



Summer

2016

What's happening with Strathcona in Bloom.

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Thanks to our many volunteers busy planting this spring. Earlier this spring, Dulcy Berry and the bed coordinators met and solidified a plan of action for the season. Thank you to Dulcy for organizing this and for the extra work the bed coordinators do. Many individuals contribute their time and talents as well as some organizations. Robin Hood Association and two Girl Guide units each look after a bed or planters. Many thanks to their leaders and to the volunteers in these groups. We look forward to the beauty of the plants this summer and reconnecting with our fellow volunteers.



**Looking forward:** These are the Canada 150 tulips, bred by the Dutch for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017 to mirror our flag. There will be a limited number available from Home Hardware in Sherwood Park in September. ([more](#))

#### Important dates this summer:

Judges will tour: **July 18 to 20th**

Front Yard Nomination deadline **July 21st**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - **August 18th** at the Broadmoor Golf Club , beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Front Yard Competition Coordinator**—Thanks to **Karen Rivers** for her years doing fantastic job at this position. We are presently looking for someone to fill this position or help with the various aspects of it. Contact Dulcy for more information.

**Thanks** to our President, Jerry Dubyk for doing a presentation at the Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting earlier this month. Chamber members were informed of the many ways that our volunteers enrich our com-

**Our local greenhouses:** We would like to thank all of our greenhouse suppliers, with a special thanks to the following who donate directly to our program. **Aspen Ridge Greenhouses** for the magnificent display in the multi-tiered planters at Festival Place, **South Cooking Lake Greenhouses** for the plants at South Cooking Lake in the numerous planters, and **Salisbury Greenhouses** for their continued supply of plant material for the Museum bed.

**Pollinator Habitat Planting:** Thank you to all who were able to help plant the Pollinator Habitat! It was wonderful to see so many young ones digging in the dirt! The Legacy Forest and Pollinator Habitat commemorates Strathcona County's 20th anniversary as a specialized municipality and is located in Centennial Park, just to the left of the first parking lot. As the plants mature and the dirt and mulch gradually return to grass, it will become a meadow of grass and flowers. For more information (and some fun games) on pollinators, [click here](#).



**Less work for beautiful gardens and lawns:** Tips on how to spend less time and get great results in your garden and lawn. [\(more\)](#)

**Attract more wildlife:** If you want to attract more butterflies, birds, and other forms of wildlife to your garden, read [more](#):

### **Peter Stavely Memorial Tree Update**

On June 2nd, a maple tree was planted at Smeltzer House in memory of Peter Stavely. His wife, Jane, daughter Angie Trink and her husband Ron Trink attended. A plaque honouring his memory and all that he did for Strathcona in Bloom will be presented to the family and mark the tree in the near future. Peter and his wife Jane were responsible for bringing Communities in Bloom to Strathcona County. For a history of the beginnings of Strathcona in Bloom, [click here](#)



Check out our website, <https://strathconainbloom.com/> for a list of all our sponsors, bed locations, news and events and more. Click on any coloured text to go to a link. Just click on the Twitter and Facebook areas to see our posts (you don't need an account). A limited number of pictures are also available to protect your privacy. Past newsletters are found on the news and events page. We welcome your feedback.

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