

On September 28th, the 25th Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, honouring municipalities across Canada, the United States, Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia and United Kingdom.

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 enhancement of green spaces in communities.

National Chair Bob Lewis said: "On behalf of the National Committee, Judges and Sponsors, we sincerely thank and congratulate the many hundreds of communities and the tens of thousands of those involved in the program over the past 25 years : their efforts have helped to green our communities and make them better places to live in, to work in ...and to visit."

National & International Award Winners

Up to 2,500:	Bruderheim, AB
2,501 - 7,500:	Merrickville-Wolford, ON
7,501 - 25,000:	Kingsville, ON
International Challenge (Very Small):	Usseaux, Torino, Italia
International Challenge (Small):	Stettler, AB, Canada
International Challenge (Medium):	Nivelles, BW, Belgium
International Challenge (Large):	Coquitlam, BC, Canada
Class of Champions (Small):	Indian Head, SK
Class of Champions (Medium):	Rosemère, QC
Grand Champions:	Boissevain-Morton, MB

Outstanding Achievement Awards Winners

Communities in Bloom 25th Anniversary Award:	Indian Head, SK & Stratford, ON
Home Hardware Community Involvement Award:	Maple Creek, SK
Scotts Community of Gardeners Award:	Jasper, AB
Communities in Bloom Urban Forestry Award:	Brandon, MB
National Capital Commission Floral Displays Award:	Cold Lake, AB
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone Heritage Conservation Award:	Edmonton, AB & Millet, AB
Scotts Turf Builder Landscape Award:	Melfort, SK
Natura Tidiness Award:	Trail, BC
Municipal World WinterLife Award:	Merrickville-Wolford, ON
Scotts Youth Involvement Award:	Bruderheim, AB
The Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award:	Castlegar, BC
Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association Environmental Action Award:	Orangeville, ON
Ball International Floral Displays Award:	Spello, Perugia, Italia
CiB Foundation International Youth Involvement Award :	Székesfehérvár, Hungary
CiB Foundation International Community Involvement Award:	Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary

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Category	Rating	Special Mention / Recognition
Up to 2,500		
Town of Bruderheim, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Bruderheim School Tiger Garden
Village of Chipman, NB	4 Blooms	Heritage History Project with Local Seniors
Village of Petitcodiac, NB	4 Blooms	Petitcodiac War Museum
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Community Partnerships
Village of Wabamun, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Local CiB Floral Program
2,501 – 7,500		
Village of Merrickville-Wolford, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Story Trail Program
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5 Blooms – Bronze	Community Orchard
Township of Madawaska Valley, ON	5 Blooms	Green Engagement of Youths
City of Melfort, SK	5 Blooms	The Meditation Garden
Town of Prescott, ON (non-evaluated)		
Ville de Shediac, NB ** non competitive	4 Blooms	Downtown Main Street Revitalization
Town of Windsor, NS	5 Blooms	Adopt-a-Tree Program
7,501 to 25,000		
Town of Kingsville, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Pumpkin Parade
Town of Amherst, NS **non-competitive	4 Blooms	Positive Partnerships
City of Cold Lake, AB	5 Blooms	Floral Displays
Town of Torbay, NL	5 Blooms	Urban Setting Wilderness Trail
International Challenge (Very Small)		
Comune di Usseaux, Torino, Italia	5 Blooms – Gold	Harmonious Participation of All Residents
Town of Cavtat, Croatia	5 Blooms – Silver	Excellent Heritage Locations and Guides
Municipality of Jasper, AB	5 Blooms – Silver	Grassroots Waste Reduction
Town of Tignish, PE	5 Blooms – Silver	Maintaining and Sharing Cultural Traditions
International Challenge (Small)		
Town of Stettler, AB	5 Blooms – Silver	Heartfelt Collaboration
Comune di Spello, Perugia, Italia	5 Blooms – Silver	Exceptional Community Involvement with 'Le Infiorate'
Občina Zreče, Slovenia	5 Blooms – Silver	Edible Gardening
International Challenge (Medium)		
Ville de Nivelles, BW, Belgium	5 Blooms – Silver	Parc de la Dodaine
Leighton-Linslade in Bloom, Bedfordshire, UK	5 Blooms – Bronze	Pages Park Community Garden
Malahide, County Dublin, Ireland	5 Blooms – Bronze	Malahide Castle Botanical Garden & Butterfly House
Municipality of Mosonmagyaróvár,	5 Blooms – Bronze	"Tiny Hands, Magic Gardens"
Győr-Moson-Sopron, Hungary		
City of Stratford, ON	5 Blooms – Silver	Ted Blowes Memorial Pollinator Peace Garden
International Challenge (Large)		
City of Coquitlam, BC	5 Blooms – Silver	"Coquitlam Crunch"
City of Barrie, ON	5 Blooms – Silver	Tall Trees Park – Forestry Education Initiative
Halesowen In Bloom, West Midlands, UK	5 Blooms – Bronze	Leasowes Walled Garden
City of Lexington KY, USA	5 Blooms – Bronze	Town Branch Commons
Székesfehérvár, Fejér, Hungary	5 Blooms – Bronze	Children's Floral Competition
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Public Art Program in Parks

***Bold indicates winner**

Communities are evaluated using a "bloom" rating determined by the total score of the evaluation:
0 to 55 %=1 Bloom 56 to 63 %=2 Blooms 64 to 72 %=3 Blooms 73 to 81 %=4 Blooms 82 % and over=5 Blooms

There are four (4) levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to the National and International Edition:
5 Blooms: 82 to 83.9% Bronze: 84 to 86.9% Silver: 87 to 89.9% Gold: 90% and over

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<u>Class of Champions (Small)</u>		
Town of Indian Head, SK	5 Blooms – Bronze	Community Garden
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5 Blooms – Bronze	Street Banners
Town of Hanna, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Communities in Bloom Support of Tree Planting
Town of Kinistino, SK	5 Blooms – Bronze	Tidiness
<u>Class of Champions (Medium)</u>		
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5 Blooms – Gold	Community Gardens and Vegetable Planters
City of Summerside, PE	5 Blooms – Bronze	Interactive Wayfinding Banners
City of Trail, BC	5 Blooms – Silver	The White Garden
<u>Grand Champions</u>		
Municipality of Boissevain-Morton, MB	5 Blooms – Silver	Historic Mural
City of Castlegar, BC	5 Blooms – Silver	Columbia Avenue Street Redevelopment
<u>Special Attractions – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
International Peace Garden, MB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Capital and Major Improvement Projects
Société du parc Jean-Drapeau, QC	5 Blooms – Silver	<i>Espace 67</i>
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, AB	5 Blooms – Silver	Tourism Experience: Dedication to Authenticity
<u>Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
City of Abbotsford, BC	5 Blooms – Bronze	Pencil Patch - Connecting Students to Agriculture
City of Edmonton, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Heritage Conservation
Town of Orangeville, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Utility Box Wrap Artist Program
Town of Maple Creek, SK	5 Blooms – Bronze	Landscape Integration
Town of Millet, AB	5 Blooms – Silver	CP Railway Garden Beds
<u>Circle of Excellence (non-evaluated)</u>		
Town of Antigonish, NS	Village of Forestburg, AB	Town of Pincher Creek, AB
Town of Aylmer, ON	Town of Fort Erie, ON	Village of Pugwash, NS
City of Beaumont, AB	Town of Gibbons, AB	City of Sarnia, ON
City of Brandon, MB	Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON	Municipality of South Huron, ON
City of Brooks, AB	City of Leduc, AB	Strathcona County, AB
City of Charlottetown, PE	Town of Minto, ON	Town of Sussex, NB
City of Dauphin, MB	Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON	City of Westmount, QC
Town of Essex, ON	City of Oshawa, ON	Town of Yarmouth, NS

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