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### **St Clairsville, OH Wins America in Bloom Top Prize**

**Rockford, Illinois** – St Clairsville, OH was announced as a population category winner and recognized for its Landscaped Areas during the sixth annual America in Bloom (AIB) Symposium and Awards Program on Saturday, September 29, at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois.

AIB is a national campaign and contest that promotes enhancing communities through beautification. In the friendly competition, communities are matched by population and evaluated on their efforts related to floral displays, urban forestry, landscaped areas, turf and groundcover, tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage conservation, and community involvement. Judges visited the communities this summer.

30 communities from all regions of the country participated in the sixth edition of America in Bloom.

AIB's 2007 population category winners are:

- **5,000 or less** – Frankenmuth, Michigan
- **5,001-10,000** – St Clairsville, Ohio
- **10,001-15,000** – Buffalo, Minnesota
- **15,001-25,000** – Red Wing, Minnesota
- **25,001-50,000** – Beloit, Wisconsin
- **50,001-100,000** – Ocala, Florida
- **100,001-300,000** – Rockford, Illinois

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Eight special awards were presented to communities which received high marks out of all contestants in all population categories. These include:

- **Ball Horticultural Company Floral Displays Award** – Saratoga Springs, New York
- **Meister Media Worldwide Heritage Preservation Award** – Norwich, Connecticut
- **Project Evergreen Landscaped Areas Award** – Beloit, Wisconsin
- **American Horticultural Society Community Involvement Award** – Kirkwood, Missouri
- **The Scotts Co. Turf & Groundcover Areas Award** – Peoria, Arizona
- **Gardens Alive! Environmental Awareness Award** – Red Wing, Minnesota
- **Lesco/John Deere Landscapes Tidiness Award** – Greendale, Indiana
- **J Frank Schmidt & Son Company Urban Forestry Award** – Ithaca, New York

Plans are underway for the 2008 edition of AIB. Communities can register to participate at [www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org).

America in Bloom is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization encouraging nationwide beautification programs, personal and community involvement, educational programs, and the challenge of a friendly competition among participating communities across the country.

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