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To: All Individual Homeground Owners

MGRA would like to take this opportunity to inform you and your family of our Annual Beautification Competition! MGRA is a non profit organization that recognizes achievement in road construction and maintenance as well as community and individual home grounds beautification in Manitoba!

Our Board of Directors and Judging Committee would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to consider entering your homegrounds in our competition each year! Your **entry must be submitted through your municipality**. Your municipality must be a member of MGRA to submit entries! If you are entered, you have a chance at winning in your district as well as a chance at a provincial title! If you win, you are recognized at our Annual Awards Banquet and you will receive a plaque and certificate. Many of our winners take great pride in their achievement and the recognition they receive by attending the Banquet and accepting an award!

The categories that municipalities can enter individual homeground owners in are as follows:

Best Farm Home Grounds

Best Country Resident Non Farm Home Grounds

Best Home Grounds in an Urban Centre

Entries are submitted from May-June and the judging takes place in July or August during a two week time frame. Judges have a criteria sheet that they follow to score the homegrounds. The criteria include categories such as general plan or layout of the yard, shelter belts and ornamentals, fruits and vegetables, decorative plantings, and lawn care. Each of these categories has subcategories that are scored on a percentage basis. Remember that just because you feel you don't qualify doesn't mean you don't deserve to enter! It is the discretion of the judges and the guidelines they follow that determine who wins a category.

If you would be interested in knowing more about MGRA and the judge's criteria please contact Executive Director Terra Van Deynze at 239-1035 or email at mgra@mts.net. She will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. If you are interested in having your homegrounds entered into the 2009 competition please contact your municipality directly as they are the ones who are required to submit the entries.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we hope to judge your homegrounds during next year's judging competition!

MGRA Board of Directors and Judging Committee