

Morden & District Horticultural Society

The Morden Horticultural Society Charter was fourth in the province and is dated April 3, 1916. However, it was not signed until March 27, 1923 by the Hon N. Cameron, Minister of Agriculture and Immigration.

Although it took seven years for official recognition, the society was establishing a reputation beyond the community. In September 1921 Morden won a trophy for the best display of vegetables at the provincial exhibition. In 1922, 1925 and 1926 it won the Richardson cup for vegetable displays in Winnipeg. Morden was becoming known as a fruit growing centre with prize winning entries for apples, crab apples, plums and small fruits exhibited in Brandon and Winnipeg.

Local shows were held in late August or early September with classes for house plants, flowers, vegetables, fruits, canned goods, a junior section for children, and a home grounds competition. In addition to the main show in fall, the society set up displays in local store windows so people could enjoy the beauty of peonies, iris and sweet peas when each was at its best.

A town beautification program was initiated and boulevards were planted with flowering shrubs, yellow roses, spiraea and lilacs. Two members, William Godfrey and C.C. Milne were responsible for planting the little triangular park in Morden's west end where North Railway St. and Stephen St. converge. They also planted a test area five miles south west of Morden to compare the hardiness of certain varieties of trees and shrubs with similar plants in the more sheltered area in town.

The present members hold regular information meetings on a variety of Horticultural topics and organize an annual garden tour to showcase the beautiful gardens grown in Morden and the surrounding district. Be sure to join us for education, fun and new ideas! We meet the 1st Thursday of the month from September to December and from February to June. Meetings are held at the Morden Library at 7PM.

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