

Post-secondary students perform at Canada Blooms 2011



On March 17 -20, post-secondary students competed in the Skills Canada – Ontario Landscape Gardening Contest at Canada Blooms. **This contest is an early, off-site component of the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC), which takes place May 2-4, 2011 at RIM Park in Waterloo.** The Landscape Gardening contest is one of 63 contest areas that comprise the OTSC, where 1800 students compete in everything from welding to web design, carpentry to culinary arts.

For the past several years, Skills Canada – Ontario has partnered with Landscape Ontario to provide a top-notch contest venue for post-secondary landscape gardening competitors at Canada Blooms.

This year, six teams from four Ontario colleges competed, with students judged on their ability to plan, lay out and construct a small garden using a common set of criteria and drawings and utilizing a variety of construction and plant materials.

The results, revealed in the medal ceremony on March 20, are as follows:

Gold medal - Mark Adema and Brad DeVries representing Fanshawe College. These competitors will advance to the Canadian Skills Competition taking place in Quebec City June 2-3, 2011.

Silver medal - Andrew Harris and Matthew Muller representing Humber College

Bronze medal - Eric Haid and Ted Heagle representing Humber College

New this year: Spectators' Choice Award: Mark Adema & Brad DeVries, Fanshawe College

Skills Canada – Ontario is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting careers in the skilled trades and technologies to young people in Ontario. Through a variety of interactive programs, competitions and events, Skills Canada – Ontario champions and facilitates the development of world-class technological and employability skills in Ontario's youth. Don't miss the 22nd OTSC May 2-4, 2011 at RIM Park, Waterloo.