



## Membership Form

### The Need For A Flora.

For many years, the need for a flora of Saskatchewan has been recognized. Efforts have been made by many botanists several times to produce such a flora without success. The goals outlined by the Saskatchewan Naturalist's Club, formed in 1912, give a very early example of the recognized need for a Flora of Saskatchewan: "To compile and keep up to date a Saskatchewan flora" (Belcher, 1996, page 4). This need is no less evident than it was nearly a century ago. Students learning botany must piece together parts of floras from adjacent territories and deal with overly broad floras that make identifying plants tedious. A Flora of Saskatchewan would make learning the botany of Saskatchewan much easier, generate more interest in botany in Saskatchewan, and make the identification and study of Saskatchewan plants much more efficient.

Although many people greatly enjoy studying the plants of Saskatchewan, studying our region's botany is not simply a frivolous hobby. Our knowledge of the variation, distribution, and taxonomy of plants forms the basis of culture and cultural environment, of ecology, and the basic knowledge needed to manage our natural resources. To not have a Flora of Saskatchewan is to provide those studying the plants of Saskatchewan a distinct disadvantage compared to other areas that do have a regional flora. A flora of Saskatchewan would compile decades of study and expertise into a single, highly accessible volume.

### New Efforts.

The Flora of Saskatchewan Project was started in 2003 by a volunteer group of Saskatchewan botanists. Support from the botanical community for this project is above and beyond any other previous effort. With the support of sponsors and the hard work of many volunteers, the project holds the promise of great success.

Many volunteers have signed up to administrate, research, write, and test the flora of Saskatchewan. When finished the completed volumes will be compiled to form the first Flora of Saskatchewan. The Flora of Saskatchewan will allow all botanists to easily learn and study the plants in our province.

### References:

Belcher, Margaret. 1996. The Isabel Priestly Legacy: Saskatchewan Natural History Society 1949-1990. Special Publication No. 19. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Saskatchewan Natural History Society (Nature Saskatchewan).

**The Flora of Saskatchewan Association Inc. (FOSA)** is an initiative by local botanists whose goal is to publish the Flora of Saskatchewan. Ultimately, we hope to make Saskatchewan botany accessible to a wider audience and to make the process of studying plants easier and more productive.

## FOSA Membership Form

As a non-profit organization, FOSA requires the support of members. By buying a membership you will receive regular progress reports, and a chance to participate in the project at our annual general meetings. The money from memberships goes to support publication costs.

Memberships cost \$10.00 each.

Membership forms and fees (payable by cheque to “Flora of Saskatchewan Association Inc.”) can be sent to:

Mary Vetter  
Luther College  
University of Regina  
Regina, SK S4S 0A2

- ▶ Annual memberships are renewed at the end of the fiscal year on March 31st.
- ▶ The sole purpose of FOSA is to publish the Flora of Saskatchewan.
- ▶ The Flora of Saskatchewan will have many authors, and so will be published under the name “Flora of Saskatchewan Association Inc.”
- ▶ When the Flora is published, the corporation will be dissolved.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of the board members listed to the right, or by email at: [mary.vetter@gmail.com](mailto:mary.vetter@gmail.com)

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## Membership Application Form

To enroll as a member of FOSA, please print the following form, fill in the appropriate information (as to who mail should be addressed), and mail a cheque payable to: Flora of Saskatchewan Association Inc. to Mary Vetter, Luther College, University of Regina, Regina, SK S4S 0A2.

Enclosed is:

\$10 for a 1-year Membership

Payment Method: cash  cheque

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Yes, I would like to receive progress reports via email.

Annual memberships in FOSA are renewed at our fiscal year-end which is March 31st. If you have any further questions regarding the FOSA please feel free to email us at: [mary.vetter@gmail.com](mailto:mary.vetter@gmail.com).