

Floral

2022 Floral-related activities

1. Planters/Hanging Baskets
2. Commercial/Industrial beautification
3. Heartland Beautification Committee projects
4. Planting Strategy
5. Community Orchard

1. Planters/Hanging Baskets

The Town of Stettler summer staff waters and maintains approximately **120 planters (hanging baskets and ground level planters)**, 7 days a week. This takes one staff member approximately 4 hours each day. Damaged baskets are replaced daily, as required. Plant selection varies from year to year at the discretion of the designer at the contracted greenhouse.

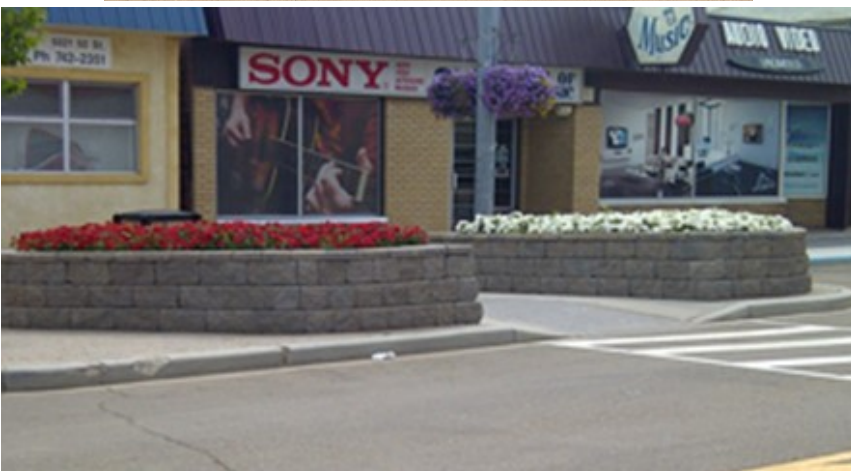
Permanent traffic bulb planter beds have been added downtown to allow for more flower planting. (see Community Appearance)



Water truck watering hanging baskets



Colourful planters



Traffic bulb planters provide color





Heart shaped bed

NEW

The old location of the Carl Stettler monument was looking a little bare so the HBC decided we could add more beds. This heart shaped bed was created in 2021. This year it is planted with all yellow flowers for "Gardens of Hope".



NEW

Planting Memories (see Environmental Action)

2. Commercial/Industrial beautification

Many local businesses decorate their properties with planters, hanging baskets or develop landscape beds. Some businesses take great pride in their displays and vary them regularly. We've noticed that many more businesses are beautifying their storefronts in creative ways.



Beautified commercial property



3. Heartland Beautification Committee projects

All activities that are implemented under the common Stettler Blooms theme are identifiable by the logo. Several contests, initiatives and projects span the course of the year as follows:

Beautiful Yards

There are many beautiful private residential gardens throughout Stettler, ranging from simple to elaborate. In 2014 & 2015, Stettler received 10 Scotts MiracleGro Recognition signs that were delivered and placed in gardens around town, to recognize their efforts. HBC members each nominated 1-2 yards/gardens and those entries were also added to the local contest, plus the national one. In 2016, this was changed from a contest to a recognition program.

In 2018, a "Beautiful Yard" Recognition program was created (the idea was adapted from several Ontario communities), where "Beautiful Yard" recognition signage is placed in people's yards, and then they nominate someone else after 2 weeks, placing the sign in someone else's yard. It is a self-managing, Pay it Forward-style program.



Container contest

Stettler Blooms sub-committee fell in love with the idea of developing an annual Container Competition, based upon one held in Kamloops, BC. The plan was developed over the winter of 2016/2017, with ten 36 inch Skyline self-watering planters purchased. The 1st Annual Community Container Contest was launched on June 3, 2017. Businesses, community groups, individuals, etc. are invited to register a team. Each team designs, purchases materials and plants their own planter based on a theme, such as “Canada 150” and “Colour your world”. The 2022 theme is “Once Upon a Time, Myths and Legends”. The containers have become very interactive with residents of Points West assisted living facility and add variety and colour to pathways



6th Annual Community Container Contest

Theme:
Once Upon a Time...Myths & Legends



ENTER BY: Friday, May 13th

PLANTING DAY: Saturday,
June 4th

JUDGING DAY: July 25, 2022

UP TO 10 TEAMS

NO REGISTRATION FEE

\$50 Prize for Winning Design

CONTAINERS, SOIL, AND WATER PROVIDED



Call or visit the Recreation
Center to Register
403-742-4411



Plant exchange participants

Spring plant/seed exchange

The annual Spring Plant Exchange / Plant Swap has proven to be very successful. This event takes place on the Saturday before Mother’s Day. Gardening enthusiasts can obtain new plants at no cost, while being able to share any extras they may have of their own during dividing their plants! Lots of information is shared between participants throughout the busy morning. Noxious weed information is now shared each year.



17th Annual Spring Plant Exchange

Saturday May 7, 2022
10am-12pm

**WEST STETTLER
SPRAY PARK PARKING LOT**

Bring Perennial Plants or Seeds
Exchange Freely



4. Planting Strategy

Most of Stettler's public plantings (in-ground beds) are composed of a combination of woody (tree and shrub) plant material, with some perennial floral plants included, in order to reduce installation / maintenance costs. The heart-shaped flower bed in the Memorial Park (Cenotaph) is planted and maintained by town staff (with assistance from Grade 5 students at the Stettler Elementary School).



Heart shaped flower bed in Memorial Park



Mixed beds with flowers, woody and non-woody plant material

Some perennials are being used including peonies which are Stettler's official flower. They feature prominently in Pioneer Park and the Cemetery, and now at the Community Orchard. The community orchard also has a number of flowering plants and vines, for pollinators.



5. Community Orchard

The Stettler Community Orchard features over 1500 perennial flowers and ornamental grasses. (see Landscape)

VIEW OF STETTLER FROM UP HIGH

