

A watercolor sketch of the Saskatoon skyline. The foreground is dominated by a dense layer of green and yellow foliage, rendered with soft, blended washes and some darker outlines. Behind the trees, several buildings are visible. On the left is a prominent building with a dark, pointed roof and a tower-like structure. In the center is a taller, more modern-looking building with a grid-like facade. On the right is another tall, rectangular building with a similar grid pattern. The sky is a mix of light and dark blue washes, suggesting a bright, slightly overcast day. The overall style is loose and artistic, typical of a sketch.

SKETCHES OF
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Introduction

At the heart of Saskatoon lies the South Saskatchewan River. The river traces its way through the city, much like the Seine meanders through Paris. That's just one of many reasons Saskatoon is referred to as Paris of the Prairies or the City of Bridges.

Since 1882, when Dakota Chief

Whitecap counseled settler John Lake to locate his temperance colony on the south bank of the river, the city has grown in every sense and every direction.

Most of the images in this collection are just a stone's throw or a short walk from the South Saskatchewan. As you

make your way through the pages of this book, I hope you will touch and be touched by the heart of Saskatoon.

May you enjoy exploring these Sketches of Saskatoon as much as I loved creating them.

(The Founders' sculpture created by Hans Holtkamp.)

VIMY MEMORIAL

The bandshell, built in 1937, commemorates members of the WWI Canadian forces who took part in the Battle at Vimy Ridge. These days, the only skirmish you'll find on this site is a battle of the bands. You're even more likely to spot photographers shooting photos of wedding parties with the bandshell in the background.



PLANTERS AND POSTERS

Come summer, I've been known to cruise around downtown simply to enjoy these overflowing planters basking in the sun on every street corner. Keeping this planter company is one of many poster poles advertising upcoming events. On those sweet summer days, you have to relish every moment that you can!



SHAKESPEARE ON THE SASKATCHEWAN

Good ol' William Shakespeare's work has been performed indoors and out all over the world. So it's no surprise that Billy puts in an appearance on the riverbank here in Saskatoon. What a treat to spend a long summer's evening taking in the bard's plays under the big top! Bring a jacket and bug spray; you just might need them.



MERRY GO ROUND

In Kinsmen Park, you'll find this popular merry go round circling under its brightly striped canopy. Many children—my own included—have taken their first horseback rides on this very merry go round. You'll see young faces both enraptured in delight and volcanic in meltdown. After all, not everyone gets to ride the zebra, the white rabbit, or their animal of choice.



ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER

For a bit of summer fun, gather a group of friends for a cruise on the Prairie Lily Riverboat. Relax and enjoy a cool drink, a light breeze, and a fresh new perspective on the city. You'll be safer on the Lily than if you'd sailed on the City of Medicine Hat paddle steamer. In 1908, that boat snagged an underwater telegraph cable and capsized after crashing into the Traffic Bridge. But that's another story for another day.



PELICANS AT THE WEIR

It's unlikely the pelicans were on hand to view the paddle steamer disaster that fateful day in 1908. But on most hot summer days, you'll find these big beaked beauties soaring the skies above the river. You can also watch them floating and fishing to their hearts' content in the frothy foam of the downstream weir.





BROADWAY THEATRE

While you're on the east side of the river, check out the scene on Broadway. The Broadway Theatre anchors one of the most walkable streets in Saskatoon. The theatre itself has been a landmark since its opening in 1946. It continues to host many events as a centre for repertory film and live performance.

BROADWAY ROASTERY

Fresh-brewed coffee, a sheltered spot in the warm summer sun, and lively conversation among friends. This scene is repeated over and over at coffee shops like the Broadway Roastery near the old Five Corners. You're welcome to order a java, grab a seat, and join right in!





ALWAYS THE ELMS

No matter where you go in the established parts of Saskatoon, you'll find grand old elms arching over the streets and boulevards. Sculptural in winter, cool and shady in summer, and gloriously colored in fall, they add beauty to every season of the year.

TUCKED IN THE TREES

Tree-lined Spadina and Saskatchewan Crescents trace the banks of the river through the centre of the city. Nestled beneath their grand old elms are some of the city's most unique homes. I've often dreamed about living in this turret house on Spadina. It still catches my eye each time I pass by.



A FINAL NOTE

Whether you live here, used to live here, are just passing through, or happen to be a friend of a friend who thought you ought to meet this city, I hope you've enjoyed this "sketchy" tour of Saskatoon.

Of course, there's more to learn about this great city of ours—more than it's possible to capture in the pages of any book. So come soak up Saskatoon's beauty firsthand. Bring your friends. We'll make you all feel welcome!



From the Artist

I was born in this city and raised on our family farm an hour's drive away. I love Saskatoon. I always have and always will!

Throughout my childhood, a trip to Saskatoon sparked anticipation and excitement. Visits to the grandparents and cousins (yeah), the dentist (yuck), and the summer Exhibition (woohoo) all lay at the other end of the highway. As childhood gave way to adolescence, the city's shopping, movies, and drive-in restaurants became an even bigger draw.



Fast on the heels of high school, I moved to Saskatoon to attend the University of Saskatchewan. Over the years, this city provided me with an education, a career, a husband, a home, a family, and a community to call my own. I've now lived here more than 40 years, and I never tire of Saskatoon's beauty and charm.

Professionally, I'm an educator who helps leaders and organizations boost energy, fuel enthusiasm, and inspire insight. I lead seminars, speak at conferences, and author books on these topics. You can learn more about my work at www.patkatz.com.

A relative newcomer to the world of art, I've taken up watercolor painting only in the last decade. Brush, paint and paper quickly laid claim to my heart. To learn about my journey as an artist and enjoy more of the paintings from my Pauseworks Studio, visit www.patkatzart.com.

On the whole, I'm what you might call an Appreciative Adventurer—someone who finds joy and beauty wherever I am and wherever I go. In art, as in life, I try to share the inspiring message that *Life Is Good*. I hope you feel heartened and uplifted in the company of my work.

Appreciatively yours,

SKETCHES OF *Saskatoon*

BY PATRICIA KATZ

Share the friendly splendour of Saskatoon!

Snapshot mementos are dandy, but something extraordinary happens when everyday sights and scenes are captured through an artist's eye and hand.

Saskatoon native Patricia Katz has painted an artful journey that weaves its way in and around her beloved City of Bridges on the South Saskatchewan River.

Whether you live in Saskatoon now or did in the past, Sketches of Saskatoon delivers a colourful stroll down memory lane. If you've not yet had the pleasure of visiting Saskatoon, these candid works in ink and watercolor may well prompt a visit to experience firsthand the city's charm and beauty.

This book is a delightful way to share the city's friendly splendour with family, friends, and colleagues—newcomers and old-timers alike. And you'll find that Sketches of Saskatoon makes a picture-perfect gift from one of the most beautiful destinations on the Canadian prairies.

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The artist will donate a share of the proceeds from each book to Saskatoon charities, making it a gift that keeps on giving.