



**The Greatest Show (& Tell!) in Saskatoon Returns to Prairieland Park on May 25, 2019.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire offers a family-friendly showcase of inventions and creations! Glimpse the future and get inspired!**

**SASKATOON, SK - (May 5, 2019)** More than 100 Makers, scientists, artists, crafters, and engineers will gather to show and share on Saturday May 25, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire.

This daylong celebration of Do-It-Yourself and Do-It-Together creativity and invention is a high-energy community festival, with multiple workshops, unusual displays, many hands-on activity booths and interactive demos for all ages. Activities include operating robots, fabricating cosplay props, creating a video game controller using bananas and Play-Doh, soldering, textile crafts and how-to, pyrography (aka woodburning), sculpting, live face-casting, and learning how to create your own board games.

We suggest interviews with these Makers:

- Rylan Grayston: A Maker at heart with a millions ideas!
- John Tumbach: High voltage electricity and things that are big and flashy
- Charity Neusitzer (Charity Dawn Cosplay): Using unconventional materials in creative & innovative ways!
- Stephanie Melnyk (Prairie Pyro Designs): Woodburning artist with great teaching skills
- Jordan Yaworski (Hephaestus Forge): The master of props and FX work!

Workshops and Make-and-Take activities range from learning to solder, creating your own cosplay props, silk screening your own t-shirt, make a button on a button press, build a race car, and participate in collective string art! Each Maker exhibit has something for you to learn and try! This event is perfect for artists, engineers, crafters, educators and innovators, and an ideal experience for the *whole family*.

Sharing the creativity and unique skills of Saskatchewan's Makers with the world is one of the fundamental goals, but perhaps of higher importance is getting kids interested in making things. Involvement in STEAM-based programs is crucial to our province's future, as technology will continue to impact every kind of career path. For many children, a Maker Faire could be the catalyst that steers them towards the jobs of tomorrow. Maker Faire is designed in such a way that the learning and sharing opportunities are hidden in a fun and interactive maze of discoveries.

Creativity and innovation is often the result of approaching a problem with a different perspective or a collaboration between great minds. Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire (and Maker Faire as a whole) aims to connect and strengthen connections between Makers of all backgrounds. From young to old, everyone can benefit by sharing their inspirations, skills, and knowledge.

**Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire 2018 reviews:** Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire debuted in 2018 with outstanding reviews from its attendees. When describing their Maker Faire experience, last year's attendees wrote:

*"It was amazing! I could not get the kids to leave!"*

*"Wonderful mix of the ancient's arts and new technologies"*

*"Hours of MAKING, BUILDING, EXPERIMENTING, LEARNING... Totally Nerding Out."*

*"There really was something for everyone!"*

*"Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire was FANTASTIC, looking forward to next year already!"*

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**Images and logos available:** <http://SaskatoonMakerFaire.com/media-center/>

**Meet the Makers** page to search and browse all Makers: <https://saskatoon.makerfaire.com/makers-2019/>

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**Fact Sheet:**

**Name:** Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire

**Date & Time:** Saturday May 25, 2019 – 10am-6pm

**Venue:** WTC Saskatoon at Prairieland Park, Hall D, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Tagline:** Maker Faire is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth!

**Description:** A family-friendly showcase of inventions, creativity and playfulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.

**Website:** [SaskatoonMakerFaire.com](http://SaskatoonMakerFaire.com) (for all event info and tickets)

**Type:** Annual showcase of creativity and innovation

**Content:** Over 50 unique and fun exhibits, demos, and workshops with a focus on interactivity. Workshops and hands-on activities are included with admission. Minimal fees may be required to cover material of some Make-and-Take activities.

**Ticketing:** Ticketed event. Purchased directly from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saskatoon-mini-maker-faire-2019-tickets-58611167580?aff=PRSS> - Tickets also available at the door

**Producer & Organizers:** Saskatoon Mini Maker Faire is independently organized and produced by The Maker Nucleus Foundation Inc. – *a Saskatchewan non-profit organization managed by volunteer artisans, inventors and entrepreneurs* – and operates under license from Maker Media, Inc.

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