



**Saskatchewan  
Parks and Recreation  
Association**



## 2022 Provincial Participants and Results:

### Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Participants

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
<b>Population 1 – 500</b>			
Riverhurst	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Dedicated CiB Committee and Volunteers
Nokomis	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Kyle	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Shields	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Rockglen	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Denzil	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Saskatchewan Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
<b>Population 501 – 1,000</b>			
Wolseley – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	5 Blooms	Expanded Court House Flower Beds
Eastend	Competitive	4 Blooms	Increased Promotion of your Cultural and Natural Heritage
Carrot River	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Community Square
Hepburn	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	1927 Heritage School
Qu'Appelle	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	50 Sponsored Planters!
Coronach	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	New Community Gardens at Seniors' Residential Area
St. Walburg	Tourist's Takeaway	3 Blooms	Rich Cultural and Natural Heritage
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
<b>Population 1,001 – 2,000</b>			
Eston – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Environmental Action
Shellbrook	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	"Field of Dreams" Fundraiser



<b>Population 1,001 – 2,000 continued</b>			
Langham	Tourist's Takeaway	3 Blooms	Community Park and Spray Park
Fort Qu'Appelle	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Île-à-la-Crosse	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Creighton	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Waldheim	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Maidstone	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Dundurn	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
<b>Population 2,001 – 3,000</b>			
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Outlook	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Pilot Butte	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
<b>Population 3,001 – 4999</b>			
Nipawin – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Blooming Displays Throughout Downtown
<b>Population 5,000 and higher</b>			
Weyburn	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	River Park
Moose Jaw	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Humboldt	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a

## Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Winners

### ***Environmental Action Award***

*Riverhurst for the Riverhurst Wetlands Development*

Prairie wetlands are powerful and important ecosystems. In Riverhurst, a once-thriving wetland area at the village entrance had devolved into weedy cow pasture. Riverhurst CiB wanted to re-establish the wetland, to show visitors the value and unique beauty of these ecosystems, now and into the future. Completed this summer, the area is already making a difference. From the viewing platform and walking paths, visitors are learning about the plants and animals who make it their home. At the height of nesting season, the wetland hosted more than 20 bird species, and healthy wetland plants are now re-establishing themselves.



Interpretive signage and QR codes link to an online guide for plants and animals, a pollinator bed, tree nursery and wetland forest (totalling more than 800 trees) have been planted, youth have been involved in tending their own community gardens, a local art project adds visual interest, a composting area is active and social media regularly highlights wetland activities. The project was awarded first place in the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards, and recognized for the collaborations of organizations, businesses and volunteers who have contributed. The area is a draw to the town, attracting visitors and media alike. Several regional media outlets have already published or aired stories about the Riverhurst Wetland.

### ***Heritage Recognition Award***

*Historical Museum Volunteers in Eastend, SK*

There is probably no other organization in Eastend which has generated as much support from such a diverse group. The volunteers with the Historical Museum have given and facilitated the contributions of resources of time, physical work and funding of individuals, private businesses, other town organizations, local government offices, neighbouring Hutterite Colonies, and generous visitors to make the dream of a new museum building a reality. In 2014, the decision was made by the volunteer Museum Board of Directors and Membership to take on the challenge of a new building as the Museum's current home (the Old Pastime Theatre since 1975) had reached the end of its life. This challenge was not taken lightly, as it was an enormous undertaking for a small town with a population of 503. It has taken 7½ years and thousands of hours of volunteer work to complete the new building with 3,500 square feet of exhibit and programming space. The Museum is a great gathering place for the community, with activities and workshops for all ages. Thanks to all the Museum's volunteers for pulling together!

### ***Volunteer Recognition Award***

*Penny Gustafson and Rhae Ann Bromley of Riverhurst Communities in Bloom*

Communities in Bloom would not exist without dedicated volunteers. In Riverhurst, Saskatchewan, two such volunteers were nominated by their CiB committee. It is quite fitting that each recipient submitted the nomination for the other in true illustration of the humble community volunteer. Congratulations Penny and Rhae Ann!

Penny has been involved with Communities in Bloom since its inception in Riverhurst. She has spearheaded the management of our village forest working with other volunteers to create a tree inventory, a tree by-law, and education for residents. Riverhurst is now a role model for other communities in urban forest management. When the idea of the Riverhurst Wetland was just forming, she kick-started the project by planting the first of hundreds of trees, installing a gravity-fed irrigation system and then she threw herself into the project – liaising with engineers, biologists, and wetland organizations to plan and supervise construction of pathways, excavation, the viewing platform and flood control. Penny tirelessly helps out with every CiB project – from organizing fundraisers, to hand-watering new tree seedlings, helping at the plant swap and managing the finances of the committee.

Rhae Ann is the current Chair of Riverhurst Communities in Bloom. The Riverhurst Wetland couldn't have started without the grant application completed by Rhae Ann Bromley. She has worked diligently behind the scenes writing these grants and keeping the CiB committee on track and often does not receive the recognition she deserves. Grant writing takes a lot of research and time and, without the funds she has



secured, many of the environmental initiatives in Riverhurst would not have happened. Thanks to this funding and Rhae Ann's volunteer efforts with the application, the Riverhurst Wetland will provide an area for wetland species for years to come, a healthy ecosystem that is essential, and signage that will educate those walking along the walking path. Rhae Ann is so valuable to the community and the committee.

### ***Community Spirit Award***

*Craik for the "Our Blooming Cultural Landscape" Event Held by Craik Communities in Bloom*

The Craik Communities in Bloom Committee planned and hosted a one-day event on June 24, 2022 to celebrate our community's cultural diversity. "Our Blooming Cultural Landscape" was held on a school day during the community farmers' market to engage as many people as possible. It was a festival of sorts, concentrated in Cornerstone Park in the downtown core and featuring displays exhibiting aspects of various local cultural backgrounds including Thai, South African, Filipino, El Salvadoran and Swedish. Young Indigenous dancers from the nearby community of Keeler joined the event and performed in full regalia, dancing to the beat of a group of drummers from Regina led by Elder Archie Weenie. Food services were provided free of charge by our local Coop (Palliser Plains Cooperative Association Limited) and by Sam Lee of Craik Bigway Foods. Students from the Craik and Eyebrow Schools were invited to participate and offered the chance to engage in a scavenger hunt designed to have them meet with the folks at the various displays. Over 100 people enjoyed the festival!

### ***Community Appearance Award***

*Saskatchewan Beach for the Community Entrance Sign, Community Flower Pots and Intersection Planters*

Three initiatives helped make Saskatchewan Beach a beautiful place to be in 2022. First, volunteers were recruited in order to rejuvenate the entrance sign. These great volunteers kept the weeds pulled all summer and plants were continually added to keep the colour alive and vibrant. The sign is a beautiful welcome to the community that people notice! The community flower pots also continued with 33 participants decorating and planting flower pots through-out the village. This was a great way to beautify the community while also getting people out into the community and looking around! New this year, intersection planters were installed through-out the village in support of Communities in Bloom. These are very eye catching! The work of volunteers, councillors and staff is really making the community a beautiful place to be!



## **“Take a Shot!” Photo Contest Winners**

### *1<sup>st</sup> Place*



*Photo taken by Jan Moser in Davidson, Saskatchewan.*

*Capturing a Landscape Display along Railway Avenue in Davidson*

Selected for its personification of a prairie Communities in Bloom participant - honouring the past with an old truck and a view of elevators while showing off the future with a vibrant, modern cultivar of petunias and while also providing a resting place to sit and view the scene.

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Place*



*Photo taken by Rhae Ann Bromley and Penny Gustafson in Riverhurst, Saskatchewan*

*Capturing a Sitting Area and Landscape Installation at the End of Main Street in Riverhurst*

Selected for its illustration of a resting spot created for the entire community and a focal point of the landscape while being a gathering spot in the community - encouraging the community to “bloom” in social and cultural activities.

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Place*



*Photo taken by Kim Redlin in Eastend, Saskatchewan.*

*Capturing the Volunteers Cleaning up a Community Area on Earth Day in 2022 in Eastend*

Selected for its recognition of the lasting efforts that community volunteers and Communities in Bloom groups can have on the environment working together to improve the community's natural spaces.