

Volunteer of the Month - September 2006

City of Charlottetown
Parks and Recreation Department
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It is my pleasure to announce the September recipient, of the City of Charlottetown Parks and Recreation Department "Volunteer of the Month Award". September's recipient is Joy Shinn.



In Picture: Councillor Ken Gillis, Councillor Danny Redmond, Volunteer Joy Shinn, and Nancy McMinn

Joy Shinn is a founding member of the Southview Estates Reforestation and Environmental Enhancement Project which was formed in 2003. She has been instrumental in achieving the success of reforesting and enhancing Southview Park, when Hurricane Juan destroyed 4 acres of wooded area. From the very first park planning meeting Joy demonstrated leadership and a passion for the restoration of the natural area.

Joy has been a community leader in this project and her efforts include everything from writing over \$30,000 worth of successful grant proposals, to mobilizing the neighbourhood children for park clean ups, and to participating in numerous planting events. She has also been the impetus behind organizing a strong group of fellow neighbourhood volunteers who are taking an active interest in participating in all aspects of the park, including the active play areas. This year the group is sponsoring new flower gardens, a gazebo, and park landscaping.

Joy has also taken an active interest in other community initiatives including volunteering at the West Royalty Elementary School, serving on the executive of the West Royalty School Home & School Association (served as president 2002 – 2003), serving on the Provincial Home & School Association since fall of 2005, and volunteering with other community activities.

Joy and her husband, Bryan and their two children live in the community of West Royalty. Congratulations Joy on your selection as "Volunteer of the Month" for September 2006.