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# Growing Together

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**Registration Deadline Extension – May 21**

The registration deadline for all British Columbia Communities in Bloom Program options has been extended to the third week in May.

## Encourage Perseverance and Celebrate Small Victories

Join the program that helps focus your community's efforts to network and engage many levels of your municipality.

Registered participants receive access to provincial and national information sessions, symposium sessions throughout the year.

[Modified Evaluation](#)\* is the only category eligible for the Criteria Awards.

[Novice](#)\* is a great first step into the Communities in Bloom program.

[Friends](#)\* category profiles your involvement in CiB.

\*Modified Evaluation, Novice, and Friends registration form [here](#).

**Other Ways to Participate**

[Showcase](#) your local group or neighbourhood project.

[Individual Membership](#)

**Lay the groundwork for full participation in 2022**

**Need to know more?**

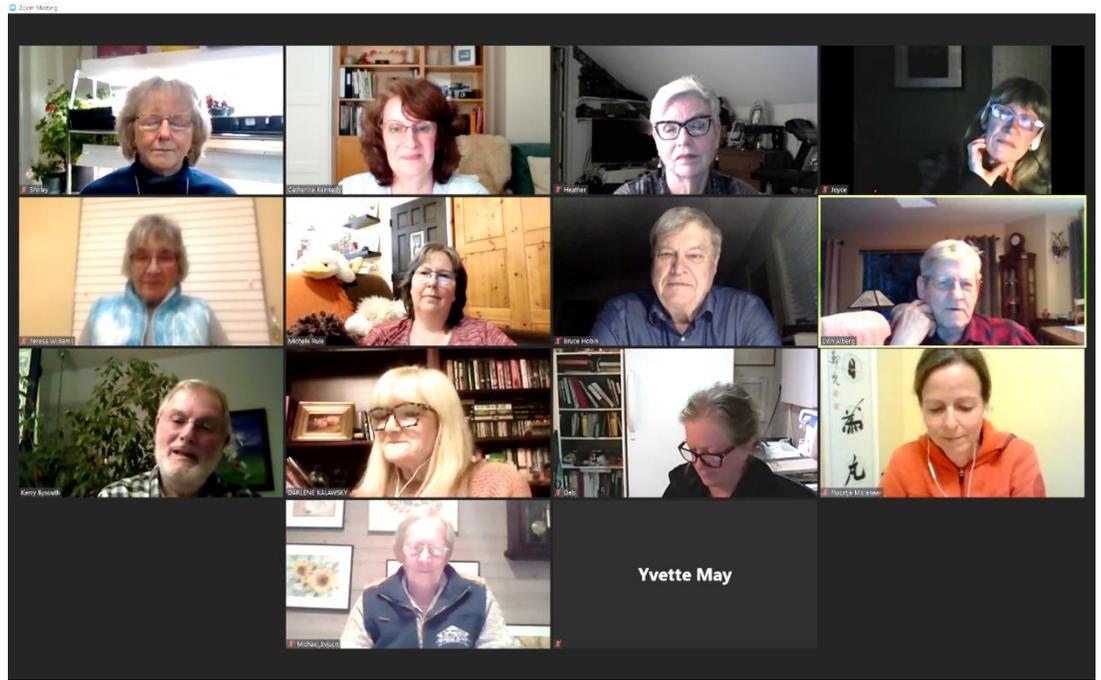
- What are the benefits to being involved?
- Learn how CiB can inspire your commUnity.
- Book a zoom chat with Catherine [c.kennedy@telus.net](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net)

**Added Benefit**

2021 provincially registered participants are invited to join in on some educational sessions hosted by National Communities in Bloom with the first one happening on May 6. Catherine will be in touch with our registered communities.

# Reconnecting with our Past – Zoom Event

On March 23 we were able to gather online to share and reminisce about our past Communities in Bloom experiences. It was great to see and hear from you all, thanks for participating!



## Vintage Memories from 2011 – Oliver, Fruitvale, Mackenzie, Mission



**Announcing our 2021 Board Members** (left to right): Bruce Hobin - Chair, Catherine Kennedy, Executive Director, Rea Smith – Member at Large, Kerry Bysouth – Secretary, Yvette May, Member at Large, Michael Evison – Member at Large, Darlene Kalawsky – Past Chair, Shirley Fowler – Treasurer, Edward Stanford – Member at Large. Not shown: Floortje Molenaar – Vice Chair.



Thank you to all who purchased from the Spring Plant Fundraiser and to Liz from Special Effects Flower Farm.

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**NEWS FROM NATIONAL**



Communities in Bloom (CiB-Cef) and its partners, including the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association and Garden Centres Canada, are working together to summon everyone to create Hope Gardens for 2021.

Across Canada and beyond, our goal is to see the land awash with gardens featuring yellow, the international colour of hope. Whether it's flowers, fruits, shrubs or vegetables – just plant the seeds! From parks to playgrounds, front yards, back yards,

balconies, baskets, boulevards, barrels and planters, wherever there's an empty space to grow, there is room for a plant.

Throughout 2021, anyone and everyone, including municipalities, organizations, schools, churches, colleges and universities, clubs, businesses, and individuals can participate by planting a Hope Garden. Share photos of your gardens on CiB's social media platforms with the hashtag #hopeisgrowing. Once you've entered your Hope Garden, you will become eligible for national and global recognition for your efforts! You will also receive a downloadable Hope Garden sign and information about hardy plants and growing tips for success.

Just as people around the world took up gardening in record numbers in 2020, we expect to see a yellow wash of hope growing around every corner in 2021. After all, the garden is where Hope is Growing!

For more information visit [www.hopeisgrowing.ca](http://www.hopeisgrowing.ca) or email [communication@cib-cef.com](mailto:communication@cib-cef.com)

