
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2002
File No.: 7800-01
To: City Manager
From: Director of Planning & Development Services
Subject: Donation of City of Kelowna Official Flower

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council accept the Coldwell Banker donation of the City of Kelowna Official Flower portrait.

BACKGROUND

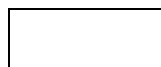
The City of Kelowna Public Art Committee, in concert with the Diggers and Weeders Garden Club and sponsored by Coldwell Banker, held a competition in April and May of this year to acquire a picture of the City Official Flower, the Arrowleaf Balsamroot (*balsamorizha sagittata*). The artist's fee is \$1000.00.

This flower was chosen last year through a Communities in Bloom initiative, and is one of this region's characteristic native wildflowers. Also known as the Okanagan Sunflower it provides an early spring splash of colour on warm dry hillsides throughout the ponderosa pine zone. It was chosen as being representative of many aspects of life here – historic use of the plants by the Okanagan First Nations as a food and medicinal source, and the geographical distribution of the plant (from the Caribou in the north to the Okanagan desert in the south).

The competition was promoted locally and through the schools with tremendous response. A record 114+ submissions were received, including watercolours, acrylics, sculpture, photographs and pen and pencil drawings. A committee made up of representatives of the Public Art Committee, the Diggers and Weeders and Coldwell Banker reviewed the submissions and selected ten finalists who will be invited to display their work at the upcoming Diggers and Weeders Garden Show to be held this June 22. The finalists and some of the student submissions will be on display in the lobby of City Hall for the week of June 10 to 14 and on the City's website (go to: Council-Committees – Statutory Committees – Public Art Committee – Expanded Public Art Section – Activities).

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Approved for inclusion



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Arrowleaf Balsamroot

