



Saskatchewan
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Association



Communities in Bloom Results

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Announcing the 2020 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Provincial Results

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to announce the results of this year's Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program and to recognize all twenty-two (22) of the provincial participants after another very successful year. Communities in Bloom launched seven (7) brand new Special Recognition Awards following the cancelation of evaluations in response to COVID-19 precautions and also held a photo contest. Through creative ideas and methods, Communities in Bloom participants continued to work towards enhancing their communities in the areas of: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays. SPRA is very proud to recognize the winners of the Special Recognition Awards and the "Take a Shot!" Photo Contest in addition to recognizing all of our provincial participants.

Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Winners:

- Community Appearance - Pilot Butte Beautification Committee for rejuvenating the Recreation Centre Flowerbeds.
- Environmental Action – Eastend for development of Town Square.
- Trees and Urban Forestry – Moose Jaw for the Tree of Significance Program.
- Heritage Recognition – Candle Lake Communities in Bloom for Aschim Homestead Heritage Forest.
- Floral Displays – Eston Communities in Bloom for Community Floral Displays.
- Volunteer Recognition – Nicole Lerat of Rosthern and Sandy Kimball of Assiniboia.
- Community Spirit – Craik Communities in Bloom for development of Community Recreational Areas.

"Take a Shot!" Photo Contest

- 1st Place – Val Mohan of Eston, Saskatchewan
- 2nd Place – JoAnn Girardin of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan
- 3rd Place – Gwen Eyre of Craik, SK

Note: A full summary of the Award Winners, Photo Contest Winners and the 2020 Participants is attached.

Special recognition is also given to those communities that are representing Saskatchewan in the 2020 National Communities in Bloom Edition.

Melfort

Maple Creek

Indian Head

Through the hard work and dedication of these participants, the Communities in Bloom motto continues to be achieved – *People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together*. Communities in Bloom continues to assist in building communities across Saskatchewan. **Thank you for making Communities in Bloom a success!**

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About the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association:

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is a non-profit member-based organization whose purpose is to promote, develop and facilitate parks and recreation opportunities throughout the province. SPRA is recognized as the provincial umbrella organization representing parks and recreation in Saskatchewan and manages the Recreation Section of the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. In partnership with the Communities in Bloom National Organization, SPRA has coordinated the Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program since 1997.

About Communities in Bloom:

Communities in Bloom (CiB) is a provincial program and national organization that recognizes community participation in projects involving community enhancement, beautification, heritage and environmental awareness. Participants are evaluated on the quality of the municipality's green spaces, dedication to quality of living, general tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage and the level of community involvement. It is a great opportunity for communities to generate civic pride and local participation, while gaining recognition across the country. Communities may choose to be evaluated in the program through either competitive or non-competitive participation categories.

2020 Provincial Participants and Results:

Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Participants

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating
Population 1 – 500		
Kyle	Friends	non-evaluated
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated
Rockglen	Friends	non-evaluated
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated
Waseca	Friends	non-evaluated
Population 501 – 1,000		
Eastend	Friends	non-evaluated
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated
Lashburn	Friends	non-evaluated
St. Walburg	Friends	non-evaluated
Coronach	Friends	non-evaluated
Population 1,001 – 2,000		
Eston	Friends	non-evaluated
Ile-a la-Crosse	Friends	non-evaluated
Maidstone	Friends	non-evaluated



Population 1,001 – 2,000 (continued)		
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated
Creighton	Friends	non-evaluated
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated
Population 2,001 – 3,000		
Outlook	Friends	non-evaluated
Pilot Butte	Friends	non-evaluated
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated
Population 5,000 and higher		
Moose Jaw	Friends	non-evaluated

Please Note: Evaluations associated with the Competitive, Friends and Novice Categories were not held in response COVID-19. All participants were non-evaluated in the Friends Category.

Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Winners

Community Appearance Award

Pilot Butte Beautification Committee for rejuvenating the Recreation Centre Flowerbeds
 Over the course of two (2) years, this project resulted in the complete renovation of two (2) large flowerbeds that are located outside of the Pilot Butte Recreation Centre. As a major public venue in the community, this is a very high profile location and there have been many wonderful comments about the beautiful results.

Environmental Action Award

Eastend for development of Town Square
 Town Square is a public green space developed on a former gas station site. This project is a partnership between the Town of Eastend, the local Tourism and Economic Development Board, the Eastend Garden Club and the local Communities in Bloom Committee.

Trees and Urban Forestry Award

Moose Jaw for the Tree of Significance Program
 The Tree of Significance Program has been running annually since 2011 as a way to recognize special trees in the community and celebrate National Tree Day. Trees can be nominated for their outstanding beauty, exceptional size, rarity, or special place within the community’s history. All of the trees nominated contribute to quality of life, sense of place, and natural heritage.



Heritage Recognition Award

Candle Lake for Aschim Homestead Heritage Forest

Since 2007 the Candle Lake Communities in Bloom Committee has been responsible for the maintenance at Aschim Homestead Site. This 32 acre site contains historical buildings, well maintained trails and a variety of flora and fauna. The site continues to be a major tourist attract and local recreational venue in 2020.

Floral Displays Award

Eston Communities in Bloom for Community Floral Displays

The Eston CiB group manages several annual flower displays including six (6) large concrete planters, 14 large reservoir planters, 20 hanging planters and additional oak barrel planters. The Parks and Recreation crew waters the hanging reservoir planters twice a week and all remaining water reservoir planters are filled regularly by the CiB volunteers, along with the task of additional mid-week and weekend watering of all planters. The floral displays can be found along the town's Main Street, along the highway coming into town and at the entrance to the sports grounds.

Volunteer Recognition Award – Awarded to Two recipients!

Nicole Lerat of Rosthern

Nicole Lerat is the Town of Rosthern's Chief Administrative Officer. Often overlooked due to her position, she is also an exceptional volunteer for town landscape projects. She has been the volunteer lead on several landscaping projects in the Town of Rosthern for a number of years, using her passion and extensive knowledge of plants and landscaping to develop landscape designs for town projects as well as plant and maintain project areas.

Sandy Kimball of Assiniboia

Sandy has been a long time Assiniboia Communities in Bloom Volunteer. She quietly sees what plants need to be cared for and completes the work to help make the town look better. Weeding, watering, cleaning, nurturing whatever she sees needs to get done she's ready and willing to use her time to complete the work. Often as you go around the town, Sandy can be seen working on CIB projects.

Community Spirit Award

Craik Communities in Bloom for development of Community Recreational Areas

The Craik CiB Committee identified a need for recreational areas within the town of Craik and mobilized the leadership, volunteer base and support of local business and government to develop four (4) projects – Cornerstone Park, the Pollinator Garden, Waterway Park and the Story Trail. These projects have allowed for safe outdoor recreation during the COVID-19 Pandemic and have also resulted in great community partnerships such as the Story Trail which was completed in collaboration with the Craik branch of the Palliser Regional Library.



“Take a Shot!” Photo Contest Winners

1st Place



Photo taken by Val Mohan in Eston, Saskatchewan. Selected for its recognition of many Communities in Bloom values: municipal green spaces, diversity and originality of landscaping, general tidiness, environmental awareness, and heritage. Notable features of the photo include the elevator, flowers, statue, signage and flags.

2nd Place



Photo taken by JoAnn Girardin in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. Selected for its recognition of public space, planting diversity, originality of the landscaping and general tidiness.



3rd Place



Photo taken by Gwen Eyre in Craik, Saskatchewan.
Selected for its recognition of the community 'Story Trail', originality of the space, general tidiness, and environmental effort as a pollinator garden.