

MB CiB 20th Annual Conference and Awards



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Conference Schedule

Friday September 7th	
Time	Program
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration open
	Community and Sponsor Display set up
	Art Club Display set up
	Silent Auction set up
4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour Multiplex and Stampede Grandstand • Tour Cargill Training Centre & Rock Thrower at Morris Curling Club
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Supper break (on own)
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Public Sale of tickets to Mark Cullen's Presentation
7:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.	Conference Opening Ceremonies
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	The New Canadian Garden Mark Cullen : expert gardener, best selling author and columnist
8:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	Mark Cullen meet & greet/photo op
8:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.	Wine & Cheese—Curling Club
	Silent Auction
	Community Displays
	Sponsor Displays
	Art Club Display
	CiB 20th anniversary photo/essay contest
	Manitoba Stampede memorabilia

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Conference Schedule

Saturday September 8th

Time	Program
8:00 a.m.	Registration open
	Displays open
	Silent auction open
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Conference Opening - Greetings and housekeeping
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	City of Morden's Urban Forest Plan and Ash Strategy Shawn Dias : Manager of Parks and Urban Forestry for the City of Morden
9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Tree Diversity Philip Ronald : Researcher at Jeffries Nurseries Ltd.
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Composting Program Options for Communities Teresa Looy : Compost Program Coordinator Green Action Center
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Control Weeds without Herbicides Hugh Skinner : Manager of Skinner's Nursery in Roblin and co-author of "Gardening Naturally: a Chemical-Free Handbook for the Prairies"
11:30 a.m.—12 noon	Manitoba's "Non-Essential Pesticide Regulation " Krystal Penner : Pesticide and Agricultural Program Specialist with the Environmental Approvals Branch, Manitoba Sustainable Development
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch 20 Years of CiB in Manitoba Don Budinsky : Chair Manitoba Communities in Bloom Photo/Essay Contest Winners Announced
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Community Landscaping with native wildflowers and grasses John Morgan : Owner of Prairie Habitats Inc. Argyle Mb.
1:30 p.m.—1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Community Murals Sarah Collard : Recipient of the Mural of the Year Award three times.
2:15 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Free time for exhibits / trade show / silent auction
2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.	Tours [Each tour is expected to take 1 hour, and will only be given once.] 1. The Multiplex / Stampede Tour 2. Morris Community tour 3. Morris Museum
4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Trade show / exhibit close down
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.	Cocktails and entertainment
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	20th Annual Manitoba Communities in Bloom Conference Banquet and Awards

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Friday September 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Key Note Address

Mark Cullen

The New Canadian Garden

"... the incoming generation of gardeners has challenged all of us to look at gardening from a different point of view, with less concern for aesthetics and a greater focus on food gardening and environmentally responsible planting and care." (Mark Cullen, "The New Canadian Garden")

Canada's "Gardening Guru" will talk about how the world is changing the gardening experience, as well as sharing stories gathered through his involvement with CiB.

This expert gardener, best selling author, columnist, and broadcaster, was awarded the Order of Canada in 2016, in recognition for "his contributions to promoting and developing horticultural education in Canada and for his ability to explain how Canadians can protect the environment." Mark reaches over two million Canadians every week through various media outlets, including his website, www.markcullen.com, has published over 20 books on gardening, serves as a spokesperson and horticultural consultant for a number of companies including Home Hardware Canada, and is the Campaign Chair and Co-founder of the "Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign" that is planting 2 million trees along the 401 Highway of Heroes as a tribute to the men and women who fought for Canada in our wars and a living memorial to the 117,000 who lost their lives for freedom.



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Session Descriptions & Speakers Bios

Presentation #1: City of Morden's Urban Forest Plan and Ash Strategy
Speaker: Shawn Dias, Manager of Parks and Urban Forestry for the City of Morden

"Trees outstrip most people in the extent and depth of their work for the public good."

(Sara Ebenrecky—American Forests)

Morden has developed a comprehensive plan to manage their inventory of over 5000 trees on public property, including nearly 2000 Ash trees. Learn about the steps Morden is taking to maintain, improve and protect their urban forest.

About the speaker: Shawn studied forestry on Vancouver Island and at the University of British Columbia which lead to a forestry career working on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He moved to Morden 11 years ago with wife and two boys working with the Agro Woodlot Program through Manitoba Agriculture, the Manitoba Forestry Association and with the City of Morden for the last 5 years. Now an ISA and Provincially Certified Arborist, his responsibilities include the maintenance of a city-wide tree inventory, urban forest management plan, ash strategy, DED preventative maintenance program, Community Forest Agreement and most recently, helping to spearhead a Manitoba Urban Forest Council.

Presentation #2: Tree Diversity
Speaker: Philip Ronald, Researcher at Jeffries Nurseries Ltd.

"It is difficult to realize how great a part of all that is cheerful and delightful in the recollection of our lives is associated with trees." (William Flagg)

Dutch elm disease and now Emerald Ash Borer are two of the most recent threats to the urban canopy in Manitoba. The need for intelligent diversification within our tree populations has never been greater. This presentation will feature an overview of options for tree diversity that can be considered by Manitoba communities as they plan for the future.

About the speaker: Philip was raised in the Canadian prairies and educated in plant breeding and horticulture at the university of Manitoba and University of Saskatchewan, where he completed his Ph.D. He worked full-time in the nursery industry for 10 years during which time he developed several tree cultivars. He presently divides his time between teaching at the U. of M., managing a 20 acre fruit farm and providing support to the research and marketing programs of Jeffries Nurseries Ltd.

Presentation #3: Composting Program Options for Communities
Speaker: Teresa Looy, Compost Program Coordinator Green Action Center

"The longer I live the greater is my respect for manure in all its forms." (Elizabeth von Arnin)

How can municipalities, whether just starting, or whether expanding their programs, support the diversion of organics from the landfill? This presentation will discuss several options, including real examples from Manitoba, ranging from backyard composting support, to full-scale curbside pickup. Also covered is the importance of composting, as well as how it can benefit the environment and our pocketbooks!

About the speaker: Teresa is Compost Program Coordinator with Green Action Center, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote greener and better living. Its primary areas of work are green commuting, composting and waste reduction, sustainable living and resource conservation. She has a Master's of Natural Resources Management from the U. of M. Teresa loves dirt and hopes you will too!



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Presentation #4: Control Weeds without Herbicides

Speaker: Hugh Skinner, Manager of Skinner's Nursery in Roblin and co-author of "Gardening Naturally: a Chemical-Free Handbook for the Prairies"

"Christopher throws dandelion head after dandelion head into his bag. It's getting heavy now and his fingers are stained from the work but there are still so many left to kill. His biggest mistake is giving them names." (Kissing You is Like Trying to Punch a Ghost by Brian Martinez)

This presentation will discuss controlling weeds in turf and gardens without chemical herbicides. It will focus on management practices and the use of chemicals that are acceptable in organic practice.

About the speaker: Hugh has horticulture in his blood! He grew up in, and continues to manage Skinner's Nursery in Roblin, has a BSA (Horticulture) from the U. of M., has co-authored a number of books with Sara Williams, including "Gardening Naturally: a Chemical-Free Handbook for the Prairies", received the Prairie Garden Award for Excellence and is past President of the Manitoba Horticultural Association and current Board Member of Manitoba CiB.

Presentation #5: Manitoba's "Non-Essential Pesticide Regulation "

Speaker: Krystal Penner, Pesticide and Agricultural Program Specialist with the Environmental Approvals Branch, Manitoba Sustainable Development

"A weed called by any other name would not grow so fast." (Neil Smart)

The restrictions on weed killing herbicides were implemented a few years ago. Krystal will answer questions on the regulation and its objectives.

About the Speaker: Krystal is the Pesticide (includes herbicides) and Agricultural Program Specialist with the Environmental Approvals Branch, Manitoba Sustainable Development. She is responsible for the oversight and administration of legislation concerning the use of pesticides.

Presentation #6: 20 Years of CiB in Manitoba and Photo Essay Contest Winners

Speaker: Don Budinsky, President Manitoba Communities in Bloom

In celebration of Manitoba Communities in Bloom 20th anniversary Don will highlight the successes of this important Manitoba program; taking us on a journey of where we have come from and where we are going.

About the speaker: Don has been an avid Communities in Bloom supporter for the past 20 years both at the National and Provincial level. As the Manager of the City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space Division, now retired, he was instrumental in leading Winnipeg to win in their category on two occasions. He has volunteered as a judge nationally and provincially and is currently President of the Manitoba Communities in Bloom Board of Directors.



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Session Descriptions & Speakers Bios

Presentation #7: **Community Landscaping with native wildflowers and grasses**

Speaker: John Morgan, Owner of Prairie Habitats Inc. Argyle MB

"Using native plants is really a no-brainer. They have been here for centuries and require no training to perform at their best." (Author Unknown)

The trend to using native Manitoba wildflowers and grasses in our gardens and in public landscaping is receiving greater attention than ever. This presentation will explore what is happening and why and how you and your community can explore this resurrected resource.

About the speaker: John is the owner of Prairie Habitats Inc., a company located in Argyle, MB that is dedicated to helping people restore native prairies and encouraging the use of native seed. John is a pioneer in the field of natural landscaping and a champion of all things prairie in Manitoba. John works closely with Living Prairie Museum in Winnipeg and has presented several workshops there.

Presentation #8: **Community Murals**

Speaker: Sarah Collard, Sarah is an Ontario-born artist, currently living in Morris, who has received the Mural of the Year Award three times.

"Art does not reproduce what we see; rather, it makes us see." (Paul Klee)

Prepare to be amazed and delighted as this artist highlights some of the award winning murals she has designed in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Learn how these sometimes giant works of art are created and how they serve to preserve a community's heritage or show case a unique aspect of a neighborhood, community, public place or business.

About the speaker: Sarah is an Ontario-born artist, currently living in Morris, who has received the Mural of the Year Award three times. A prolific artist, she has exhibited her drawings and paintings at various galleries in Canada, and has created over 50 murals, as well as teaching art in many public and private schools in Manitoba. Sarah is just completing a giant "Stampede" theme mural in Morris, that will officially launch at 3:00 PM, Saturday, Sept. 8.

Presentation #9: **Morris Community Tours**

(Each tour is expected to take 1 hour and will only be given once.)

1. The Multiplex / Stampede Tour:

An historic review of the Manitoba Stampede and a tour of Morris's unique and impressive Multiplex, which houses Town Civic Offices and Council Chambers, a 10,000 sq. ft. convention facility that can seat up to 800, Morris Curling Club and Cargill Curling Training Center (with a demo of the world's only curling rock throwing machine), the hockey arena that seats up to 500 fans, recreation and multiplex offices, a Wellness Center complete with a 2000 sq. ft gym and a Physiotherapy office.

2. Morris Community tour:

A "Welcome to Morris" tour highlighting the amenities and historical features, major employers and "living with the Red River" unique features of the community.

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