

## **John Van Eaton Receives the 2013 SAW Watershed Stewardship Award**

This is an annual award that will be presented at the SAW conference to an individual, group, organization, business or agency in recognition of watershed stewardship activities that show a commitment to improve Saskatchewan's watersheds. The recipient this year is John Van Eaton.

John was a driving force in the formation of the Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc. in 1999 and was its long serving chair. His vision and commitment to improve watersheds for future generations have proven invaluable in assisting in the formation of other watersheds and the creation of SAW in 2008. Establishing SAW was no easy undertaking and John expertly guided everyone through the developmental stages to the provincial organization it now is – recognized by government and industry as the reliable voice of watersheds in Saskatchewan. He was also the first Chair of SAW.

On behalf of SAW, John has made numerous presentations to the provincial and federal governments, as well as other provincial organizations regarding the need to protect source water. He has spent countless hours seeking additional funding and partnerships that will benefit SAW and its members in the long term. John exemplifies the criteria of leadership and commitment to watershed stewardship that embody this award.