

**FONDS A64**

**MILLET IN BLOOM**

AN INVENTORY OF ITS ARCHIVAL RECORDS HELD BY THE  
MILLET & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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- Provenance:** Millet in Bloom
- Title:** Millet in Bloom fonds
- Dates:** 1996-2015
- Phys. Desc.:** 25 cm of textual records; 3 photo albums and 11 scrapbooks containing 2657 colour photographs; 13 b&w photographs; 38 Polaroid photographs; 5 printed photo books; 60.7 GB of digital media
- Bio / Admin History:** Millet in Bloom is a local incarnation of the National Communities in Bloom program. Participating communities use volunteer organizations, individual volunteers and partnering and sponsoring businesses to adopt flowerbeds and other floral displays to help beautify and build a healthier community. The national program does judging across the country and prizes awarded based on the size of the community. Certificates have a bloom rating and a special mention determined by the judges. Millet was a Provincial Winner in 1997, a National Winner in 2001, and an International Competition with partner Audley, England in 2000, and Warringstown, Northern Ireland in 2003. In 2005, the town entered again at the Provincial level and became Provincial Winner in 2006, then in 2007 became a National Winner. Millet received a Community Exhibit Award in 2011, Outstanding Achievement Awards in 2008, Heritage Conservation Award in 2014, and 2016 for Best Floral Displays. In 2017 Millet was a National Winner again with 5 Blooms Silver.
- In 2002, the community added a winter event known as WinterLights, which involves displays of decorations and lighting rather than floral displays. Millet was National Winner for WinterLights in 2004/2005 and received a Community Exhibit Award. Millet stopped participating in WinterLights in 2006, but continued with Communities in Bloom.
- Custodial History:** The material was donated by the recreation coordinator of the Town of Millet and culled from the Millet and District Historical Society's files relating to the Millet in Bloom Program. The two collections were merged and cleared of duplicate materials.
- Scope / Content:** The fonds consists of the minutes of the local organizing committee; correspondence with the national committee and local suppliers, volunteers and the town of Millet; Judges' travel arrangements; individual years' evaluations by the judging panel; fund raising activities; advertising for Millet in Bloom events; and photographs used in the annual presentations. There are also records dealing with the volunteers and the annual volunteer appreciation and awards dinner.

Title Source: Title based on the contents of the fonds.  
Language: The material is in English.  
Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.  
Finding Aids: Box list available at the Repository  
Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Record No.: A64

Repository: Millet and District Museum and Archives

Names: Millet in Bloom

Topics: Organizations  
Environment and Nature  
Public Events

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Communities in Bloom Photos 1996 to 1999 [Black and Green Album]. – Photos 64.1996-99.001-64.1996-99.237. – 37 polaroid photos, 179 colour photos. – 11 b&w photos. – 2 negative photo sheets. – [note – newspaper clippings photocopied for preservation reasons 2017-09-15, originals destroyed]

2000-2001 [Taupe Album]. -- Millet 2000, Millet 2001, New Brunswick. – Photos 64.2000.001-64.2001.157. – 239 colour photos. – 2000-2001

Millet Alberta Communities in Bloom 2001 [Black Binder]. – Photography by Owen Horlacher. – no photo numbers. – 70 colour photos. -- 2001

2002, 2003, 2004 [Green Album]. – Millet in Bloom 2002 International Competition Twinned with Waringstown North Ireland. – Photos 64.2002.001-64.2004.133. – 332 colour photos. – 2002-2004

Winter Lights 2002 2003 Winter Lights 2003 2004 [Blue, Yellow/Green Album]. – Millet Winter Lights 2002-2003. – no photo numbers. – 161 colour photos, 2 b&w photos. – 2002-2004.

04-05 [Red Album]. – Millet Winter Lights October, 2004 to March, 2005 Theme “Prairie Winter”. – no photo numbers. – 253 colour photos, 1 polaroid photo. – 2004-2005.

Communities in Bloom Photos 2005 [Navy Blue Album]. – Millet in Bloom 2005 Celebrating 10 years of participation in the Communities in Bloom program. – Photos 64.2005.002-64.205.323. -- 285 colour photos. – 2005. -- Note: Album cover binding has come unglued.

05-06 [Navy Blue Scrapbook with embossed snowflake]. – Winter Lights Celebration Prairie Winter Theme. – no photo numbers. – 135 colour photos. – 2005-2006. – Note: 1 page sticking, lined with tissue paper

2006 [Pink Scrapbook]. – Millet in Bloom 2006. – photos 64.2006.001-64.2006.176. -- 120 colour photos. -- 2006

06-07 [Light Blue Scrapbook]. – Millet Winter Lights Celebrations 2006-2007. – no photo numbers. – 190 colour photos. 2006-2007.

2007 [Maroon Album]. – Millet in Bloom 2007. – Photos 64.2007.001. – 163 colour photos. – 2007

2008 [Cream Scrapbook]. – Millet in Bloom 2008. – no photo numbers. – 187 colour photos. -- 2008

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Millet in Bloom 2010 [Brown and Red Print Photo Book]. – Millet in Bloom 2010. – 76 pages with 320 images. – Created by Denise Flower, Printed by Creative Memoires. – 2010.

Millet in Bloom 2011 [Brown, Red and Aqua Print Photo Book]. – Welcome to Millet. – 51 pages with 241 images. – Created by Denise Flower, Printed by Creative Memories. -- 2011

Millet 2012 [Light Blue with white and green print Photo Book]. – Welcome to Millet Proud to be participants of Communities in Bloom Come Play in our backyard!. – 106 pages with 516 images. – 1 colour photo. – Created by Denise Flower, Printed by Creative Memories. -- 2012

Millet 2013 [Beige with white print Photo Book]. – no subtitle. – 98 pages with 502 images. – Created by Denise Flower, Printed by Panstoria. – 2013.

Millet in Bloom 2014 [Purple Photo Book]. – Millet in Bloom 2014. – 98 pages with 490 images. – Created by Karen Gustafson, Printed by Panstoria. – 2014.