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SIAST offers evening gardening courses

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Prince Albert, April 20, 2010 – Gardening courses at SIAST Woodland Campus this spring will appeal to all varieties of gardeners – from those planting a few pots to people with an acreage to landscape.

“Spring is an exciting time of year for gardeners, both beginners and advanced,” says Garry Whitley, a continuing education consultant at SIAST. “Gardening is a hobby that also contributes to cleaner air, greener neighbourhoods and healthier lifestyles. We offer courses designed to inform and inspire participants to create their own unique gardens. Participants will be able to develop a design that suits their specific needs.”

For those who have thought about starting a garden, but just aren't sure on how to go about it, SIAST offers **Getting Started – Gardening for Beginners**. This course covers gardening basics such as site location, bed preparation, equipment and tools, plant selection and basic care. The course is offered on May 3 from 7 to 10 p.m., so those working full time or who have other daytime commitments can still attend.

Patio Gardening is for people who want to grow fresh vegetables but who don't have much time or space. The course provides tips and techniques on creating edible green space on the patio, and it takes place on April 26 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Plant Identification for Landscaping will focus on what trees, shrubs and ground cover are suitable for acreage and urban yards in the PA area. Discussion will cover commonly used plants in landscape design and how to identify and select plants. This course will be held on May 10 from 7 to 10 p.m.

All courses will take place at SIAST Woodland Campus.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the

most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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