



## Communities in Bloom

People, Plants & Pride, Growing Together

Communities in Bloom Ontario is a non-profit Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and the challenge of a friendly competition.

The Communities in Bloom program helps inspire communities to enhance and sustain the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the imaginative use of regionally-appropriate flowers, plants, trees and landscaping. A focus on the preservation of heritage and cultural assets with attention to environmental stewardship is an integral part of its success resulting in an improved quality of life for all.

During the past 15 years, over 225 Ontario communities and organizations have been recognized for their achievements at the annual Communities in Bloom Symposium & Awards Ceremonies. In 2009, this prestigious event will be held in the City of Vaughan, Sept. 29th to Oct. 4th.

Communities in Bloom Ontario is excited to team up with The Ministry of the Environment and our partner organizations, the Master Gardeners of Ontario and the Ontario Horticultural Association to promote alternatives to conventional pesticides. A free seminar series, *Healthy Lawns and Gardens – Going Pesticide Free* will be held in locations across Ontario giving Ontarians advice and practical tips on caring for lawns and gardens using greener alternatives.

The first 3 seminars have been confirmed

**City of Markham, May 13**

7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Toronto Botanical Gardens, May 25**

7:00pm - 9:00pm

**City of Vaughan, June 1**

Vellore Historic Hall & School

7:00pm - 9:00pm

For a complete list of seminar dates and locations please visit [ontario.ca/additup](http://ontario.ca/additup) or [cibontario.ca](http://cibontario.ca)

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