

NEWS RELEASE

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30 Ontario communities honoured at 2009 Communities in Bloom - Ontario Awards

Representatives of communities across Ontario were present in Vaughan on October 2nd & 3rd, 2009 to celebrate their achievements at the first ever combined National and Provincial Communities in Bloom Awards Ceremonies. Each received a certificate and, where applicable, a Trillium Bloom Rating of Excellence and Special Mention of the community's remarkable attributes or projects.

Eight communities were presented with Ontario Special Criteria Awards in:

Tidiness • Environmental Awareness • Community Involvement
Natural & Cultural Heritage Conservation • Tree/Urban Forest Management
Landscaped Areas • Floral Displays • Turf & Groundcovers

Communities in Bloom – Ontario, the Ontario Edition of the National Canadian Organization, is a non-profit Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and the challenge of friendly competition. The program strives to improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of Canada's neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets through the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees. A focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture is also an integral part of its success resulting in an improved quality of life. Visit our website at www.cibontario.ca for more information or contact Ms. Lee Rozon - Executive Director, CiB – Ontario toll-free at 1-877-640-4005 or email cibontario@mountaincable.net.

CIB ONTARIO FULL PROGRAM – JUDGED

The CiB Full Program is for those who aspire to excel in the CiB Ontario Program and advance to the National and International CiB Program. Two CiB Judges visit your community over a two day period using a comprehensive evaluation form will report on the particular features and projects that the community has undertaken and presented. The judges will offer constructive suggestions and recommendations, in each of the eight criteria areas of Tidiness, Environmental Awareness, Community Involvement, Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation, Tree/Urban Forest Management, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, Turf & Groundcovers.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE – MEMBERSHIP & “JUDGED FOR A DAY”

CiB Ontario makes it easy for you to showcase your community and assist you in your efforts to promote all the great things in your community. Enjoy all the benefits of membership in the CiB Program in two ways:

- *Membership (non-judged)* to help you in your efforts to “maintain” Communities in Bloom Ontario standards with ongoing membership, continued support and networking through CiB-O to keep up to date on current trends and practices, or
- *In a Judged capacity* where a CiBO representative will visit your community for a day and provide your community with comments, ideas and suggestions. This is a great way to obtain fresh insights and valuable feedback about the impression that your community makes.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM – ONTARIO
2009 “Trillium Bloom” Ratings for Provincial Edition

Population Category	Community	Bloom Rating
1 – 5,000	Municipality of Red Lake Village of Glen Morris	5 Blooms
5,001 – 10,000	Municipality of South Huron	4 Blooms
10,001 – 20,000	Municipality of Lambton Shores Municipality of Trent Hills	5 Blooms 5 Blooms
20,001 – 50,000	Town of Essex Town of Lincoln City of Cornwall	5 Blooms 4 Blooms 4 Blooms
50,001 – 100,000	City of Niagara Falls	5 Blooms
Community Showcase	Township of North Glengarry	Judged For A Day
Community Showcase	Town of Carleton Place	Judged For A Day

Scoring: 64% - 72.9% 3 Blooms; 73% to 81.9% - 4 Blooms; 82% or more - 5 Blooms

Ontario Criteria Award Winners

<i>CRITERIA AWARD</i>	<i>SPONSORED BY</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>
Tidiness	Trystan Site Furnishings	Village of Glen Morris
Environmental Awareness	Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Town of Lincoln
Community Involvement		Municipality of Lambton Shores
Natural & Cultural Heritage Conservation	Ontario Small Urban Municipalities	Town of Carleton Place
Tree/Urban Forest Management	International Society of Arboriculture – Ontario	City of Cornwall
Landscaped Areas	Landscape Ontario	City of Niagara Falls
Floral Displays	Garden Solutions by Charlie Dobbin	Municipality of Trent Hills
Turf & Groundcover		Town of Essex

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE – MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Program	Participating Community	Category
Community Showcase	Municipality of Southwest Middlesex	Membership
Community Showcase	Municipality of Thames Centre	Membership
Community Showcase	Front of Yonge	Membership
Community Showcase	City of Peterborough	Membership
Community Showcase	Prince Edward County	Membership
Community Showcase	City of Kenora	Membership

COMMUNITY CORNER – AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Program	Participating Community/Group	Project
Community Corner	Municipality of Southwest Middlesex	Southwest Middlesex Heritage Trees **
Community Corner	Maxville & District Horticultural Society	Beautification of our Village
Community Corner	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	Rotary Club Gazebo Revitalization
Community Corner	Town of Carleton Place	Canna Lily Project
Community Corner	Loyalist Township	Fairfield Gutzeit Gardens
Community Corner	Village of Neustadt	Keeping Neustadt Blooming
Community Corner	Beyond the House Inc.	The MacDougall Park Bridge Revitalization
Community Corner	Town of Marathon	Festival of Banners
Community Corner	Town of Marathon	Penn Lake Park Revitalization
Community Corner	City of St. Catharines	Merritton Cenotaph Plaza
Community Corner	City of St. Catharines	Horticultural Society Garden

Showcase your community project! Do you have an outstanding project, event or organization that should receive special recognition? This program is suited to community groups with specific projects or geographical segments within a community who are interested in participating in the Communities in Bloom program.

In partnership with Landscape Ontario each project is evaluated by a jury of professionals based on Community Spirit, Innovative Ideas & Environmental Sustainability with one community selected as the winner of the *CiB Ontario Awards of Excellence*.

****Congratulations to the 2009 Winner of the CiB Ontario Award of Excellence:**

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

Heritage Trees Project