



BACKGROUNDER

2025 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Participants and Results

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
Population 1 – 500			
Silton	Evaluated Friends	1 Bloom	Community Involvement
Colonsay	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Dog Park
Cadillac	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Island View	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Pelican Pointe	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Riverhurst	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Saskatchewan Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Viscount	Friends	non-evaluated	-
WeeToo Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 501 – 1,000			
Eastend – Winner	Competitive	5 Blooms	Very Supportive Volunteer System
Eston	Competitive	4 Blooms	Plant and Floral Displays
Watson	Competitive	3 Blooms	Heritage
Rocanville	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Webster Cemetery
Wolseley	Tourist's Takeaway	3 Blooms	Recognition of Historical Community Leaders
George Gordon First Nation	Novice	3 Blooms	Healthy, Diverse and Natural Forest



Arcola	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Coronach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Dundurn	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Ituna	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Qu'Appelle	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 1,001 – 2,000			
Langham – Winner	Competitive	4 Blooms	Langham and District Heritage Village and Museum
Redvers	Evaluated Friends	5 Blooms	Community Pride and Community Involvement
Dalmeny	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Overflow Ponds with Walking Trails
Fort Qu'Appelle	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Carvings and Murals Around Town
Grenfell	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Île-à-la-Crosse	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Maidstone	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Shaunavon	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 2,001 – 2,250			
Maple Creek – Winner	Competitive	5 Blooms	Forward Thinking CiB Committee



Canora	Competitive	4 Blooms	Outstanding Whole Community Involvement
Population 2,251 – 3,000			
Outlook – Winner	Competitive	4 Blooms	Impressive Community Garden
Sturgeon Lake First Nation	Competitive	3 Blooms	Stewardship of the Land
Pilot Butte	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Tidiness of the Community
Population 3,001 – 4999			
Nipawin – Winner	Competitive	4 Blooms	Tourist Information Centre
Population 5,000 and higher			
Swift Current – Winner	Competitive	3 Blooms	Memorial Coulee – Tree Planting Monument
Saskatoon	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	The Meewasin Valley Trail
Humboldt	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Places and Spaces			
Blumenort	Evaluated	4 Blooms	Jane's Garden



Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Winners

Community Appearance Award

The Redvers Hometown History Project

This is an ongoing project to honor Redvers residents, past and present, for not only Athletic Achievements, but also Community Impact. This project was inspired by two highway signs recognizing Dean Kennedy and Danielle Kot. These signs, coined the "Pride of Redvers," were showing their age and two replacements were sponsored by the Redvers Rockets Field of Dreams.

The replacement of these signs inspired an expanded initiative showcasing local heritage and enhancing the beauty of the community. Three offerings include:

- Annual Public Nominations budgeted by the town for "mini" Hometown History recognition signs to be placed around the community. A future goal includes placing a sign at each street, telling the history of the family that street was named after.
- The availability of large highway Hometown History signs to anyone that inquires and is interested in sponsoring the initiative. This has recognized additional community leaders including three individuals who helped establish Redvers!
- The availability of public benches, trash cans, and dog waste stations that can be sponsored to honor and remember through name recognition. With great support so far, this will continue annually.

Heritage Recognition Award

Watson & District Heritage Museum

The Watson and District Heritage Museum board have worked very hard over the past five years to improve the condition of the museum, preserve the artifacts, and create a clean fresh place for residents to revisit the community's past.

With only volunteer labour, they have renovated the interior of the building and created a safe and enjoyable experience. Following renovations, students were hired to operate the museum through the summer months. These young individuals were encouraged to use their imaginations and be creative in providing entertainment for the community. Year after year, amazing activities have been planned, including paint and craft nights, afternoon tea, movie "in the park" evenings, murder in the museum mystery nights and so much more. Off-season events are also held to celebrate Remembrance Day and Christmas. Revitalizing this building has brought affordable and fun activities to the entire community.



Floral Displays Award

Ituna Communities in Bloom

A returning participant to the Communities in Bloom program, Ituna Communities in Bloom excelled with floral displays across the community in 2025. Volunteers worked together to create beautiful floral displays and share the work of caring for them. Hanging Baskets and Planters were placed along main street and a showcase display was developed around the Ituna sign with outstanding bubble gum petunias that was vibrant and welcoming, even after the cold nights in September. The striking pop of color greeted you when entering Ituna- a symbol of the cheerful community.

Volunteer Recognition Award

Leanne Kozun with Ituna Communities in Bloom

Leanne Kozun is a member of the Ituna Communities in Bloom committee. She played an integral role in getting the projects and committee started in Ituna's first year returning to CiB. Her knowledge about flowers and vegetable plants is outstanding, and helped Ituna CiB develop planters that supported the "Edible Gardens" theme. Leanne spent countless hours volunteering to water 17 hanging baskets and multiple planters along main street sidewalks. During summer heat waves with no rain, flowers and vegetable plants required a lot of care and Leanne ensured all the pots were well maintained. Ituna Communities in Bloom and the Town of Ituna community members greatly appreciated her time spent making the planters beautiful. Leanne's hard work and countless hours volunteering did not go unnoticed.

Community Spirit Award

Bee Hive Garden Keepers in Shaunavon, SK

After her father moved into long-term care in 2022, Patty Wright looked out his window and saw what was once a wonderful community project. Thirteen years ago, Shaunavon Wildlife Federation completed an amazing project, building raised beds outside the dining room windows, laying sod, erecting a gazebo with furnishings, and installing underground sprinklers and drip irrigation for raised beds. It was a great success at the time, but the gardens had become overgrown.

Together with Karen Stevenson, Bonnie Fritz, Pamela Bahnuick, and Kim Wallis, Patty Wright started the Bee Hive Garden Keepers. To raise funds and develop a sustainable group, the Bee Hive Garden Keepers became a registered charity, incorporated on August 3, 2022. The group has since received donations, grants, and support from the business community along with individual and memorial donations, all while completing fundraising activities to support their efforts.



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The Bee Hive Garden Keepers revitalized the Wildlife Federation Project and expanded the gardens. Their goal is to keep the gardens accessible to the residents and as maintenance free as possible. Funding to the Garden Keepers supports irrigation, self watering planters, annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, mulch, garden supplies, and contractors to mow and maintain the lawns. Volunteers serve as board members, and labour for spring and fall clean-up, planting days and ongoing maintenance.

A fall garden party is held each September to recognize the sponsors and volunteers and showcase the gardens to the community. This organization is proud of their accomplishments and honoured to be able to give back.



"Take a Shot!" Photo Contest Winners

1st Place



[A beautiful fall landscape scene in Davidson showcasing heritage, floral displays, gardening, and agriculture.](#) Photo credit: Colleen Sampson, Davidson Communities in Bloom.

Selected for its illustration of how a local Communities in Bloom group can beautify the community... one of the hallmarks of the program. Also noted for the high quality of the landscape installation as an excellent fall display!

2nd Place



[Holiday Celebrations at Sturgeon Lake First Nation with the CiB Flag proudly displayed, and the tree decorated with Seed Packets for community members to take.](#) Photo credit: Audrey Kingfisher, Sturgeon Lake First Nation

Selected for illustrating that Communities in Bloom is a year round program. Also noted that the story behind this photo would be awesome to hear and that the Communities in Bloom Flag is fittingly hanging below a floral display hanging on the wall.

3rd Place



[Communities in Bloom Volunteers planting a floral display.](#) Photo Credit: Savannah Kuschak, Ituna Communities in Bloom

Selected for its illustration of three generations working together to create a tiny spot of beauty. It was noted that this is how a community blooms - one pot at a time.