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2023 Registered Participants (so far!)

Welcome to 100 Mile House, Armstrong, Hope who are in the Evaluated Program, with Abbotsford, Castlegar, Clinton, Coquitlam, Prince George, Qualicum Beach and Sicamous in the Friends or Showcase non-evaluated categories.

Registered communities are featured on our BC website, map, social media and newsletter. Gardens BC also shares our media.



SPECIAL NOTE: There is still time to enter your community project in the Showcase N/E category.

Entry info on pages 4 & 5.

Photo credit: Prince George (top), 100 Mile House (right).



Judges Training and AGM – April 29th

Many thanks to all our attendees who travelled to Kelowna for our 18th AGM, board elections and extra special Judges Training Day. The event was held in the board room of [Urban Systems](#) where we were able to gather and learn about the [British Columbia Communities in Bloom](#) program. It was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic group of people with some new and old (what I mean is returning) faces in the room! It truly was a delight to have such positive people gathered to keep the spirit of CiB alive and well.

A key part of the day was a new event for our judges training. We did a mini-evaluation walking tour around the downtown area of the city. Judges spent an hour walking and observing two criteria along a route that took in the sectors of municipal, residential, and business areas with community involvement being subtly witnessed throughout the walk.

After the tour, the judges returned to the board room where we were able to discuss the process of scoring the grid. The volunteers have a good balance of CiB experience, and horticulture knowledge. Great discussions were had, as each member brings a new viewpoint, it was easy to see the process is thorough and takes time. The value each member of the group brings to the CiB organization is appreciated!



Touring judges on the Bridge at the [Kasugai Gardens](#) (Kelowna City Hall)

Judges always take into consideration the time of year and extenuating circumstances when evaluating; plantings look very different in the early spring versus in the summer. CiB judges' main objective is to provide positive and realistic feedback when preparing the evaluation report.



Board and Judges left to right: Edward Stanford, Shirley Fowler, Mary Jackson, Heather Doheny, Linda Tomlinson, Kerry Bysouth (Vice Chair), Yvette May, Darlene Kalawsky, Floortje Molenaar (Chair), Anne Kulla, Tom Meyer, Allie Double. Not shown: Catherine Kennedy

2023 SHOWCASE PROJECT ENTRY FORM



Showcase a place or space, a garden champion, or how you are using Communities in Bloom to make a better home, community, and world!

Get recognition for individuals, community groups, and neighbourhoods of all sizes. This is an opportunity to acknowledge your participants and volunteers.

How to Get Involved:

- Profile new CiB engagement or recognize special groups already working hard in your community.
- Submit a Showcase Entry with 3 photos and a 250-word description.
- Register in the appropriate population category before August 31, 2023

Details:

- All entries will be featured in the BC CiB Growing Together Newsletter as they are received.
- All entries will receive a special recognition certificate.
- Photos must be from the 2023 season.
- Submit 3 of your best photos with full rights in high resolution (a minimum of 300dpi at print size or a minimum weight of 800kb). These photos will be used by BC Communities in Bloom for the promotion of your community and the BC CiB Program.

SIZE of group, society or club or community area		POPULATION	FEE	+ 5% GST
Individual Membership	1	1	\$20	(\$21.00)
Small	2	up to 1000	\$50	(\$52.50)
Medium	3	up to 10,000	\$100	(\$105.00)
Large	4	up to 20,000	\$250	(262.50)
Ex-Large	5	20,000+	\$500	(\$525.00)

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