



Summer
2017

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Thanks to our volunteers and Strathcona County Recreation, Parks and Culture Staff for their efforts in making this a successful planting season. Special thanks to our Urban Volunteer Coordinator Leesa Lacombe and Rural Volunteer Coordinator Terri-Ann Trohubiak and to our volunteers who stepped up to fill vacant positions. Strathcona County is set to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday with fantastic red and white floral displays. Since planting, the Woodbridge Farms bed was vandal-

ized, but fortunately the plants were able to be replanted quickly. Our Craigavon North and South beds were not so lucky as they have each been stolen from twice with over 60 plants taken in total. Our volunteers have replanted twice. For the last replanting of Craigavon North, **South Cooking Lake Greenhouses donated** the replacement plants. **Country Road Greenhouses donated** the replacement plants for Craigavon South for the last replanting. We are very appreciative of their support! We posted about the thefts on Facebook and Twitter and had a great response from the community. One of the Facebook posts received over 9800 views, so it was great exposure for Strathcona in Bloom and our green shirt wearing volunteers.

Front Yard Competition : Nomination deadline is July 30. Nominations can be made by email: blooms@strathcona.ca, or by phone 780-464-8287. Please provide your name, phone number and the nominated resident's address. Our thanks to Sherwood Park News for donating the space for advertising and to the staff at Strathcona County for creating the ad. Thanks also to Tim Goos for the great photo.

Volunteer efforts highlighted - As a thank you to some of our long time volunteers, (individual or bed groups) a feature will be added. To have a volunteer that you know featured, please submit a story of their history with us. Stories may be submitted to mfcoop@telus.net. Scroll down for our first volunteer featured.

Volunteer Banquet: Save the date: **Thursday, August 17** at the Broadmoor Golf Club. Look for your invitations for further details.

Noxious weeds in Strathcona County - They can have white, pink/red, purple, yellow or orange flowers. The complete list with additional information is [here](#)

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Volunteers needed for the positions of Treasurer and Front Yard Competition Coordinator.

Isabel Hanlan - Feature Strathcona in Bloom Volunteer Thanks to her daughter Pat, who is also a volunteer, for providing information and pictures.

Isabel Hanlan has been a resident of Sherwood Park, for 60 years. She has contributed many volunteer hours at the Strathcona County Museum and Archives, assisting both indoors and out. On behalf of the Strathcona in Bloom Society, Isabel, with help from her family and friends, beautifies the facility with a colorful display of flowers, every summer.

Initially the planting task was half of what it is today. County staff planted shrubs and perennials in the large raised planter in front of the Museum and annuals in a few freestanding planters and Isabel planted and maintained annuals in a few planters, on her own. Later, more 7 foot planters were added; the job grew and so did the crew. For the last decade Isabel & her crew has planted and maintained 10 large planters.

To commemorate Canada's 150th Birthday, she initiated the installation of a novelty bicycle planter to add that special touch. Isabel takes great pride in everything she does and that is why for almost two decades, the Museums planters have looked beautiful. She will join them in celebrating the Museum's 20th Anniversary on July 15th, 11:00 - 3:00pm.



Grow your own birdseed : Do you buy birdseed in the winter? Six plants for your garden that will feed birds all winter without the mess under the feeder.

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Executive Notes

Thank you to **Doug Barry** for serving as our Treasurer (and for a while was also our Secretary). Thanks to **Libby Dardis** for serving as a director and getting us set up for our Front Yard Competition this year. We miss you both. Welcome to **Beth Hunt** - a Front Yard Competition Finalist last year who is bringing a unique perspective to our Front Yard Competition this year.

Edible flowers - some common flowers that are edible and what taste to expect from them. [More.....](#)

Poisonous flowers - a list of common garden plants with flowers and the part that is poisonous. [More.....](#)

Home made hair care recipes: Avocado, aloe, lemon juice, lavender and nettle are some ingredients. Included is dog shampoo. [More...](#)

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