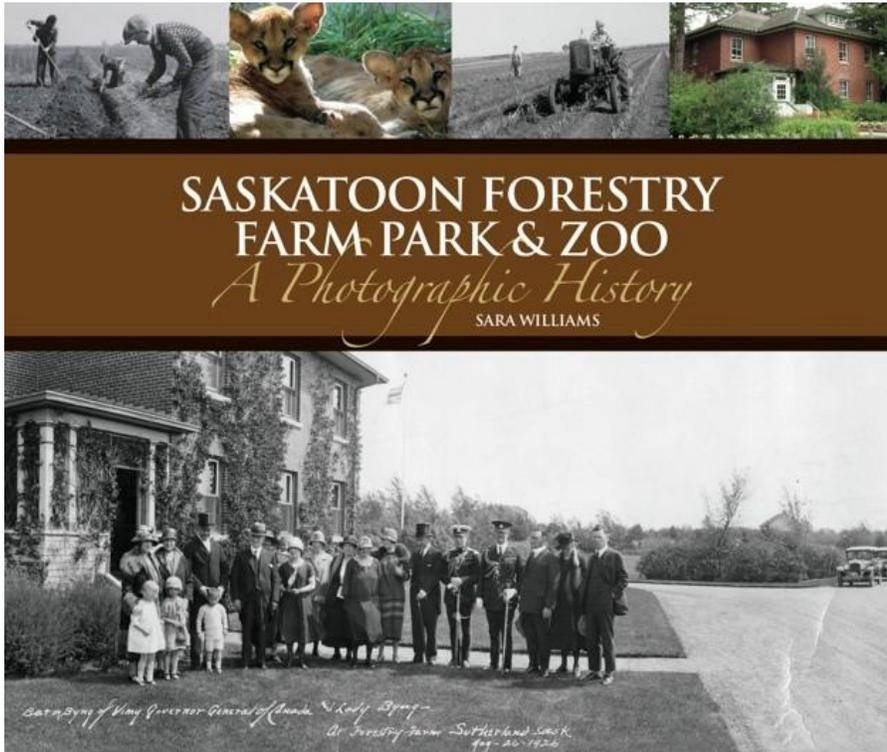




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**Sara Williams captures 100 years of life and work at the Forestry Farm  
in her new book:  
*The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo:  
A Photographic History.***



What we know as the Saskatoon Forestry Farm & Zoo began life as a federal tree nursery just over a century ago. During its working life, it distributed over 147 million trees to prairie farmers, transforming the treeless prairies into the landscape of shelter belts we know today. As iconic to Saskatoon residents as our riverbank or the Bessborough, the Forestry Farm has been the scene of many a family picnic and hosted such famous visitors as Neville Chamberlain, later prime minister of England. *The Saskatoon Forestry Farm & Zoo: A Photographic History* tells the stories of the people who worked there, how these trees were produced, its evolution from a lone porcupine into an accredited zoo, and how it became the park

we love today. Amazing archival and contemporary photos are combined with insightful vignettes from the forest nursery station's beginning on a stubble field through two World Wars and the Depression, to its transfer to the City of Saskatoon and subsequent development.

#### **About the Author**

Retired as the horticultural specialist, University of Saskatchewan, Sara Williams is author of numerous gardening books, most recently, the new and revised edition of *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*. With Hugh Skinner, she has written *Best Trees and Shrubs for the Prairies*, *Best Groundcovers and Vines for the Prairies*, and *Gardening, Naturally: A Chemical-free handbook for the Prairies*. *In a Cold Land* tells the stories of Saskatchewan's horticultural pioneers. She has also written hundreds of articles.

Sara was inducted into Saskatchewan's Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2013. She developed her first garden in the 1960s in the school courtyard in Tanzania, East Africa where she was a volunteer teacher. More recently she has helped to raise over \$200,000 for a hostel for Tanzanian girls so that they can attend secondary school. She gardens on 5 acres of sand near Saskatoon.



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