



# Echo, Oregon 2010 & 2011

## An America in Bloom/ Communities in Bloom City



What is America in Bloom: Since 2001, America in Bloom has encouraged and helped over 130 communities from across the United States, improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. America In Bloom is an independent, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to promoting nation-wide beautification programs and both personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements, and to providing educational programs and resources to that end. Although the name suggests AIB is all about flowers, judges rate communities based on Floral Displays, Landscaping, Urban Forestry, Environmental Effort, Community Involvement, Turf, Heritage Preservation & Tidiness. The International Competition is called Communities in Bloom (CiB). As a winner in our category in 2010, the city was invited to participate in CiB. Results will be announced in October 2011

### Echo's AIB/CiB Theme: Where History Blooms

Echo has participated in America in Bloom (AIB) since 2006. The community has seen increasing community support and beautification efforts since. **Kopacz Nursery** in Hermiston, Oregon has been the primary sponsor, and a driving force behind the city's participation. Tanya Kopacz-Hoeft selects the plants and plants the floral displays for the public areas around city hall, Main & Thielsen

Streets in her Kopacz Greenhouses. Her artistic selection of plants and colors gains more appreciation by visitors and locals each year. The city has added landscaping along Main & Thielsen, adopted a downtown plan (and raised grant funds to implement it), added flowers at parks, Main



Dahlia, Main St. Planter

Street, around city hall & at the golf course. Plantings have been diversified. Historical projects such as the Farm Equipment Display on North Thielsen have been added and improved. In 2011 grants funded painting the equipment and added signage to it. Grants and donations are also providing new entry signs that will feature artwork depicting the image of Echo Koontz. In 2010 17 interpretive panels were added to the downtown to create a Museum of the Streets.

The Kiwanis Club hosts a cleanup day each spring and the school has a community service day. On Thielsen Street beautification was added to a state funded bike path & sidewalk project. Three large stone face planters, a vintage style street light with a hanging floral basket, benches and a Rain Garden were added. In 2008 the Echo Museum Garden was rehabilitated and new concrete curbing, planters, benches and over 50 perennials were added to this garden to make it more inviting. A section of undeveloped street right of way adjacent to the Methodist Church was developed with grass, a border garden, hanging baskets, a fire pit, and benches to create a pocket garden.

The city has a beautification contest to recognize efforts in private gardens and commercial spaces. But... a picture is worth a 1000 words... winners of the Beautification contests and a few photos from the private winning yards are shown here. Winners of the contest are announced during National Night Out each year.

#### 2011 COMMUNITY IN BLOOM DONORS

Kopacz Nursery & Florist establishes all of the planters around City Hall, in the park & on Thielsen St; provides greenhouse space, plants... Umatilla County \$750 Columbia Blue Mtn R C & D \$320; Echo Community Benefit Fund \$4,400 (entry signs, etc.)

#### \$125-200

Anderson-Perry & Ass.  
Diane Berry  
Robert & Marie Tolar  
George & Beatrice  
Luciani  
Bob Spike Memorial/Ray/Penny Shepherd

#### \$75-100

Amstad Farms  
Burns Mortuary  
Power Pro Electric  
Verlyn & Janet Schulz  
Mick/Susan Tolar

#### \$50

Echo Booster Club  
Ft Henrietta Fnd.  
Frank Harkenrider  
Doris Pitzer

#### \$25 & under

American Printing  
Echo Garden Club  
Toby Schamberger & Company  
Elsie Faro  
Frank & Peggy Haines  
Gene and Jeanie Hampton  
Harwood Kids & Marcum Kids

#### Materials & Services

Colleen Williams  
Sno Road Winery  
Echo Kiwanis—  
Annual Cleanup Day  
Echo Schools—  
Community Service Day

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Eagle Ranch

#### \$75-100

Amstad Farms  
Anderson-Perry  
Echo Quarterback Club  
Mr & Mrs. Robert Tolar  
Power Pro  
Jim Purswell Pumps

#### \$50

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Frank Harkenrider  
Mick & Susan Tolar

#### \$75-100

Mr./Mrs. Verlyn Schulz

#### \$50

Mr./Mrs. Dean Drake

#### \$25 & under-2010 Donations

Echo Fire Volunteers  
Janie Enright  
Selders Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ramos  
Echo Historical Museum  
Gene/Jeanie Hampton  
Echo Museum  
Iva Bishop  
Fort Storage  
Echo Garden Club  
Echo Kiwanis  
Doris Pitzer

Materials & Services: Colleen Williams, Echo Kiwanis, Echo School District.



#### 2011 Beautification Contest Winners/Top 10

Dave & Bev Cragun, Rebecca & Al Gronewold, Sheryl Morris Ramey, Carol & Gary Marcum, Weeb & Colleen Williams, Emma Roberts, Gayle & Richard Yoder, Trent Fife & Dawn Rudolph, Melvin Crist, Tim & Jeannette Goldie. A special award was presented to Colleen Williams for her hours of labor on golf course gardens & placing in the top category in the contest each year since its start.

#### 2010 America in Bloom Winners

##### 10 Best Yards

R.L. & Bonnie Baggerly, Lorraine & Stewart Bance, Ben & Jessie Campbell, Melvin Crist, BJ & Jack Esp, C. Fisher, Al & Rebecca Gronewald, Larry & Brenda Hunter, Gary & Carol Marcum, Gayle & Richard Yoder,

##### 10 Best Front Yards

Jerrie & Dale Fife, Marshall & Sharon Lilly, Chad & Kristi Ray, Robert & Marie Rose, Hannah & John Smith, Darin Tuil, Eric & Cari Volger, Weeb & Colleen Williams, Cliff & Lou Williams, Richard Winter/Sue Kays;

##### Most Improved

David Selders, Dave & Bev Cragun, Frank Nelson,

##### Building /Home Improvements

Brad & Tammie Williams, Lloyd & Lois Piercy/Mercantile, Jeanne Albro, Gene & Jeanie Hampton,

### 2010 Best Backyards

Curtis Bauck, Bud & Charlene Longhorn, MaryAnn & Darrell Power, Kim & Elgin Summers,

### 2009 America in Bloom 1st Place Winners

**Best Overall:** Gary & Carol Marcum; **Where History Blooms:** Emma Roberts; **Floral Display:** Hannah & John Smith; **Art in the Garden:** Terri & Dale Ballard, **Landscaping:** Larry & Brenda Hunter; **Secret Garden:** Curtis & Cecile Bauck, **Wildlife Habitat:** Nicole Nava; **Manicured Lawn:** Anita Dorn; **Urban Forest:** Bud & Charlene Longhorn; **Most Improved:** (tie) Ben & Jessie Campbell/Tammy Henderson, **Manicured Garden:** Richard Winter/Susan Kay; **Public:** George Park; **Roses:** Mel Crist, **Pots/Containers:** Eric & Kari Volger

### 2008 America in Bloom Winners

“Where History Blooms”-MaryAnn & Darrell Power

**Urban Forestry:** Gary & Carol Marcum; **Roses:** Jessie McAtee; **Most Improved:** Scott McFarlane; **Floral Displays:** Marshall Lilly; **Wildlife Habitat:** Charlotte Berry; **Manicured:** Bud & Charlene Longhorn; **Garden Décor:** Charlene & John Smith/Glenn & Betty McFarlane (tie); **Landscaping:** Larry & Brenda Hunter; Wortman; **Landscape:** David Thompson; **Secret Gardens:** Curtis Bauck; **Wildlife Refuge:** Charlotte Berry; **Commercial:** Echo Museum; **Most Improved:** Peggy & Frank Haines; **Urban Forestry:** Robert & Marie Rose **Roses:**

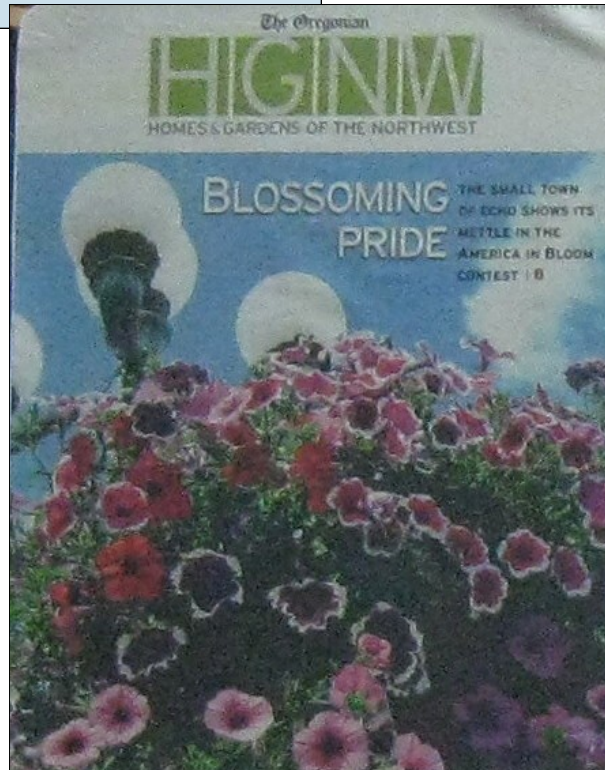


Chad & Kristi Ray; **Manicured:** Richard Winter; Larry & Brenda Hunter (tie)

1. Kiwanis Cleanup Day; 2. School Comm. Service Day, students wash city vehicles; 3. Cover of Oregonian Garden Center Sept. 2, 2010 on Echo's AIB program with photo of city hall planters; 4. Emma Robert's floral Display



If you would like to help support Echo's AIB programs, checks can be mailed to:  
City of Echo, PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826





**America in Bloom 2009: 1. Red Horse chestnut planted in park as official Echo Tree for 20th anniversary as a Tree City; Donations in memory of Bob Spike, Tom, Enright, Velma Laughlin & John Woodward fund a park water feature, Heritage Trail markers; River Access sign added; New Skatepark; Museum Garden upgrades continue. Here Echo students help clear flower beds during community service day.**



