

Nutrien Wonderhub

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"AN OCEAN OF PLASTIC" EXHIBIT BY MONIQUE MARTIN COMES TO NUTRIEN WONDERHUB

This striking exhibit brings the distant reality of ocean plastic pollution into tangible focus

June 2, 2025, Saskatoon, SK – Nutrien Wonderhub (Wonderhub) announced today that a new installation is temporarily on view at Saskatchewan's only children's museum. *An Ocean of Plastic* by local artist Monique Martin features large silkscreened transparent cloth panels and mixed media. The panels depict the Pacific Garbage Patch and the plastics in the ocean. The panel images are enhanced with glass and plastic beads which were sourced from secondhand stores, outlets, and/or donated. The plastic strips used to suspend the panels are from pandemic election booths. Martin was able to bring this project to life with a grant from the <u>Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition</u>.

At Wonderhub there are approximately 50 panels of the exhibit on display from **June 3 to June 27**, **2025.** The panels are in front of the large windows in Create Space, looking out to the South Saskatchewan River. The silkscreened monoprints will catch the light and cast shadows of waste onto the surrounding space, inviting viewers to see ocean plastics as an issue right at home.

"Monique is a Saskatchewan-based artist and one of the first to be featured at Wonderhub since our opening. As an experienced arts educator, Monique creates work that genuinely resonates with children—captivating, thoughtful, and deeply engaging," said Melanie Rogowski, Director of Education and Exhibits. "We're thrilled to present a preview of her latest exhibit, *An Ocean of Plastic*, which invites families to reflect on our role in protecting water systems. The beloved river that runs through our city flows all the way to the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, reminding us that even here, in land locked Saskatchewan, we are part of a much larger ecosystem. Monique's work encourages us to consider our place in that global conversation."

On June 6 and June 27, Monique and her studio assistant, Kelsey Ford will be facilitating interactive workshops in Create Space – details available on wonderhub.ca. Wonderhub invites the public to come visit the museum and discover this exhibit in person until June 27, 2025. Access to the exhibit is included with membership or admission.

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About Nutrien Wonderhub: Nutrien Wonderhub is Saskatchewan's only children's museum. Wonderhub brings children and families together to create, learn, and play. At the museum kids explore endless possibilities, enriching their imaginations and their lives. As a non-profit organization, Wonderhub makes learning fun during a key developmental time in children's lives. Located in Saskatoon in the historic Mendel Building, the museum is on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. To learn more, visit www.wonderhub.ca or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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