

Award for Excellence

The International Peace Garden and CEO, Doug Hevenor,
2010 Winner of The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence

by Linda Pearn



Dr. Dale Herman and Doug Hevenor (Sandy Venton)

The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence for 2010 was presented to The International Peace Garden (IPG) and its CEO, Doug Hevenor, at a luncheon at Larter's at St. Andrews, Manitoba on September 3, 2010. This is the 11th year this Award has been given for Excellence in Horticulture on the Northern Great Plains.

The International Peace Garden, a 2,339 acre (947 hectares) Botanical Garden which lies along the borders of Manitoba and North Dakota, opened in 1932 and is

devoted to World Peace. A simple boundary marker – a cairn built of stones gathered from both sides – is flanked by two flag poles bearing the flags of the two nations. A narrow terraced channel of water flows through the center, the 49th parallel, of the Formal Garden. Among the many attractions are a Sunken Garden, Floral Clock, Floral Canadian & American Flags, 9/11 Memorial, Bell Tower and Peace Tower. The Peace Garden annually hosts numerous camps for music, band, vocal and other educational groups.

Doug Hevenor hopes to make the Peace Garden a destination for tourists, bus trips and visitors from both sides of the U.S./Canadian border.

Doug Hevenor, the current CEO, joined IPG in 2005. He obtained his Horticultural training at the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture in Ontario. Doug has lived and gardened in most of the Plant Hardiness Zones in Canada and United States. He has been influential in progress and new development at the IPG. Under his leadership, the Sunken Garden has been re-developed. Recently, 600 trees, 7,000 shrubs, 75,000 perennials and 20,000 bulbs have been planted in one of the largest landscape designed areas in the center of North America. As well, he has helped to bring about the decision to erect a fence to exclude white-tailed deer from some of the plantings. Doug is passionate about Horticulture and this passion is transferred to his activities at The International Peace Garden. The nominator, Dr. Dale Herman, states "He is an outstanding CEO, an efficient manager, a lobbyist, an engineer, a public relations expert, a horticulturist par-excellence and more, all wrapped in one leader." The Peace Garden operates with a Board of Directors composed of interested people from both Canada and the United States of America.

The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence is awarded annually

to an individual or group making a significant contribution to the advancement and/or promotion of horticulture on the Northern Great Plains. Areas of involvement may include community activity, plant introduction or breeding, preservation of horticultural sites, teaching, research, extension or photography.

The Prairie Garden Committee is a volunteer group which publishes an annual gardening book focusing on horticulture in the prairies. The Prairie Garden, Western Canada's only gardening annual, was first published in 1937. 🍀

More information about the award and previous winners can be seen at:
www.theprairiegarden.ca/award.html





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has been presented annually since 2000 by The Prairie Garden in order to recognize horticultural achievements.

Eligibility

The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence shall be awarded to an individual or group making a significant contribution to the advancement and/or promotion of horticulture on the Northern Great Plains. Areas of involvement may include community activity, plant introduction or breeding, preservation of horticultural sites, teaching, research, extension and photography.

The Award

The award shall be cash in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and a suitably inscribed plaque.

Nomination Process

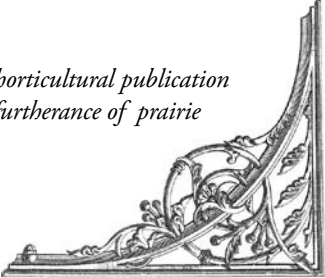
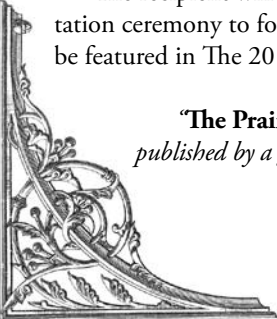
Letters of nomination should include in-depth details with appropriate documentation of the candidate's achievements in horticulture. This will be the only source of information used to compare to other nominations.

All nominations must be received by May 31, 2011.

Nominations should be submitted to:
The Prairie Garden Awards Board
P.O. Box 517
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2J3

Announcement & Presentation

The recipient will be announced by September 1, 2011 with a presentation ceremony to follow as soon as practical thereafter. The winner will be featured in The 2012 Prairie Garden.



“The Prairie Garden” is an annual horticultural publication published by a group of volunteers for the furtherance of prairie horticulture.