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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Evaluations begin July 18th

Good luck to all our Participants

Thank you to the amazing Volunteers and Community Participants who are integral to Communities in Bloom.

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Community Profile

District of Sicamous - Population 2700

Sicamous is a small Shuswap community surrounded by picturesque lakes, mountains, and rivers within the Traditional and ancestral lands of the Secwepemc. Sicamous' motto is "Live More" and we take a unique approach to our gardens by merging landscapes and art into active spaces where we can work and play.

Our community gardens and tributes honour Sicamous' diverse history which encompasses military veterans, houseboating and the railroad while honouring those impacted by Japanese and Ukrainian internment camps in the area. Sicamous is famous for being the Houseboat Capital of Canada and is widely known for its snowmobiling. Council proclaimed 2022 as the Year of the Garden and Sicamous is proud to be a Destination Garden Community on Canada's Garden Route.

Best Garden to Visit:

1. Sicamous Legion: Cenotaph, Art Fence and Building Mural
2. Red Barn Arts Centre
3. Sicamous Beach Park



Community Profile

City of Armstrong - Population 5323

The City of Armstrong is a rural community, with a commercial downtown boasting historical with modern buildings. A railroad runs through the centre of town with 41 concrete petunia baskets poised on top of a brick wall transforming the railroad into a floral landscape feature.

Armstrong is balanced with young families to fill seven schools and many retired residents who enjoy a laid-back lifestyle. Located halfway between Vancouver and Calgary the community hosts up to 150,000 people during our world renowned Interior Provincial Exhibition on the Labour Day weekend.

Best Garden to Visit:

1. Armstrong Memorial Park at 3285 Pleasant Valley Road. Outdoor swimming pool, playground equipment, Lions Gazebo, age friendly exercise equipment, picnic tables, large shade trees, floral displays.
2. Trail system through wetlands and fields – walking maps available at Armstrong Chamber of Commerce.
3. Thomas Hayes Ecological Park – located on Thomas Hayes Road off Otter Lake Crossroads. More information available from the Armstrong Chamber of Commerce.



NEWS FROM NATIONAL – Link to [The Bloom'n News Newsletter](#)

Dear Provincial Participants: these opportunities are offered by Communities in Bloom to all **communities** involved and registered in the program (either provincially or nationally) this year.

[2022 Year of the Garden Contest](#) - Open to all Canadian communities registered (all editions) in the Communities in Bloom program. This contest was designed to demonstrate how the Year of the Garden campaign inspired your community. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

[2022 Green Cities Award](#) - Open to all Canadian communities. This award champions city leadership in the use of nature-based solutions/green infrastructure for improving the health and well-being of our cities. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

[The Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award](#) - Open to all Canadian communities that have a park/garden/green space for which the community was looking for new perspectives. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

[WinterLife Award, by Municipal World](#) - The objective of this award is to recognize efforts and involvement in projects and initiatives which engage the community with indoor and outdoor activities

from November through March. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

[NFL School Garden Award](#) - Nutrients for Life, a proud partner of Communities in Bloom, is offering a \$500 grant to support a local school garden, open to all Canadian communities registered (all editions) in the Communities in Bloom program. the **deadline is August 31, 2022**.

[CiB Foundation Bursary – 2022 Claudette Savaria Bursary](#) - Each year, the Foundation awards two bursaries to two students registered in a full-time post-secondary program pertaining to ornamental and/or environmental horticulture in an accredited institution and who are involved with their local Communities in Bloom committee, in the national or provincial editions. The **deadline is September 21st, 2022**.

Also, we've updated our 2022 National & International Participants, please click this link to see the list

: <https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/program/participants/national-finalists/>

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, [Sonia](#)



CiB National Symposium & Awards **Start Planning your Visit to Victoria**

October 20-23

**See the attached PDF file
for more info**

CHECK OUT THE LATEST EDITION OF THE BLOOM'N NEWS

- Awards & Symposium
- Registration Form and travel discounts
- Symposium Speakers and Presenters
- Hugs for Humbolt Memorial Garden
- Online Auction Fundraiser
- Nominate a Garden Hero
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