get those tasks done!!

We cannot book December dates at the STF yet, but we know that when the date is booked, it will be a project day.

**January** – If we can secure an instructor, we are planning on having a beading class in January (date to be determined). Just think of all the projects you could do or quilting embellishments you could accomplish if you knew how to bead. We will also have a personal project day in January.

**February – YEARS ago, we had a class in Tote Bag Making.** At that time, we made them out of waxed canvas. Recently, we've been asked to have another Tote Bag class . . .so our plan is to do that in February (date to be determined). We will also have a personal project day in February.

### **March – June – Under Construction**

Woosh!! That pretty much sees us through the winter and the calendar says it's still late September! LOL! We hope there's something in this email that tickles your fancy enough to register for a class or two or three. It's Sew Much Fun when creative people gather in one room to learn from one another, connect over a project or two, and simply spend good time with good people.

**And please keep an eye out for other emails from us. Things change . . .new dates pop up . . .you know how it goes! We'll keep you up to date through emails and the STS newsletters and emails.**

**Cheers for now from your planning team,**

Ann Atchison

Linda Ashley

Mary Lou Ast

Wanda Drew

Kim Newlove

Phyllis Wilson



## **STS Walking Group - Time to FALL into Step!**



**The STS Walking Group faithfully walks every Monday. It's time to FALL into step and hopefully enjoy a few more weeks of the Autumn scenery!**

**Date:** Every Monday morning at 9:00 am

**Where:** Each week the group will meet at a pre-arranged location.

**What:** Loretta Metzger will make contact with pertinent information. Join in **when available!** If you are interested in walking with the motivated group, **please** contact Loretta Metzger at [metzgerl@shaw.ca](mailto:metzgerl@shaw.ca) for further information.

The STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook page also includes weekly updates for the walking group.

**STRIKE! 5-Pin Bowling has started BUT new members are always welcome to join throughout the year! See the Contact Information below!**

## ***STS Teachers' 5 Pin Bowling League***

**Hunter's Eastview Bowl  
2929 Louise St E**

**Who:** Retired Teachers, Spouses/  
Significant Others

**When:** Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**Begins:** Sep 5 — Dec 19, 2023

**Resumes:** Jan 2 — Apr 16, 2024

**Why:** Socialize, Exercise and  
Have a Great Time...

No Experience Necessary!

**To join:** Contact *Ace*  
*Hunter's Eastview Bowl*  
(306-373-4333).

\*\*Ace will place  
you on a team.



## **STS Christmas Carollers**

...**Are you ready to sing?** Our choir will once again be led by Jennifer, accompanied by Bonnie. Start warming up those vocal cords and get ready to do some singing and harmonizing at the **Christmas Banquet on Wednesday,**

**December 13 (Be sure to buy a ticket for the Banquet)!!!**

**Text or call Lis at (306) 717-9548 to join.**

**Rehearsal dates at Eamer Auditorium**

Monday, December 11 3:15 - 4:45 pm

Tuesday, December 12 3:15 - 4:45 pm

**For more information and to sign up for Chapter activities, please contact: Darlene Danyliw: [dedanyliw@gmail.com](mailto:dedanyliw@gmail.com) or 306-249-4494.**

## **2023-2024 STS Diaries Available**

**STS members wishing to obtain an STS Diary** (mini purse-sized calendar) to record special dates and personal activities, **please contact Lyle Markowski**  
**Phone: 306-371-2761 or email: [lylemark@sasktel.net](mailto:lylemark@sasktel.net)**

## **Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA)**

The Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA) continues to offer a number of interesting educational opportunities. It is an excellent organization that supports seniors and offers a wide variety of activities. For more information, check out [scoa.ca](http://scoa.ca). [CLICK HERE](#) There is also a **Coming of Age Publication** that you may wish to peruse. [[CLICK HERE](#)]

**Foundations Learning and Skills  
Saskatchewan (formerly READ Saskatoon)  
has one more possible Orientation Date on  
November 7th.**

## Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan

(formerly READ Saskatoon)

Upcoming orientations for various volunteer opportunities...



## Fall 2023 Orientation Dates

### Want to learn more about us?

Our orientations introduce the community and prospective volunteers to Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan, literacy facts, and literacy challenges facing our city, province, and country.

To find out more or to register, please call Foundations at (306) 652-3448 or visit [FoundationsLearning.com](http://FoundationsLearning.com)

### • August

Date: Wednesday, August 30th  
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Location: Foundations Office,  
2-706 Duchess St



**Foundations**  
Learning & Skills  
Saskatchewan

### • September

Date: Wednesday, September 6th  
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Location: Foundations Office,  
2-706 Duchess St

Date: Thursday, September 7th  
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Location: Online via Zoom

### • October

Date: Wednesday, October 11th  
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Location: Foundations Office,  
2-706 Duchess St

### • November

Date: Tuesday, November 7th  
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Location: Foundations Office,  
2-706 Duchess St

## Prairie Hospice Society - Volunteer With Us

### Volunteers needed.

The need in the community continues to grow, our current volunteers are providing many hours. Learn more by visiting the website:

[www.prairiehospice.org](http://www.prairiehospice.org) [CLICK HERE](#) , or contact:

[@admin.assist@prairiehospice.org](mailto:@admin.assist@prairiehospice.org) or phone 306-249-5554.

**Prairie Hospice Society** is a charitable, non-profit community organization working to ensure access to compassionate, community-based, end-of-life support in Saskatoon. Our goal is to enhance quality of life at the end of life, wherever people call home. We provide one-on-one companionship and non-medical support for clients and their families, raise awareness and educate the community about end-of-life care, and advocate for quality end-of-life care.

## Additional STS Member Information

**This information is included each month as we continuously have new members added to our contact list.**

### Someone You Know May Be Missing Out?

#### We need your help!!

**Do you know retired teachers who wonder why they never hear from the chapter by email or printed mail?** They may be members of the STS Health plan, but never hear from us at all. Please ask them to check either with our Membership Committee: Barb Alberton or Janet Lowndes, or the provincial office, to be sure they are on our membership list. This fall, for whatever reason, we have had several new retirees who were stuck in the limbo of non-chapter status. **Fees are the same - they just are not attached to a local chapter.**

### Important Group Benefit Reminder

**A reminder to all STS members who have recently retired or are leaving another Group Benefit Plan of the sixty-day window to join the STS Group Benefits Plan—the Extended Health Plan including travel and/or the Dental Plan--without having to provide medical evidence of good health. It is possible to join later but you will be asked to provide medical evidence. This same sixty-day window also applies to the spouse of a deceased superannuate or of a deceased active teacher who is then able to become a member of STS and apply to join the STS Group Benefit Plan without having to provide medical evidence of good health.**

### Visitation Outreach

If you know of anyone who is a member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers and is hospitalized or considered a shut-in, please contact **Carol Shanner at [cshanner63@shaw.ca](mailto:cshanner63@shaw.ca) or 306-374-8415** or **Shirley Henderson at [rshenderson@sasktel.net](mailto:rshenderson@sasktel.net) or 306-374-5388** and contact will be arranged.

### The Voice

**The Voice** is a newsletter that is published three times in the STS 2023-2024 year.

To submit articles or suggestions for topics of interest to our general membership, **please contact the editor, Darlene Danyliw: [stsvoiceditor@gmail.com](mailto:stsvoiceditor@gmail.com) or 306-249-4494.**

To change reading *The Voice* to online only, or if there is a label error in your name or address, **please contact Irma Kittelson at [ijkitt@sasktel.net](mailto:ijkitt@sasktel.net).** If your address has changed or will be changing, please inform Irma as soon as possible. Read ([THE VOICE ONLINE HERE](#))

The **STS Provincial Newsletter, [OUTREACH](#)**, is also available to read online; contact the provincial office [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca) to make a change to reading their newsletter online as well.

**Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK - STS SASKATOON CHAPTER**

For photos, find us on [Facebook](#) or our chapter website - <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca> [CLICK HERE](#)

The right side of every page of our website has a contact link for contacting the Executive - messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Executive member.

*On behalf of the STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive, Bonnie Semenoff and Irma Kittelson are the Email Co-Chairs. If you wish to contact us with a question or clarification, our contact email address is [info@stssaskatoon.ca](mailto:info@stssaskatoon.ca).*

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