



Fran & John Clarke



Fran and John Clarke were BC transplants who moved to Saskatchewan in the early 80s, fell in love with the province, and never left. They moved to Saskatoon with their family for John's post-graduate work, and then carried on to the beautiful city of Swift Current where they raised their family. Both Fran and John worked in the agriculture sector at the Swift Current Research Station, and the family had many happy memories of gardening both in their yard and in the community gardens at the station.

In the early 2000s, Fran and John moved from Swift Current to Saskatoon to build their dream acreage. They brought many of their beloved plants from their abundant xeriscape yard in Swift Current and worked tirelessly to infuse their land with a fruit orchard, rose gardens, and a large garden area that grew enough produce to support not only their household, but also their children's and their friends.

Fran and John were huge supporters of eating and buying locally. They were big fans of Co-op Gold because of Co-op's commitment to local farmers, and they visited the Farmer's Market every weekend to buy local produce from the vendors of Saskatoon and area. They were proud to serve family dinners where they ate food they had grown, and they understood the importance of food security.

It has been the family's immense pleasure to help provide support to CHEP by donating much of Fran and John's garden tools, including their rototiller. May they be remembered for embodying the spirit of Saskatchewan.