Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

Communities in Bloom Collectivités en fleurs Saskatchewan

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BACKGROUNDER

2026 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Participants and Results

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention
Population 1 – 500			
Borden	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Flower Barrel Program and Urban Forestry Commitment
Colonsay	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Wetland Potential
Medstead	Evaluated Friends	2 Blooms	A Very Thoughtful and Enthusiastic Communities in Bloom Group
Craven	Tourist's Takeaway	2 Blooms	Green Space Improvements East of the Rink
Silton	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Cadillac	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Pelican Pointe	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Riverhurst	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Saskatchewan Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Rockglen	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 501 – 1,000			
Eston – *Winner*	Competitive	4 Blooms	5 for 5 Campaign
Watson	Competitive	4 Blooms	Quill Plains Centennial Lodge Gardens
Coronach	Competitive	4 Blooms	New Dragline Bucket Display
Wolseley	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Visible Community Pride
St. Walburg	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Absolutely Amazing Golf Course Facility
Eastend	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Amazing, Colourful & Diverse Planters at Town Square
Blaine Lake	Tourist's Takeaway	3 Blooms	Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery
Dundurn	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Qu'Appelle	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	-

Population 1,001 – 1,500			
Redvers – *Winner*	Competitive	5 Blooms	Enthusiastic Redvers Communities in Bloom Committee
Langenburg	Competitive	4 Blooms	Outstanding Volunteer and Community Support
Hudson Bay	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Floral Displays
Île-à-la-Crosse	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Commitment to Keeping the Culture and Heritage of Île-à-la-Crosse Alive
Creighton	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Maidstone	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 1,501 – 2,000			
Shaunavon – *Winner*	Competitive	4 Blooms	Cultural Heritage Conservation
Langham	Competitive	4 Blooms	Floral Displays in Planters, Saucers and Hanging Baskets
Dalmeny	Competitive	3 Blooms	Prairie Park
Fort Qu'Appelle	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	The Fort Campground
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 2,001 – 3,000			
Maple Creek - *Winner*	Competitive	5 Blooms	Central Courtyard Garden at the Hospital
Outlook	Competitive	4 Blooms	Food Forests and Community Gardens Feeding the Community
Sturgeon Lake First Nation	Competitive	4 Blooms	Strong Incorporation, Engagement and Empowerment of Youth Within the Community
Tisdale	Novice	3 Blooms	Downtown Floral Displays
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Pilot Butte	Friends	non-evaluated	-

Population 3,001 – 4,999			
Nipawin – *Winner*	Competitive	4 Blooms	Prioritization of Physical and Financial Accessibility for Residents and Visitors
Population 5000 and higher			
Swift Current – *Winner*	Competitive	4 Blooms	Plewis Automotive Group Inclusive Park
Humboldt	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Water Ridge Park and Ron Bell Trails
Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Places and Spaces			
Woodlawn Regional Park Authority	Evaluated	5 Blooms	Dedicated Staff and Volunteers
Camp Easter Seal	Evaluated	4 Blooms	Strong Commitment to Accessibility and Heritage Preservation
Blumenort	Evaluated	3 Blooms	Historical Linear Village Layout

Special Recognition Award Winners

Community Appearance Award
Winner: *Shaunavon, SK for: Painting the Horizon: The Shaunavon Water Tower Mural – South West Mural Fest 2026*

"Painting the Horizon" transformed Shaunavon's water tower into a striking landmark celebrating art, heritage, and community pride. As part of the South West Mural Fest (SWMF), internationally recognized Australian artist Joel Fergie ("The Zookeeper") completed the 4,000-square-foot mural at the town's southeast entrance near the TransCanada Trail. This canvas took 15 gallons of primer, 47 gallons of paint, and 124 cans of spray paint.

With over 20 murals town-wide, the SMWF has attracted international talent. In 2026, the SMWF received over 600 global artist applications. The accessible public art enriches Shaunavon's outdoor spaces and boosts the mental health of local residents. What could be viewed as a piece of industrial infrastructure, has become a feature of their skyline, a tourist attraction, and part of Shaunavon's community identity.

Heritage Recognition Award
Winner: *Coronach, SK, for the Coal Dragline Bucket Display by the Coronach 100th Anniversary Committee*

Coronach received the Heritage Recognition Award for preserving and showcasing an important piece of its industrial history. Relocated from the Westmoreland Poplar River Coal Mine, the retired dragline bucket honours the coal mining and power generation industries that helped shape the community.

From 1984- 2018, the bucket moved an estimated 236 million cubic metres of overburden during its working life. Standing approximately 18 feet high, 26 feet long and 19 feet wide, the bucket highlights the scale of local mining operations.

Installed as part of Coronach's 100th anniversary celebration, the display features interpretive signage explaining coal mining, electricity generation and the community's history, providing an educational attraction for residents, students, and visitors.

Floral Displays Award
Winner: *Redvers, SK*

Redvers demonstrated a lot of care and pride in creating beautiful and welcoming flower displays throughout the community. Colourful planters and hanging baskets added charm to public spaces, enhances streetscapes and reflected the community's pride.

Broadway Street is a standout feature, where boulevard planters and hanging baskets create an inviting entrance for residents and visitors. Maintained by summer students and Bloom Committee volunteers, their efforts played a key role to enhance the beauty of Redvers and created a community that everyone is proud to call home.

Group Volunteer Recognition Award
Winner: *Royal Canadian Legion, Watson Branch #272*

The Royal Canadian Legion, Watson Branch #272, is recognized for its longstanding commitment to veterans and the community, since 1945.

This volunteer group organizes Watson's Remembrance Day Service, sponsors Remembrance Day scholarships for poetry, stories and drawings from local students, maintains the Legion Hall and cenotaph, hangs printed banners to honour veterans in the community and raises funds to support local initiatives - including a current collaboration with the town on a new cenotaph at the Civic Centre.

Through their time, energy, and unwavering dedication, these volunteers continue to preserve the legacy of those who served, while making a positive difference in their community.

Individual Volunteer Recognition Award
Winner: *Clay Whitney, Île-à-la-Crosse, SK*

Clay Whitney has been a driving force behind community beautification and horticulture education in Île-à-la-Crosse. A passionate gardener and mentor, Whitney works with elementary and high school students to teach gardening skills, food production and horticulture. His annual spring flower sale helps engage youth while promoting environmental stewardship.

He also played a key role in planning and creating gardens and planters for Île-à-la-Crosse's historic 250th anniversary celebrations. His commitment has helped beautify the community while inspiring the next generation of gardeners.

Community Spirit Award
Winner: *Saskatchewan Beach, SK for: Creating a Communities in Bloom Sensation*

Staff, council, and volunteers from the Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach work hard to continually make their community a better place to live.

In 2026, the community built five benches featuring self-watering flower planters, placing them on main streets and corners. A local donor added metal art signs to complement these new outdoor vignettes. The addition of a new garden area at the village office, features 'Always Together' Roses and a Communities in Bloom flag on proud display.

Together, these projects have enhanced the village's beauty, fostered community pride, and created welcoming outdoor spaces for residents and visitors.

"Take a Shot!" Photo Contest Winners



1st Place
Aileen Martin – Silton Communities in Bloom

A selection of material at the Silton Communities in Bloom Plant Potluck and Exchange held in 2026. Selected for its illustration of how a local Communities in Bloom group can plan a fun event for the community and educate the public through plant exchange.



2nd Place
Linda McCrank – Assiniboia Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom volunteers having fun together as they work with plants for the local floral displays. Selected for how it captures a happy Communities in Bloom volunteer group working together to improve the community.



3rd Place
Audrey Kingfisher – Sturgeon Lake First Nation

The east entrance sign at Sturgeon Lake First Nation with floral displays that recognize and commemorate the signing of Treaty Six. Selected in recognizing the significance of commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Treaty Six signing, the creative way of recognizing the milestone through plants and the vison from leadership that made it possible.



Honorable Mention
Candace Sonmor with Dalmeny Communities in Bloom

Local Children having fun on planting day in Dalmeny… stacking the empty pots as high as they could and then having to carry them as a team. Selected for its illustration of the next generation becoming involved with the Communities in Bloom program.