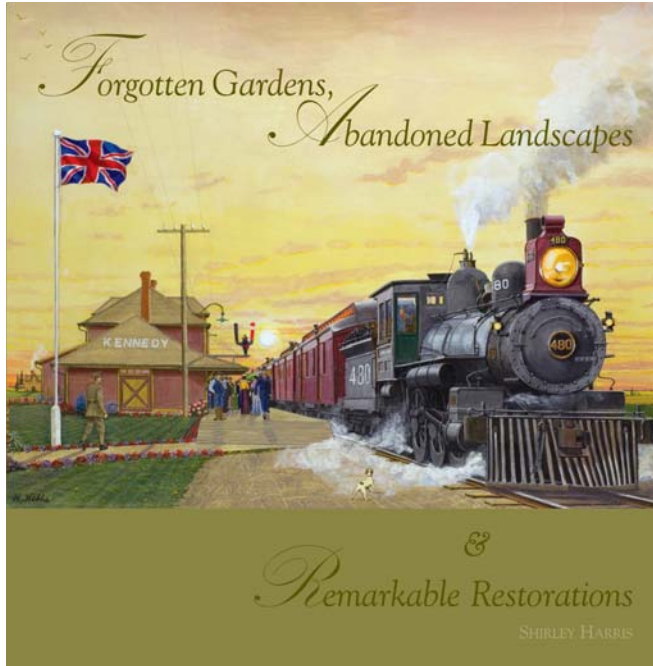


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Forgotten Gardens, Abandoned Landscapes & Remarkable Restorations



In the early 1900s, train station gardens were part of the welcoming gateway to the travelling public, an introduction to the urbanity of the area and the productiveness of the soil. Today, all that remains of what were once colourful station gardens are a few evergreens, a dishevelled hedge of caraganas and lilacs—and a mystery as to why they exist in these peculiar spots.

This book may rekindle some memories of station gardens, introduce yet another chapter to the lives of the West's first settlers and answer some questions regarding those remaining, seemingly oddly-placed trees and hedges near the main streets of many communities.

Your Nickel's Worth Publishing is pleased to introduce *Forgotten Gardens, Abandoned Landscapes & Remarkable Restorations*, a 248-page book written by Shirley Harris of Wolseley, Saskatchewan and illustrated in full colour with many historical photographs and paintings, tracing the mystery of this little-known aspect of prairie history and its continued effect on western communities today.

Shirley Harris documents a settlement history, a cultural history and a horticultural history that illustrates vividly the cultural, social and psychological contributions of the pioneer and CPR gardens. Their legacy lives today in our contemporary gardens—public and private—and in our sense of beauty, place and self in our communities.

Perry Millar
Managing Editor, University Extension Press, University of Saskatchewan and Master Gardener

A delightful review of prairie history, interwoven with biographies, historical data, and gardening themes of the era, all leading up to the development of the CPR nursery at Wolseley, now all but forgotten. This book gives insights into the struggles of the pioneers, and their desires for gardens similar to those they left behind. Gardeners with an interest in history will find this a fascinating and well-researched account of the CPR gardens and their impact on the new settlers and their communities.

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Shirley was born at Kennedy, Saskatchewan, graduated from Luther College in Regina and is a former teacher. She and her husband Gary live in Wolseley, Saskatchewan where they own a forty-acre garden centre consisting of a 1912 guest house, show gardens and arboretum. In the late 1990s they received an environmental award from the Canadian Tree Foundation for the planting of many trees and shrubs on the property, as well as for the maintenance and care of their mature trees. Their passion for plants, art, black and white photography, books and antiques has been brought together in a unique store, Heritage Furnishings, also located in Wolseley.



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