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**BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER**

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SEPTEMBER 27/28  
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Welcome CiB Members & Community Participants to BC's biggest horticulture event of the year!

Attend the CanWest Hort Expo, register for informative seminars and join your colleagues and peers at the BC CiB annual awards banquet.

FEATURING:

- Industry Focused Workshops
- 300+ Booths
- New Product Showcase

**2017 PROVINCIAL AWARDS DINNER & PRESENTATION**  
September 28, 6:00 pm • Abbotsford Sandman Hotel & Suites, 32720 Simon Ave. Abbotsford, BC

Register online at [CanWestHortExpo.com](http://CanWestHortExpo.com) for the Trade Show and Awards Banquet. • All BC CiB Members will receive a complimentary CanWest trade show pass and preferred pricing for seminars.

Fly to Abbotsford Int'l Airport and walk across the street to Tradex! 10% Discount with WestJet. See [CanWestHortExpo.com](http://CanWestHortExpo.com) for details.



Director Bert Pulles presenting the 1st Prize to Jim Cox from Surrey



CiB Judge Shirley Culver presenting 2nd Prize to Coranne Dohler from Smithers. Coranne's Golf Buddies are pleased too!

Thank you to all who made this raffle a success.

We raised \$4000 for our organization.

Wayne Robert  
3rd prize winner photo n/a



### Upcoming Events:

- June 16 - National Garden Day with Garden Days June 9-18, 2017
- July 17-21 Evaluation Dates for participants confirmed
- August 31 - Community Showcase final submissions due
- Sept. 27-28 - CanWest Hort Expo special access for CiB
- Sept. 28 - BC CiB Provincial Awards Dinner & Presentation

**National Planting Week**  
June 5 – 12

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Register your Garden Days Activities  
Create a Garden Day Declaration for your Community



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Canada's 150th**



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## **BRITISH COLUMBIA'S GARDENS: PARTICIPANTS IN CANADIAN HISTORY**

By: Scott McDonald | As printed in the National CiB Magazine

### *Tiptoeing through the Tulips of Canada 150, Gardens BC and Garden History in British Columbia*

It is unlikely Jennie Butchart and the Dunsmuirs could have imagined when they hired Kishida Isaburo, at the turn of the 20th century, to build their respective Japanese Gardens that they would become key stepping stones in the garden tourism experience in British Columbia over 100 years later.

Both The Butchart Gardens and Hatley Castle, with their Japanese, Rose, and Italian gardens, would later become National Historic Sites of Canada, the former specifically for its example Edwardian garden design, so prevalent in Canada in the late 1800s and early 1900s, but almost unknown today. Skipping to the late 20th century, British Columbia became home to the first classical Chinese garden built outside of China with the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Vancouver.

Canada's sesquicentennial is being celebrated in many ways, not the least of which is through the garden experience. You might catch a glimpse of the special Canada 150 tulip at the Gardens at HCP and The Butchart Gardens. Fourteen BC gardens received the tulips, including the City of Surrey, the Okanagan School of the Arts (Penticton), and The Gardens at HCP in Victoria, BC. You can read the full list of Canada 150 gardens awarded by the Canadian Garden Council, at: <http://www.canadassgardenroute.ca/en/150thcelebration-gardens-program-details>.

In addition to tulip displays, gardens throughout the province are planning commemorative events, such as maple tours at UBC Botanical Garden and Chinatown community tours at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

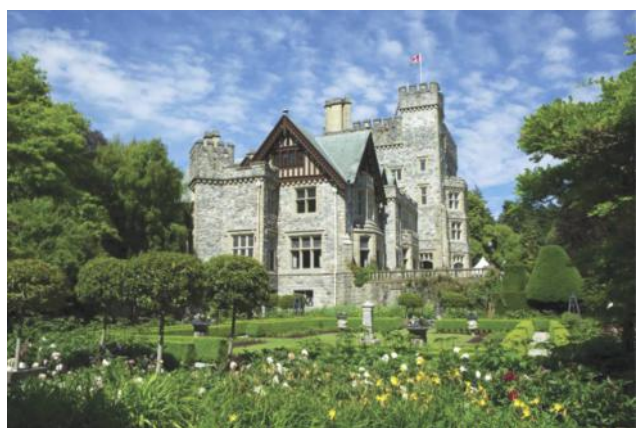
Other events are in the planning stages and will revolve around Canada's National Garden Days in June. Be sure to check [www.gardensbc.com](http://www.gardensbc.com) for updates on all the fun.

Celebrate Canada this year and rediscover your favourite British Columbia garden or park.

#### **MORE INFORMATION:**

Gardens British Columbia: [www.gardensbc.com](http://www.gardensbc.com)

**gardens**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA



## Volunteer Biographies

Our BC Communities in Bloom program would not be possible without the talented group of volunteer judges & directors who represent the province.

With a variety of horticultural backgrounds or experience in their own community's CiB program, our judges bring a wealth of knowledge to your community.

### Judging this Year are:

#### Yvette May, Retired Nurse – Clinton

Yvette enjoys gardening and is a passionate supporter of Clinton's CiB community improvement efforts. Yvette is our current BC CiB Chairperson.

#### Darlene Kalawsky, Business Owner – Castlegar

Darlene Kalawsky is VP of the Kalawsky Automotive Group. She has been involved with Castlegar CiB program since 2006, and passionately supports the changes that CiB makes in communities across Canada. She was a founding member of the Sculpture Walk program which was named Sculptural Capital of Canada!

#### Teresa Williams, Retired Teacher– Hope

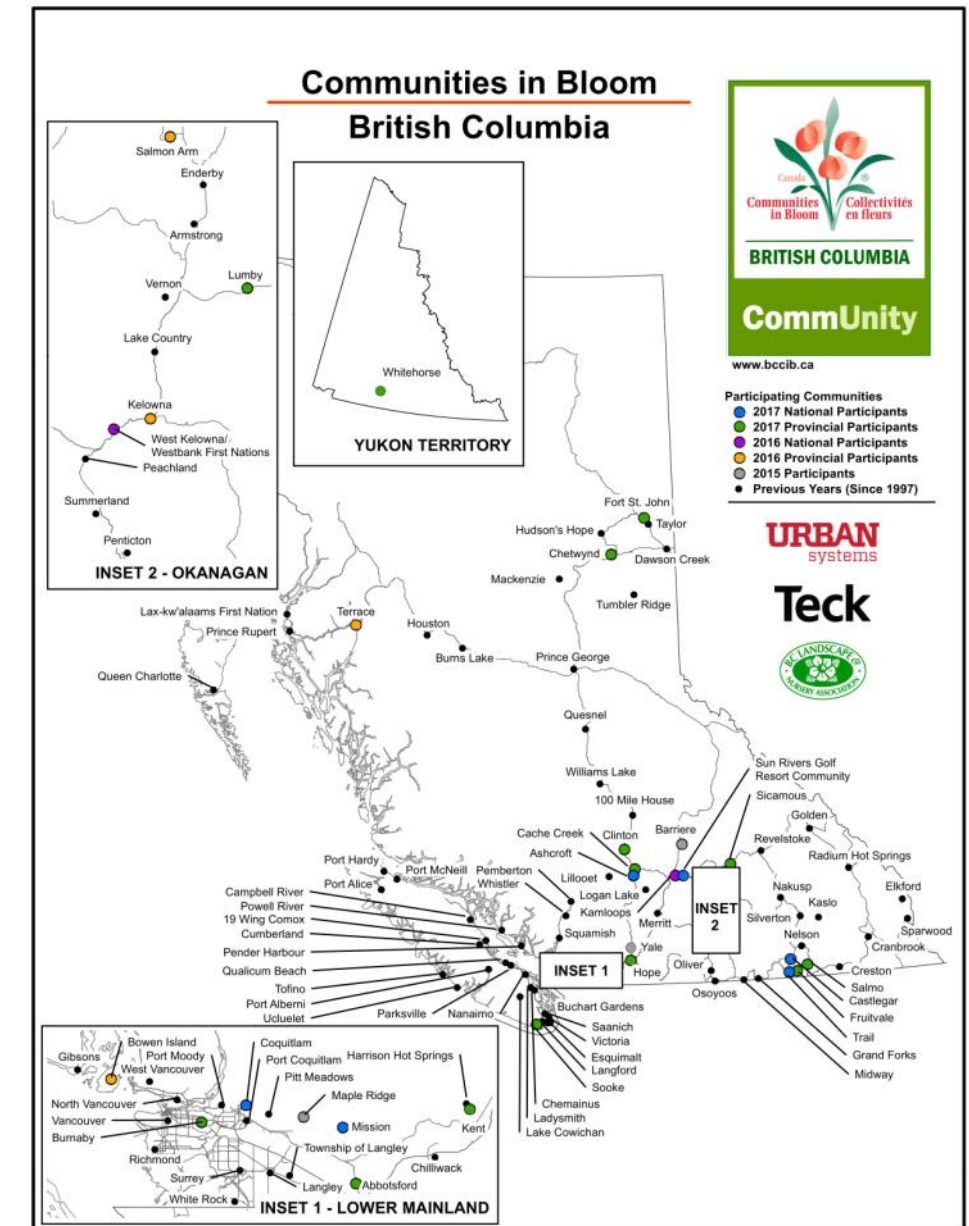
Teresa has been an enthusiastic participant of Hope's CiB efforts since 2006. She has worked with Agriculture in the Classroom promoting their programs and volunteers at the Hope Community Garden. She is the co-chair of the Hope Garden Club and a Director on the BC CiB Board.

#### Rea Smith, Retired Teacher – Armstrong

Rea is a life-long gardener and is a coordinator for the local community gardens. She was part of Armstrong's success in CiB and has continued her love of the program at the provincial level as a board member and as judge .

#### Bruce Hobin, Retired Professional Agrologist - Victoria

Bruce is an experienced CiB judge from



Ontario and Saskatchewan who now lives in Victoria. He was the Director of the Agriculture, Food and Horticulture Program including the Saskatchewan Master Gardener Program with the Extension Division, U of Saskatchewan. Bruce also operated an agriculture training and rural/community leadership consulting firm in Ontario.

#### Floortje Molenaar – Inventory coordinator Bylands Nurseries – Peachland

Floortje moved to Canada from the Netherlands in 2006. She has worked for a landscape contractor, municipal parks department and the promotion organiza-

tion for the Dutch Nursery Stock Industry (PPH). While working for Plant Publicity Holland she was involved with Entente Florale, the Dutch and European equivalent of Communities in Bloom. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Management with a major in landscape management.

#### Vania Bowman, Horticulture and Arboriculture Technician White Rock - Surrey

Vania has been in Horticulture all her life and loved it so much she decided to make a career out of it. She has over 15 years' experience working in various ar-



eas including nursery production, interior plant-scaping, arboriculture and landscape management. In conjunction to her experience she has a Diploma in Arboriculture and Landscape management. She has worked and studied in Boston MA at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

**Other Members:**

**Shirley Fowler, City Councillor – Armstrong**

Shirley was the Landscape Gardener for the City of Armstrong, and helped the local CiB committee win both the Provincial and National titles. She is currently serving her 4th term as City Councillor, is a Board Member with the Regional District of the North Okanagan and a passionate member of the Armstrong Rotary Club. She is our Treasurer & Judge Coordinator.

**Bert Pulles, Business Owner & local CiB chair – Mission**

Bert was a landscape gardener for 9 years, worked for the next 30 years in different companies from production foreman to plant manager. He started his own Mole Control business making, using and marketing the "Mole Buster" for the last 25 years. He has been a Chamber of Commerce Director for 3 years and is totally involved with CiB in Mission.

**Kathleen Reinheimer, Parks Manager - Maple Ridge**

Kathleen is an Parks Manager for the City of Coquitlam We value her extensive parks experience and her many years as

a provincial judge and chair of BC CiB. She has joined us back on the provincial board.

**Edward Stanford, Urban Planning Consultant – Fort St John**

Edward is a municipal government consultant specializing in urban design, governance and community planning. Edward has been involved in the local Fort St John Communities in Bloom committee since 2000 and a BC CiB board member since 2012.

in Smithers, BC and has a passion for all facets of the natural environment.

**Ali Double, Master Gardener – Langley**

Alison has been 'In Bloom' since 2004. She has participated in the Bloom competition in the UK; being Lead Coordinator for her town's entry into the competition and as a regional judge to evaluate other entries. Since her move to BC in 2010 she has judged for BC CiB and also served as a Board Member.

**Don Alberg, Retired Superintendent of Public Works and Parks – Qualicum Beach**

Don has been a driving force in Qualicum Beach's very successful Communities in Bloom efforts since 1998. He is happiest on tour when looking at your waste management initiatives! Don is a farmer at heart and knows a thing or two about raising Angus Beef.

**Peter Crawshaw, Retired Parks and Facilities Superintendent – Nanose Bay**

Peter retired from the City of Parksville in 2013. He has been involved in CiB since 2004. Peter and his wife Corrie spend part of their gardening time growing and selling plants to help support a clinical mission in Malawi, Africa.

**Catherine Kennedy, Executive Director - Surrey**

Catherine has been involved with the provincial CiB program on a part-time contract since 2004. Her education and work experience in Graphic Design and Horticulture/Landscape Design all have helped in the day to day coordination of this amazing community enhancement program.



**Shirley Culver, Consultant – Kamloops**

Shirley is a Community Project Manager for the Community Futures Thompson Country. She has served as an elected councillor for the City of Kamloops as well has chaired their CiB committee that has won at all levels of the program. She is the daughter of a long-time farm family