

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE...

# Growing Together

BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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# Happy New Year!

Your provincial Communities in Bloom team has been busy:

**2017 promises to be a banner year for CiB participants as we want to recognize your Canada 150 efforts in multiple ways.**

- The [Provincial Evaluated Program](#) and Showcase Membership (non-evaluated) are going to have special recognition categories to be highlighted through the year and at the Awards presentation event. Community Involvement, Floral Displays and Heritage Conservation will be some of the key criteria profiled.
- At the national level, CiB wants to re-engage former 5-Bloom communities, and has created a one-time Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Special Edition compact program and evaluation grid.
- Use of the Canada 150 logo is approved for all REGISTERED CiB Participants.



## Celebrating Canada's 150th



**2017 PROGRAM REGISTRATION** [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca) is now updated with 2017 program information. Applications being accepted. Deadline March 31.

**2017 MEMBERSHIP** Become a provincial CiB member today. Show your support as a member or future judge! Form on page 6.

**SAVE THE DATES: SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2017**

**Provincial Awards Presentation** (more info to come) and the **CanWest Horticulture Expo** (Wednesday & Thursday) Tradex, Abbotsford.

**I am so excited to share this news!** Our BC Communities in Bloom participants will receive a special invitation to get into this **INDUSTRY ONLY** event.

Get inspired, enjoy the visual delights, see over 200 tradeshow booths, learn something new with session speakers or special symposium topics. New product showcase, Plant I.D. Contest, Outdoor Equipment Zone. Special accommodation rates with shuttle to event. Tradex is at the Abbotsford Airport so this event is very accessible for communities around the province. (more info t/c as it comes available)

*“A great program that raises awareness of all the amazing things going on in your community, the judges provide a much needed outsider perspective in a positive manner that encourages all committee members to continue on in their efforts to make the community a better place to live, work and play.”*

**Tom Kadla, MBA, ASCT, CMC**  
Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Lumby



Photo Credit: Angie Bailey, District of Sooke



### CONNECTION

Exchange ideas with other communities

### PARTICIPATION

Engage citizens of all ages and abilities

### BEAUTIFICATION

Enhance your community's quality of life

### HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Download a Registration Form: [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)
2. Choose a Participation Level: Novice or Evaluated.
3. Contact the Provincial Coordinator for more info Catherine (604) 576-6506 or [c.kennedy@telus.net](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net)

### BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

provides a framework for enhancing community liveability.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 31

for Novice, Evaluated and Non-Evaluated Categories



**TICKETS \$20 EACH - Each prize worth \$1000+**

**First Place: First Choice**

**Second Place: Second Choice**

**Third Place: Third Prize**

4 Rounds of golf with Cart for 2:  
 2 Rounds in the Lower Mainland with one night accommodation and one dinner PLUS  
 2 Rounds in one of three locations: Cariboo Chilcotin, Kootenays, or North Okanagan. Also with one night accommodation and one dinner

**Ticket Order Form**

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**Golf the Province Raffle - Win 1 of 3 Prizes**

each prize package includes 4 Rounds of Golf for 2 with Cart and Accommodations - \$1000 value

Name:		
Address:		
City:	Postal Code:	
Phone:	Email:	
# of Tickets	@ \$20 each = \$	Total: \$
Cheque payable to: BC Communities in Bloom Society Mailing Address: Suite 102 – 19289 Langley Bypass, Surrey, BC V3S 6K1		

Raffle proceeds will help to support our BC Communities in Bloom volunteers who give their time as specialists in horticulture, parks and recreation, community management and volunteer coordination, and who are additionally trained to deliver the CiB evaluation program to the benefit of all British Columbian communities. We are very proud of what the CiB program accomplishes for our province; please help us to continue to GROW in 2017 by purchasing a raffle ticket. For more information call Catherine at (604) 576-6506. 300 tickets printed; Final Sales April 12, 2017; **Raffle Draw Date April 22, 2017 at 3:30pm**; Draw Location: BC CiB 2017 AGM in the Fraser Room, Langley Sandman Hotel 8855 202 Street Langley, BC V1M 2N9. Tickets may be sold and purchased only in British Columbia. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase tickets. Prize awarded to name on ticket (non transferable), no cash value. Winners agree to have their names and photos published in the May BC Communities in Bloom Growing Together Newsletter.

Chances are 1 in 300 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize.  
 BC Gaming Event Licence # 90641

**Know your limit, play within it.**

Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111  
[www.bcresponsiblegaming.ca](http://www.bcresponsiblegaming.ca) 19+

## Win One of Three Amazing Prize Packages Worth over \$1000 each!

Our thanks to all the Golf Courses, Restaurants and Hotels who provided these generous prizes.

Draw Date: April 22nd, 2017 at 3:30pm in the Langley Sandman Hotel.

3 prizes of equal value (1st Prize = 1st Pick)

\*Some conditions apply, expires Dec 2017 unless stated otherwise

<b>Choice A - Kootenays and Lower Mainland</b>	
<b>KOOTENAYS</b>	
Castlegar Golf Club & RV Park	Round of golf with cart for 2 - Expires Oct. 2017
Granite Point Golf Club, Nelson	Round of golf with power cart for 2- Expires Oct. 2017
Sandman Hotel Castlegar (1 night, std. room)	Conditions on Gift Certificate letter
\$50 Gift Certificate to Boston Pizza, Castlegar	
<b>LOWER MAINLAND</b>	
Golden Eagle Golf course, Pitt Meadows	Green fee and power cart for 2
Mission Golf & Country Club	Green fee and power cart for 2
Hotel (1 night, standard room)	
Meal - Mission Springs Pub/Restaurant	Dinner for 2

<b>Choice B - North Okanagan and Lower Mainland</b>	
<b>NORTH OKANAGAN</b>	
Hyde Mountain on Mara Lake Golf Course	Green Fees for 4 with shared power carts
Salmon Arm Golf Course	Green Fees and power cart for 2
Hotel TBC (1 night, std room)	
Meal	
<b>LOWER MAINLAND</b>	
Hope Golf Club	Green Fees and power cart for 2
The Falls Golf Club/Chilliwack	Green Fees and power cart for 2
Sandman Hotel Abbotsford (1 night, std. room)	Conditions on Gift Certificate letter - Expires Nov. 11, 2017
Dinner for two	

<b>Choice C - Cariboo Chilcotin and Lower Mainland</b>	
<b>CARIBOO CHILCOTIN - INTERIOR</b>	
Quesnel Golf Club	Green Fees and power cart for 2 (golf season)
Richbar Nursery Golf & Gardens	Green Fees and power cart for 2 (golf season)
Sandman Hotel Quesnel	1 night, std room
Meal	\$50 gift card
<b>LOWER MAINLAND</b>	
Ledgeview, Abbotsford	Green Fees and power cart for 4 *Expires June 2017
Eaglequest at Coyote Creek, Surrey	Green Fees and power cart for 2 *Expires Sept. 2017
Sandman Hotel Abbotsford Airport	Executive King Suite - Black out dates apply (June 15-Sept 15, 2017)
Meal Vancouver Golf Club - Coquitlam	<b>SUNDAY NIGHT</b> Buffet for 2



## CARING CANADIAN MEDAL

Recently, Rea Smith was recognized with the Caring Canadian Medal for volunteerism at a City of Armstrong council meeting on December 19, 2016.

Rea was nominated by BC CiB for her work as a Volunteer in our provincial organization and her ongoing community work in Armstrong. Pictured: Mayor Chris Pieper, Rea (centre) and Councillor Shirley Fowler.

## KNOW A GOLFER?

Our Golf the Province Raffle offers three amazing prize packages. Each one is valued at \$1000 and contains four rounds of golf for two with power cart, two nights' accommodations and two meal vouchers; all for only \$20 a ticket! Funds raised will be used to support direct delivery of our volunteer program.

Go to our [website](#) for more information. [Order tickets.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 1 - Accepting registrations for the 2017 Provincial Edition
- February 28 - BCRPA Spring Training Maintenance Day: Kathleen Reinheimer (BC CiB Director, City of Coquitlam Parks Manager) will be giving an inspirational talk on how to engage your community with the CiB program.
- March 1 - BCRPA Spring Training HortDay: Catherine will be hosting a tradeshow booth with Lindsay from HortEdBC.
- March 31 - Registration Deadline for Communities wanting to be evaluated.
- March 31 - Cut off for accepting new judges
- April 22 - Judges Training Workshop, AGM and Golf Raffle Draw.
- July 17-21 Possible Evaluation Dates for Provincial participants
- Sept. 27-28 - BC CiB Awards and CanWest Horticulture Expo

## 2017 GRO1000 Grassroots Grants in Support of Gardens, Green Spaces and Youth Engagement across Canada

Mississauga, ON (January 4, 2017) – Scotts Canada Limited proudly announces the opening of its GRO1000 Grassroots Grants award program, for 2017. The Grassroots Grants program, now in its seventh year, provides support to not-for-profit organizations to better their neighborhoods through the development of community-based gardens and green spaces.

The grants are part of the larger GRO1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Program, which is ScottsMiracle-Gro's commitment to create over 1,000 community-based gardens and green spaces in Canada, the U.S., and Europe by 2018, the company's 150th anniversary. To date, more than 830 community projects have received GRO1000 funding, including 54 community-based gardens in Canada.

Along with its partners Communities in Bloom, Plant a Row · Grow a Row and Nutrients for Life, Scotts Canada is pleased to be offering this exciting opportunity to Canadian communities. Grassroots Grants, which range from \$500 to \$1,500, will be awarded to selected projects across Canada. From edible gardens to pollinator habitats, urban farms to sensory gardens, GRO1000 supports all types of community-driven greenspace projects and places priority on programs that heavily involve youth. The benefits that gardens provide to a community and its residents are significant, and even more so for children. Research shows that spending time in a garden helps improve a child's cognitive ability, develops healthy nutrition habits, and increases positive self-understanding, responsibility and maturity.

If you are or know of a recognized charitable organization or non-profit group committed to establishing or expanding a community-based garden, green space or pollinator habitat in Canada, applications for the 2017 GRO1000 Grassroots Grants are now being accepted online.

**The deadline for application submission is February 20, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. EST. GRO1000 Grassroots Grants will be awarded as a combination of cash and in-kind product donation. Projects must be completed in 2017. [APPLY HERE](#)**

For further details on the GRO1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Program, please visit [GRO1000.com/canada](http://GRO1000.com/canada).



# BC Communities in Bloom

## 2017 Membership

This is a great opportunity to recognize your contribution to this province and support our organization.

CATEGORIES & BENEFITS		Newsletter	Privileges	Invite to Awards	Bonus
1	\$ 20 <b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBER</b>	✓	Voting*	✓	Judges Entry Point
2	\$100 <b>SHOWCASE MEMBER</b>	✓	Non-Voting	✓	Showcase Project
3	\$500 <b>COMMUNITY MEMBER</b>	✓	Non-Voting	✓	Showcase Project

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Newsletters (10+ issues/year)
- Invitation to fall Awards and Conference
- Invitation to Annual General Meeting  
\*Individuals only have Voting privileges but may select Non-Voting if desired.

#### Bonus

- Entry point for judging (upon approved application) or
- Newsletter profile to showcase a project in your community (separate form)

### POTENTIAL MEMBERS

- Individuals, Communities or Businesses with an interest in furthering the objectives of the BC Communities in Bloom society.
- Groups or individuals from past, present and future local CiB committees
- Future BC CiB Board Members and Judges

### LEGAL

- Applicant must reside in BC to be a member or with permission from the BC CiB Board.
- Per the BC CiB Constitution and Bylaws our Board has the right of refusal.

Name of Individual:		<input type="checkbox"/> Voting <input type="checkbox"/> Nonvoting
Name of Community or Business:		<input type="checkbox"/> Is this a renewal?
City/Province/Postal Code:		
Phone		
*Email (required)		
# ____ <b>Membership Category</b>  \$ _____ Fee enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>  Or please send an invoice <input type="checkbox"/> <b>REQUEST FOR MORE INFO:</b> " <b>Judging</b> " <b>Board Member</b> " <b>Showcase Project</b> " <b>Newsletter Advertising</b> " <b>Conference Hosting</b> " <b>Sponsorship Program</b>	<b>Fee payable to:</b> <b>BC Communities in Bloom,</b> <b>#102 – 19289 Langley Bypass</b> <b>Surrey, BC V3S 6K1</b> <b>Fax (604) 574-7773</b>  <hr/> <b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Paid or <input type="checkbox"/> Send Invoice  Invoice or receipt number: _____  Membership number: _____  Voting or Non-Voting: _____	



**Membership shows your support for the  
British Columbia Communities in Bloom Society  
– Thank You!**