



Getting You Ready for 2012 *Communities in Bloom* Workshops

Over the last 14 years, more than 80 communities have participated in the *Communities in Bloom* program in Saskatchewan. These communities have taken on the challenges of un-cooperative weather, recruiting volunteers, procuring materials and equipment, competing with other community needs, interests and priorities and sustaining the effort over time. All *Communities in Bloom* committees have made a positive difference in their communities. They have all made their community a better environment in which to live, work and play. To boast a bit, Saskatchewan has had four National winners!

Communities in Bloom is about more than planting flowers, *Communities in Bloom* is much greater. It is about community development, collective citizen and corporate and local political involvement in adding to the quality of the community. The program strives for the tangible benefits of improved aesthetics, more investment and increased visitation/tourism. It also strives for those intangible benefits connected with community - such as civic pride, neighbourliness, involvement, belonging and caring. These are both present and future benefits that can be achieved through working with *Communities in Bloom*.

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association is pleased to offer **two Workshops one in Regina, January 21, 2012 and Saskatoon, January 28, 2012**. Past, present and new *Communities in Bloom* participants, current and potential CiB volunteers, civic staff, elected officials, educators, community activists, youth, adults, seniors, community groups and service clubs are all invited to a day-long Workshop to "Get You Ready for 2012".

You will learn about:

- What the *Communities in Bloom* program is all about
- How volunteers can be recruited and sustained
- What has worked in various communities to achieve success
- What is the evaluation program
- Who are the judges
- Why should photographic and written records be kept
- How to plant and maintain fabulous flower containers

A registration form is included. Bring a group from your community to one of these Workshops and "Get Ready for 2012".

For further information, contact Barry Rogers, Workshop Facilitator, by email at wildrose@cyberlink.sk.ca, or by phone (250) 422-3403, or contact the SPRA office at 1-800-563-2555.



Communities in Bloom Workshop Registration

Location	Date	Place	Registration
Regina	Saturday, January 21, 2012	Ramada Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saskatoon	Saturday, January 28, 2012	Saskatoon Inn	<input type="checkbox"/>

Participant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____

Voluntary Self-Declaration

Are you of Aboriginal descent? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, are you: _____ Status _____ Non Status _____ Métis

Do you have any dietary requirements? _____

Please provide any questions or issues you would like discussed at the workshop:

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (to assist with covering lunch and break refreshments)

Method of Payment – Note: payment must be received with registration.

Cheque enclosed (Please make all cheques payable to SPRA)

Visa # _____ Exp. _____ / _____

MasterCard # _____ Exp. _____ / _____

Note: A \$2.50 fee will be charged to all credit card transactions

Please return this form via fax to (306) 780-9257 or mail by January 6, 2012 to:

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association
#100 -1445 Park Street
Regina, Saskatchewan
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For more information, contact the SPRA office, by phone at (306) 780-9231, toll free at 1-800-563-2555, or by email at plichtenwald@spra.sk.ca.

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