

MGRA awards kick off the year

by Terra Van Deynze, MGRA Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all municipalities that I will be going on maternity leave as of March. **Janet Moore** will be replacing me for the duration of my leave. I'll be sending out a notice at a later date informing of Janet's contact numbers and address.

Once again this past July, the Manitoba Good Roads Association (MGRA) judges traveled across the province judging roads and home grounds for the annual competition. Two judges were assigned each of the five districts in Manitoba. We had an abundance of entries this year and were again astonished by the amount of work that is put into home grounds beautification, as well as the dedication of municipalities to maintain road systems.

MGRA will be presenting awards to the winners of the competition at the **Annual Banquet** that will be held in Brandon at the Royal Oak Inn on **February 27, 2005**. If you wish to attend this fun evening, please fax the banquet ticket order form to 857-9571. **The MGRA Annual General Meeting will also take place Sunday at the Royal Oak Inn at 3:00 P.M.** Plan on attending as the MGRA values the opinions and concerns of each municipality.

In January, Red River Community College offered a course on

Gravel Road Maintenance and Design in the City of Selkirk. A grader was onsite to facilitate learning. This course is always well received and I plan to continue organizing it in the future. Participants received a *Certificate of Participation* upon completion of the two-day course.

A seminar with Manitoba Water Stewardship discussing information on urban and municipal drainage including water rights issues, maintenance exemptions, water planning projects, and culvert sizing will be held in conjunction with the AMM Convention on February 28, 2005 at the Keystone.

MGRA welcomes any suggestions for upcoming courses as well as any feedback concerning previous courses.

Once again, we will have a booth at the AMM Trade Show. Please stop by our booth and look at the pictures of the winning home grounds as well as learn more about our association by talking with some of the judges and board members.

Membership continues to increase as fees remain consistent from year to year. The MGRA welcomes any municipalities wishing to become members. MGRA also appreciates the commitment of its current members. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

2004 MGRA award winners

CLASS 10

Best Home Grounds

Group D: Urban Centres Population under 1000

The Leclair Shield – Frank & Carolyn Elias (RM of Thompson)

Group C: Urban Centres - Population 1001-2000

The Jeffries Nurseries Ltd. Shield – Langdon & Jodi Campbell (Town of Roblin)

Group B: Urban Centres - Population 2001-7500 The Carels Shield – Jacque Derewianchuk & Mark Shurek (Town of Stonewall)

Group A: Urban Centres - Population 7500 plus The Burgess Shield – Marion Cook (City of Brandon)

CLASS 9

Best Country Resident Non-Farm Home Grounds

District 5 - The Rebeck Shield – Donald & Darlene Buhler (RM of Minitonas)

District 4 - The Manitoba Telecom Services Shield – Louise Proven (RM of Harrison)

District 3 - The Munisoft Shield – Harvey & Carol Dowd (RM of South Cypress)

District 2 - The Robert Adrian Memorial Shield Grant & Heather Farncombe (RM of Portage la Prairie)

District 1 - The RC Road Management Ltd. Shield Maurice & Lorraine Yurkiw (RM of St. Clements)

Provincial Winner - The Manitoba Hydro Shield – to be announced at banquet

CLASS 8

Best Farm Home Grounds

District 5 - The Oatway Shield – Ray & Ethel Murray (RM of Shell River)

District 4 - The Chapman Museum Shield – Don & Janice Neufeld (RM of Wallace)

District 3 - The Maaco Auto Painting & Body Works Shield – Rob & Arlene Zeghers (RM of Victoria)

District 2 - The Fort La Reine Museum Shield John & Ann Klassen (RM of Rhineland)

District 1 - The Petro Canada Shield Donald & Diane Hrehoruk (RM of Armstrong)

Provincial Winner - The Antonation Trophy – to be announced at banquet

CLASS 7

Beautification Competition – Urban up to 1000

District 5 - The Murray Rinn Shield – No entries

District 4 - The Cochrane Engineering Shield – Town of Birtle

District 3 - The Hayhurst Elias Dudek – Town of Pilot Mound

District 2 - The McKinney Shield – LUD of St. Malo (RM of De Salaberry)

District 1 - The Beachell Shield – Village of Dunnotar

Provincial Winner - The Airmaster Traffic Signs Shield – to be announced at banquet

CLASS 6

Beautification Competition

Urban Centres - Population 1001-2000

The Manitoba Motor League Shield – Town of Boissevain

CLASS 5

Beautification Competition

Urban Centres – Population 2001-7500

The Manitoba Good Roads Association Judges Shield - Town of Neepawa

CLASS 4

Beautification Competition

Urban Centres - population 7501 plus

The Royal Oak Inn Shield – City of Steinbach

CLASS 3

Highest Standard of One Continuous Mile of Re-built Road

The Armtec Shield - RM of St. Laurent

Highest Standard of One Continuous Mile of New Road

The Westman Culvert Shield - RM of Portage la Prairie

CLASS 2

Awarded to Municipalities Showing the Most Improvement in Municipal Roads

Division C: The Toromont Cat Shield – RM of St. Laurent

Division B: The Westcon Equipment & Rentals Ltd Shield - RM of Lac du Bonnet

Division A: The Brandt Tractor Shield – RM of Cornwallis

CLASS 1

Best Maintained System of Municipal Roads in Rural

Municipalities

Division C: The Darwen Road Technologies Shield - RM of Dauphin

Division B: The Provincial Shield - RM of Oakland

Division A: The Association of Manitoba Municipalities Shield – RM of Macdonald

Provincial Winner - The Provincial Cup – to be announced at banquet