



## 2011 Fall Newsletter

### Message from the Chairperson

Grow Regina officially ended another growing season at the Annual Fall Meeting which was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially those who continue to volunteer on the Grow Regina Board and its Committees. Without your support and dedication, we could not continue to exist. With the anticipated change of the Regina Food Bank involvement with Grow Regina, your newly elected Board is now underway to evolve Grow Regina into an independent incorporated organization prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. A draft copy of the Grow Regina Bylaws has been posted at [www.GrowRegina.ca](http://www.GrowRegina.ca) for your review. Please contact us to let us know your thoughts to assist the Governance Committee in developing the new Bylaws.

Yvette Crane, 2012 Chairperson



**Grow Regina's mandate is to promote the economic, social and cultural well being of Regina residents through community gardening.**



### Gazebo Plans Move Forward

Grow Regina is excited to move forward with the Cicansky Gazebo Project that was approved in 2010. Board approval was recently given regarding the contract between Javier Guillen (G. and A. Design Art Studio) and Vic Cicansky to draw up architectural plans ~ completion by January 29, 2012. This contract will yield the plans (drawings) for Cicansky to take to Hi Tech who will make two or three maquettes (models). The Fundraising & Development Committee continues their efforts to support the building of the Gazebo in 2012.



Cicansky Mini-sculptures are still available.

Funds from the sale will be dedicated to the next phase of the gazebo development.



## "Wetland" Survey Results

The survey of the north end of the community garden has been completed. It's what was suspected; the entire area is almost completely level with a few high spots which hold the excess water, instead of running into the storm channel or into the service access lane.

The solution is relatively simple: raise some of the paths, add some top soil, cut a couple of swales into the bank of the storm channel (being careful to rescue the newly planted trees.) Although the plan is simple, volunteer efforts will begin to make these improvements only as weather permits.

## Budget Review

The Board is currently in the process of establishing the budget for 2012. With the additional costs related to incorporation, wetland improvement, garden tool purchase and fall disposal bin access for fall garden cleanup, members may see a minimal increase in their gardening fees in the spring.

## Volunteer Appreciation

As we prepare our wish list for 2012, we would like to thank all Grow Regina volunteers who helped us with this year's accomplishments of:

- Plot assignments
- Entrance flower beautification
- Path improvement through the delivery of more gravel
- Ongoing weed management and ground maintenance
- Graffiti removal and shed upkeep
- Ongoing fundraising
- BBQ and social gatherings
- Maintenance and protection of Evergreen plantings

Of course, thank you to the Board of the 2011 for your tireless service to your members and community.

*Prepared by Communications Committee.*

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