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### 2024 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Provincial Results Announced

October 30, 2024 - The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to announce the winners of Saskatchewan’s Communities in Bloom program in 2024 and recognize all 37 of the provincial participants after a successful year. Participants enhanced their communities and were evaluated by the following criteria: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant & Floral Displays. Participants are recognized with a Bloom Rating and through the program’s evaluation, Special Recognition Awards and a Photo Contest.

#### Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition Winners

Four Provincial Winners excelled in all six criteria:

##### Population Category 501 – 1,000

*Eston, SK*

*4 Blooms*

*Special Mention for Environmental Action:*

*Water Conservation in the Ball Diamonds Project*

##### Population Category 1,001 – 2,000

*Langham, SK*

*3 Blooms*

*Special Mention for Well-Cared for Community*

*Garden and Dedicated Volunteers*

##### Population Category 2,001 – 3,000

*Moosomin, SK*

*5 Blooms*

*Special Mention for Commitment to Cultural*

*Heritage Preservation*

##### Population Category 3001-4999

*Nipawin, SK*

*4 Blooms*

*Special Mention for Leadership & Integrity of the*

*Entire Leisure Services Team*

#### Special Recognition Award Winners

Six communities and one group are recognized with the Special Recognition Awards:

- Community Appearance - St. Walburg for their Best Garden Contest and Twinkle Tour
- Environmental Action - Moosomin for their Community Wide Clean-Up
- Trees and Urban Forestry - Moosomin for The Labyrinth
- Heritage Recognition - Redvers for their Memory Pot Project
- Floral Displays - Saskatchewan Beach for their Communities in Bloom Flower Pot Competition
- Volunteer Recognition - The Bloomers Volunteer Group in Sturgeon Lake First Nation
- Community Spirit - Eastend for the Eastend Friday Night Market
- Community Spirit - Craik for Growing Community Spirit with Craik Communities in Bloom



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

Three individuals are recognized for their submissions to the photo contest:

- 1st Place - Rosa Vázquez (Town of Eastend) in Eastend, SK
- 2nd Place - Chief Christine Longjohn in Sturgeon Lake First Nation, SK
- 3rd Place - Don Nicholson in St. Walburg, SK

We also acknowledge Kinistino, Melfort, Wascana Centre, and Government House, who represented Saskatchewan in the **2024 National Communities in Bloom Edition**. Their achievements were recognized at the 2024 Communities in Bloom National Symposium featuring the National and International Awards Ceremonies on October 20 in Charlottetown, PEI.

- Kinistino – Participant in the Circle of Excellence Category, non-evaluated
- Melfort – Participant in the Class of Champions (Small) Evaluated Category, 5 Blooms Bronze, Special Mention for Goodman’s Family Walking Labyrinth, Winner of the Municipal World WinterLife Award and the Scotts Youth Involvement Award
- Wascana Centre – Participant in the Special Attractions Evaluated Category, 4 Blooms, Special Mention for Natural Heritage Conservation - Royal Saskatchewan Museum Native Prairie Plant Garden
- Government House – Participant in the Special Attractions Evaluated Category, 4 Blooms, Special Mention for Cultural Heritage Conservation - Saskatchewan Residential School Memorial Garden

A full summary of the 2024 Provincial Winners and Participants with Bloom Ratings, Special Recognition Award Winners, and Photo Contest Winners is attached.

Results of the national and international program can also be viewed here:  
[www.communitiesinbloom.ca/2024-cib-awards-results](http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/2024-cib-awards-results)

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## **About Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA)**

Funded by Sask Lotteries, SPRA is a non-profit, dedicated to connecting, educating and inspiring parks and recreation providers to create parks and recreation spaces for the benefit of everyone.

We have coordinated the Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program since 1997, in partnership with the national Communities in Bloom Foundation.

For more information about us visit: [www.spra.sk.ca](http://www.spra.sk.ca)

To learn about the Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program visit: [www.spra.sk.ca/cib](http://www.spra.sk.ca/cib)

## **About Communities in Bloom**

Communities in Bloom is a volunteer and partnership-driven organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement, and continuous improvement.

This is accomplished by nurturing environmental sustainability, enhancements of green spaces, and heritage conservation, in cultural and natural environments encompassing municipal, residential, commercial and institutional spaces.

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