



## 2012 NATIONAL EDITION

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Edmonton Capital Region hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National Awards Ceremonies in Alberta, honouring municipalities across Canada, Europe, Singapore and Japan.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the promotion of green spaces in community settings.

National Acting Chair Bob Lewis – on behalf of the National Committee, Judges, and Sponsors – sincerely thanks and congratulates all the communities for their involvement in the program. “Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, they can all be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions that benefit all of society.”

### National Award Winners

Up to 1,200:	Appleton, Newfoundland & Labrador	10,001 to 20,000:	Lambton Shores, Ontario
1,201 to 3,000:	Beausejour, Manitoba	20,001 to 50,000:	Fort Erie, Ontario
3,001 to 6,500:	Jasper, Alberta	Over 50,001:	Granby, Québec
6,501 to 10,000:	Castlegar, British Columbia	Canadian Forces Sustainable Communities:	CFB Borden, Ontario

### Class of Champions

*Strathcona County, Alberta* in the Large population category, and *Boissevain, Manitoba* in the Small population category, were the winners in the Class of Champions, a category where past winners compete amongst themselves.

### International Challenge

*Killarney Town, Ireland* in the Large population category, and *St. Martin’s Parish, Guernsey, Channel Islands, British Isles* in the Small population category, were the winners in the International Challenge, a competition between winners of various national programs.

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

Scotts Turf Builder <i>Turf and Groundcovers</i> Award:	Wood Buffalo, Alberta
Communities in Bloom <i>Sustainable Development</i> Award:	Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia
Communities in Bloom Foundation <i>Youth Involvement</i> Award:	Gibbons, Alberta
Home Hardware <i>Community Involvement</i> Award:	Lambton Shores, Ontario
Communities in Bloom <i>Environmental Action</i> Award:	MARLANT, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Scotts <i>Community of Gardeners</i> Award:	Brandon, Manitoba
National Capital Commission <i>Floral Displays</i> Award:	Trail, British Columbia
CN <i>Urban Forestry</i> Award:	Edmonton, Alberta
Home Hardware <i>Beauti-Tone Heritage Conservation</i> Award:	Pembroke, Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association <i>Landscape</i> Award:	Stettler, Alberta
Communities in Bloom <i>Tidiness</i> Award:	Brooks, Alberta
Municipal World <i>WinterLife</i> Award:	Wood Buffalo, Alberta
The Butchart Gardens <i>Land Reclamation</i> Award:	Mission, British Columbia
Special Award for the <i>Green Community Program</i> :	South West District, Singapore

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**Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the promotion and importance of green spaces in community settings.**

*“People, plants and pride... growing together” is our slogan, and it captures the essence of the program.*

**History.** Established with the guidance of Britain in Bloom, Tidy Towns of Ireland and *Villes et Villages Fleuris de France*, Communities in Bloom held its first edition in 1995 and 29 participating municipalities were honoured at the first awards ceremonies on Parliament Hill. The program now includes hundreds of communities across the country, and an international challenge involving communities from the United States, Japan and several European countries allows participants to compete internationally.

**Program.** The program consists of communities receiving information and being evaluated either provincially or nationally by a volunteer jury of trained professionals on the accomplishments of their entire community (municipal, private, corporate and institutional sectors, citizens) on eight key criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Turf & Groundcovers, Floral Displays Community Involvement.

**Benefits.** The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. These benefits make Communities in Bloom a program where everyone wins. Participants can benefit financially from the program through community tourism initiatives, business opportunities for the entire community, and other related projects. A valuable information exchange network allows communities to share accomplishments, best practices and projects.

All participants are showcased on the Communities in Bloom website through the “Explore our Communities” section, with a description page and a link to their respective community website. The *Communities in Bloom Magazine*, published twice a year, also features participants and program results, as well as articles and educational content. Communities in Bloom develops, with its partners and sponsors, initiatives and promotional opportunities.

**National Symposium on Parks and Grounds.** Held in conjunction with the annual national awards ceremonies, this event is a unique opportunity for elected officials, parks and grounds professionals and community volunteers to learn and share about current issues, trends and challenges not only in horticulture and gardening, but in community tourism and projects, environmental awareness, and much more. Workshops and awards ceremonies are also held in all provinces throughout the year.

The **Communities in Bloom Foundation**, established to support the educational aspect of its activities, is dedicated to funding, developing and disseminating education and awareness to a wide audience on the value, improvement, importance and sustainable development of green spaces and natural environment in Canadian society. The foundation also awards bursaries to students in horticulture / environment programs.

His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada is the Patron of Communities in Bloom.

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CATEGORY	RATING	SPECIAL MENTION /RECOGNITION
<b><u>Over 50,001</u></b>		
<b>Ville de Granby, QC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Miner Heritage Farm</b>
City of Sarnia, ON	5	Native Plant Rescue and One Tomato Project
R.M of Wood Buffalo, AB	5	Sports Fields
<b><u>20,001 – 50,000</u></b>		
<b>Town of Fort Erie, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Point Abino Lighthouse Restoration</b>
Town of Conception Bay South, NL	4	The Manuels River Experience
District of Mission, BC	5	Gorilla Gardeners
District of West Kelowna / Westbank First Nation, BC	5	Westbank First Nation Expanded Art Program
<b><u>10,001 – 20,000</u></b>		
<b>Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Native Tree Project</b>
Town of Beaumont, AB	5	CiB Pancake Kick-Off Breakfast
City of Brooks, AB	5	Community Involvement in the Floral Program
Town of Essex, ON	5	War of 1812 Peace Garden
Ville de Lachute, QC	5	Main Street Floral Arrangements
<b><u>6,501 – 10,000</u></b>		
<b>City of Castlegar, BC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Brilliant Bridge Restoration Project</b>
Town of Amherst, NS	4	Information Kiosks
Town of Hinton, AB	5	Signage Design
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5	The Art Gallery's Innovative Programs
<b><u>3,001 – 6,500</u></b>		
<b>Municipality of Jasper, AB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	4	Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage
District of Hope, BC	4	Wood Carvings
City of Humboldt, SK	5	Reclamation of Water Ridge Park
Town of Kindersley, SK ( <i>non competitive</i> )	4	Walking Trail Strategic Plan
Town of St. Stephen, NB	4	Dover Hill Park
Town of Sussex, NB	5	Serenity Garden
Town of Vegreville, AB	4	Volunteer & Service Clubs Generous Involvement
<b><u>1,201 – 3,000</u></b>		
<b>Town of Beausejour, MB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Wally Chryplywy Nature Park</b>
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5	Xeriscape Landscaping in Aid of Water Conservation
Town of Bruderheim, AB	4	Evergreen 25 Year Management Plan
Dawson City, YT	5	Enhanced Green Space by Recreational Grounds and Schools
Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC	5	Work of the Miami River Streamkeepers
Town of Trenton, NS	4	Heritage Room Museum
<b><u>Up to 1,200</u></b>		
<b>Town of Appleton, NL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>The Riverfront Peace Park</b>
Village of Bittern Lake, AB	5	Floral Arrangements Supported by ACE Metal
Town of Kinistino, SK	5	"Adopt a Pot/Planter" Project
Village de Sainte-Pétronille, QC	5	A Stroll in the Heart of the Village
Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC	5	Partnership Between Sun Rivers & TK'emlups First Nation
Community of Tignish, PE	5	Tignish Veterans Memorial Garden
Hamlet of Valhalla, AB	4	Heritage Book for the 100th Birthday in 2013

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<b><u>Canadian Forces Sustainable Communities</u></b>		
<b>CFB Borden, ON</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Restoration of WWI Training Trenches</b>
4 Wing Cold Lake, AB	4	Completion of Front Entrance
19 Wing Comox, BC	4	Reconstruction of Front Entrance to the Base
CFB Kingston, ON	4	Wall of Honour
CFB Petawawa, ON ( <i>non competitive</i> )	4	Ongoing Wellness Garden
CFB Shilo, MB	4	Military Family Resource Centre
CFB Suffield, AB	4	Student Banner Contest
MARLANT - Maritimes Forces Atlantic, Halifax, NS	4	Urban Forestry Plan
<b><u>Class of Champions (Large Category)</u></b>		
<b>Strathcona County, AB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Beaver Hills Initiative</b>
City of Barrie, ON	5	City of Barrie Strategic Plan
City of Charlottetown, PE	5	Murphy's Community Centre
City of Fort St. John, BC	5	North Peace Museum
City of Lethbridge, AB	5	Native Prairie Plants Garden at Galt Museum
City of Medicine Hat, AB	5	Floral Displays
<b><u>Class of Champions (Small Category)</u></b>		
<b>Town of Boissevain, MB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Community Dedication to Beautification</b>
Town of Aylmer, ON	5	Interconnected Parks
City of Dauphin, MB	5	Community of Gardeners
Town of Millet, AB	5	Volunteer Recognition by Town and Businesses
Town of Vermilion, AB	5	Town, Business, and College Partnerships
<b><u>International Challenge (Large Category)</u></b>		
<b>Killarney Town, Ireland</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Volunteer Involvement</b>
City of Kamloops, BC	5	Turf Management and Extreme Quality of Sports Accommodation
City of Leduc, AB	5	Floral Displays
City of Pembroke, ON	5	Cultural Heritage
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5	Urban Forestry
South West District, Singapore	5	The Lakeside Grove Park Community Garden
<b><u>International Challenge (Small Category)</u></b>		
<b>St. Martin's Parish, Guernsey, Channel Islands, British Isles</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Volunteer Involvement in Beautification</b>
Town of Assiniboia, SK	5	Creation of The Healing Garden
Aya Town, Japan	5	The Aya Way – Communication and Collaboration
Community of Fogo, NL	5	Community Driven Beautification
Village of Forestburg, AB	5	Signature Forest Landscape
Town of Gibbons, AB	5	Youth Involvement
Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB	5	Productive Community Garden
Town of Neepawa, MB	5	Re-established Community Garden
Village of Smržice, Czech Republic	5	Community and Business Supported Plantings
Town of Stettler, AB	5	Pedestrian Walking Paths
City of Trail, BC	5	Blossoming Community Partnerships

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<b><u>Special Attractions (non competitive)</u></b>		
Battlefields Park, Québec, QC	5	Green Waste Management
Reford Gardens, Grand-Métis, QC	5	Landscape Design – International Garden Festival
SDC Vieux-Montréal, QC	5	Public Art
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, AB	5	Kurelek from the Community: Artwork from Private Collections
Château Ramezay - Musée et site historique de Montréal, QC ( <i>non evaluated</i> )	N/A	N/A
<b><u>Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non competitive)</u></b>		
Town of Athabasca, AB	5	Community Commitment to Recycling
City of Brandon, MB	5	Outstanding Private and Public Gardens
City of Calgary, AB	5	Parks Foundation Calgary
City of Edmonton, AB	5	Community and Business Revitalization Zones
Town of Qualicum Beach, BC	5	Heritage Conservation
City of Stratford, ON	5	Reconstruction of the Avon River Pergola
<b><u>Circle of Excellence – Non Evaluated (non competitive)</u></b>		
Town of Antigonish, NS	Town of Hampton, NB	City of Oshawa, ON
City of Brampton, ON	City of Kingston, ON	Town of Pincher Creek, AB
City of Campbell River, BC	City of London, ON	Ville de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC
Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON	Town of Minto, ON	City of Summerside, PE
Village of Denzil, SK	Town of New Glasgow, NS	Town of Viking, AB
Town of Goderich, ON	Town of Olds, AB	Town of Virden, MB
		Ville de Westmount, QC

### Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

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