

## **Germany: The Seilbahn allotment garden association received the Office diploma for ecological gardening.**

On 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 the Office president C. ZIJDEVELD gave the diploma to the association.

The Seilbahn allotment garden association is an association, which very actively supports nature and people. It has existed since 1919 and cultivates an area of 7,8 hectares. There you can find 199 individual plots as well as several communal areas.

The site is open all year long for the people of Leipzig to come here to relax and go for a walk. The attractive paths bordered by flowers and bushes make the Seilbahn association a local recreation area. The aviary is a highlight of the site's features.

Gardening according to the principles of ecology and sustainability are central to the ideals of the allotment garden movement in Leipzig. Pesticides are prohibited and the members garden according to ecological principles. There is a communal compost site, which allows avoiding the use of turf and protects the site's resources. Many insects and animals feel at home in the insect hotel, in the dead woodpile and in the nest boxes. They contribute to the ecological balance of the allotment garden site.

Besides their ecological activities the allotment gardeners of the Seilbahn association have many social projects.

