Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

Communities in Bloom Collectivités en fleurs Saskatchewan

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2026 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Results Announced

November 5, 2026 - The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to announce the winners of the provincial Communities in Bloom program for 2026.

This year's 51 participants enhanced their communities and were evaluated in 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:

- **Population Category 501 - 1,000**
  Eston, SK - 4 Blooms
  Special Mention for 5 for 5 Campaign

- **Population Category 1,001 - 1,500**
  Redvers, SK - 5 Blooms
  Special Mention for Enthusiastic Redvers Communities in Bloom Committee

- **Population Category 1,501 - 2,000**
  Shaunavon, SK - 4 Blooms
  Special Mention for Cultural Heritage Conservation

- **Population Category 2,001 - 3,000**
  Maple Creek, SK - 5 Blooms
  Special Mention for Central Courtyard Garden at the Hospital

- **Population Category 3,001 - 4,999**
  Nipawin, SK - 4 Blooms
  Special Mention for Prioritization of Physical and Financial Accessibility for Residents and Visitors

- **Population Category 5,000 and higher**
  Swift Current, SK - 4 Blooms
  Special Mention for Plewis Automotive Group Inclusive Park

"Take a Shot!" Photo Contest Winners:

- 1st Place: Aileen Martin – Silton Communities in Bloom
- 2nd Place: Linda McCrank – Assiniboia Communities in Bloom
- 3rd Place: Audrey Kingfisher – Sturgeon Lake First Nation
- Honorable Mention: Candace Sonmor – Dalmeny Communities in Bloom

Special Recognition Award Winners:

- Community Appearance Award – Shaunavon, SK for: Painting the Horizon: The Shaunavon Water Tower Mural – Southwest Mural Fest 2026
- Heritage Recognition Award – Coronach, SK for: the Coal Dragline Bucket Display by the Coronach 100th Anniversary Committee
- Floral Displays Award – Redvers, SK
- Group Volunteer Recognition Award – Royal Canadian Legion, Watson Branch #272
- Individual Volunteer Recognition Award – Clay Whitney, Île-à-la-Crosse, SK
- Community Spirit Award – Saskatchewan Beach, SK for: Creating a Communities in Bloom Sensation

Moosomin, Melfort and Coronach were recognized at the 2026 Communities in Bloom National Symposium featuring the National and International Awards Ceremonies on October 17, 2026, in Montréal, QC.

- Moosomin, SK: 5 Blooms, Participant in the Competitive – Up to 10,000 Category, Special Mention for The Play for All Program
- Melfort, SK: 5 Blooms - Bronze, Participant in the Class of Champions (Small) Category, Special Mention for The Northern Lights Woodcarvers - Carving Community Spirit into the Landscape
  Recipient of the America in Bloom 2026 Best Therapeutic Gardening Award and the Scotts Youth Involvement Award
- Coronach School, Coronach, SK: Recipient of the Nutrients for Life School Garden Award

See the Backgrounder, for a complete summary of Winners and Participants with Bloom Ratings, along with details pertaining to Special Recognition Award Winners and Photo Contest Winners.

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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. SPRA has coordinated the Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program since 1997, in partnership with the national Communities in Bloom Foundation.

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.