

## Awards ceremony recognizes Edmonton's top blooms

This year's winner of Edmonton's most beautiful front yard went to a homeowner in **Delwood (7802-132A Ave)**. The annual Edmonton In Bloom Awards, held at City Hall celebrate residents, projects, community groups and volunteers who contribute to a more beautiful, vibrant and liveable Edmonton.



Textures, colours, landscape features and overall character are just some of the factors considered during judging. Many nominated yards in the general front yard category had unique horticultural and garden features that impressed judges. This year's other winners are:

- Second place: 16020-110 Ave (Mayfield)
- Third place: 12216-136 Ave (Kensington)

The Community Garden Award, presented by Sustainable Food Edmonton, went to YOU CAN Youth Community Garden, while Brendan Casement and Gail Rankin were awarded the Urban Forest Award for their many years of providing knowledge and expertise to urban foresters. The Partners in Parks Award was presented to Dawna Wiebe, for 18 years spent maintaining flower beds in Aspen Gardens.

Other winners include:

- Top Natural Front Yard: 9239-118 Street (Windsor Park)
- Top Edible Front Yard: 10303 Glenora Crescent (Glenora)
- Top Public Spaces Front Yard: Matrix Hotel, 10640-100 Avenue
- Business in Bloom Award: Crystal Glass Canada, 6424 Gateway Blvd
- Naturescapes Awards: Holyrood School and Mount Pleasant School
- Tidiness Award: Riverdale Community League and World Mission Society Church of God
- Fruit Hero Awards: Molly MacDougall and Riverbend Gardens
- Waste Reduction Hero Award: Antonieta Crerar
- Edmonton Journal Readers' Choice Award: 7802-132A Ave (Delwood)

Edmonton's Front Yards in Bloom program recognizes residents for their beautiful front yards and other contributions which make their communities more attractive, green and livable. The program is a partnership between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Horticultural Society and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, and is sponsored by the Realtors Association of Edmonton. Nearly 3,500 Front Yards in Bloom nominations were received this year, a 49 per cent increase from 2013.

Edmonton in Bloom is part of the national Communities in Bloom program. For details on the local and national program visit [edmonton.ca/eib](http://edmonton.ca/eib), and for more information on Front Yards in Bloom, visit [frontyardsinbloom.ca](http://frontyardsinbloom.ca).

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