



The Volunteers of the Sarnia 2011 Communities in Bloom committee work to enhance Sarnia's civic pride and our image across Canada by participating in the Communities in Bloom project.

The city of Sarnia has been invited to participate in the **2011 National Communities in Bloom** competition and we have accepted. Our judges will be coming to Sarnia **July 23-26** and we are preparing to give them the best tour and the best stay of all the competing cities in our category.

Sarnia won 5 blooms nationally in 2009, as well as a special recognition for Germain Park and we intend to repeat that victory, and win best city overall in our category.

Communities in Bloom is not just about flowers. It promotes Sarnia as one of Ontario's best communities to live in and raise your family. The evaluation uses eight criteria that include environmental action, urban forestry, heritage conservation, turf/ground cover, landscaped areas, tidiness, floral displays' and community involvement.

Members of the committee will be attending the National Awards Ceremony in Quebec City in October, where we will be promoting our city to delegates from across Canada and the world.

Sarnia has a history of success. We won **5 blooms " provincially "2007 and 2008, 5 blooms " nationally " in 2009**, and were awarded the honour of being the host community for 2010 Provincial Awards, showcasing our beautiful city to delegates from across Ontario.

We will continue on our path to victory in 2011.,as we prepare for the judges visit and final results that will be revealed at the National Awards Conference in Quebec City in October2011.

Anne Marie Gillis Chair