

Certification Corner



Congratulations to the following people who have successfully completed a certification program recently.

| First Name | Last Name | Province |
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| Kris | Beck, CHT | AB |
| Christine | Boyd, CHT | AB |
| Andreas | Burghoff, CHT | AB |
| Craig | Costello, CHT | AB |
| Carol | Gillis, CHT | AB |
| Bruce | Hunter, CHT, CLD, CLP | BC |
| Tim | Kearney, CLP | ON |
| Megan | Kroes, CHT | SK |
| Jean | Labonte, CHT | AB |
| Edan | Lindenbach, CHT, CLP | AB |
| Jay | Murray, CLP | ON |
| Derik | Neville, CHT | ON |
| Keith | Plowman, CLP | AB |
| Nathan | Reinhardt, CHT | AB |
| Robert | Toth, CHT | AB |
| Marcyn | Ward, CLP | BC |

Niagara Parks' School of Horticulture First Canadian College to Receive PLANET Accreditation

Niagara Falls, ON -- The Ornamental Horticulture Diploma Program at The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) School of Horticulture has been granted Provisional Accreditation at the four-year Bachelor degree level. The School will meet the requirements for Full Accreditation within the next few weeks.

The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Accreditation Review Team met with staff, students, alumni and industry associates to review the extensive application and further investigate the unique educational program. Their recommendations for accreditation were approved at the international meeting in Columbus, Ohio on November 3, 2006.

PLANET is the official trade association for members involved in landscape construction, design/build contracting, landscape maintenance reclamation and erosion control, irrigation, lawn care, interiorscaping

and all aspects of installation, construction and maintenance of the living environment.

Liz Klose, B.Sc. (Agr), Superintendent of the NPC School of Horticulture stated, "This accreditation is a major milestone in the history of the school. It will also increase the awareness for other horticulture colleges and universities across Canada. The additional certifications we have integrated into our curriculum enhances the educational experience of the students. Our diploma, which is already held in high regard, in combination with the industry certification designations, provide our graduates with greater employment opportunities."

Additionally, the School of Horticulture integrates two industry certifications, Certified Horticulture Technician (CHT) and the Certified Irrigation Technician (CIT) into their curriculum. This winter, the first Irrigation Technology course was offered, and was aligned with the requirements of

the CIT. For both certifications, through the generosity of two alumni, two bursaries financially contribute to the student exam fees. Students who are successful in achieving the certification designations prior to graduation have their student fee covered by the respective bursary.

For more information on PLANET accreditation, see www.landcarenetwork.org. For more detailed information on the School of Horticulture visit their website at www.schoolofhorticulture.com. Deadline for applications is June 30, 2007 for enrolment March 2008.