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The Nation's Top 10 Lawns Are Chosen—Enjoy The View

(NAPSA)—Lawns around the country are turning green with envy as the 2003 National Top 10 Lawns With A View are revealed. Central Park's Great Lawn in New York City claimed the top spot in the annual ranking.

Since 1998, Briggs & Stratton Corporation has honored impressive public lawns around the country. This year, the Milwaukee-based company is honoring beautiful green spaces located in, or overlooking, impressive scenery. The annual ranking was compiled by the small engine manufacturer, state tourism officials and lawn experts.

The national winners, which can be found at www.toptenlawns.com, were chosen from regional winners in the East, West, South and Midwest. The 2003 National Top 10 Lawns With A View include:

1. Central Park's Great Lawn—New York, New York
2. Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art—Kansas City, Missouri
3. Piedmont Park—Atlanta, Georgia
4. Minneapolis Sculpture Garden—Minneapolis, Minnesota
5. International Peace Garden—Dunseith, North Dakota
6. Bicentennial Mall State Park—Nashville, Tennessee
7. Bascom Hill—Madison, Wisconsin
8. The Esplanade—Boston, Massachusetts
9. Washington Park—Portland, Oregon



SPLendor OF THE GRASS—Central Park's Great Lawn claims top spot among 2003 National Top 10 Lawns With A View.

10. Pebble Beach Golf Links—Pebble Beach, California

The Great Lawn is a newly restored blanket of green grass that attracts both native New Yorkers and visitors to Central Park year round. Although the well-kept turf impresses those who visit, the view of the New York City skyline, which provides the lawn's setting, makes jaws drop. This winning combination made the Great Lawn Briggs & Stratton's top pick.

"Central Park is honored to have the Great Lawn chosen as Briggs & Stratton's top lawn with a view," said Regina S. Peruggi, president of the Central Park Conservancy. "This year marks the 150th anniversary of Central Park, and the Great Lawn recently underwent a two-year, \$18.2 mil-

lion restoration, the largest in the Conservancy's history. Our staff works hard to make the Great Lawn a place where New Yorkers and people from all over the world can come to relax, have fun and take in the beautiful view."

Officials evaluated the Top 10 Lawns With A View on the following criteria: overall appearance, lawn/garden maintenance and scenery/view from the lawn.

"From the east coast to the west coast, this year's winners highlight some of the best lawns and views this country has to offer," said George R. Thompson, vice president, corporate communications for Briggs & Stratton. "As people travel around the country for business or pleasure, they should definitely take the time to enjoy the Top 10 Lawns With A View."