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# Growing Together

**BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER**

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## Resilient Communities

What a tough year for British Columbia. In the spring, flooding in the Okanagan took its toll on many communities and recovery is still in progress. Then the wild-fires in the Cariboo, North Thompson and other areas, have tragically affected so many more people with no end in sight.

Within our Communities in Bloom organization we have board members, judges and community participants who have been affected by these difficult times. We have watched the news and social media for news about our friend's communities hoping that they will be okay. The [Red Cross](#) continues to be the one place we can help at the [British Columbia Fires Appeal](#).

## Celebrating commUnity

This is the time of year that our Communities in Bloom participants in BC are showcasing their town and celebrating their many community partnerships. Our volunteer judges are constantly inspired by how much pride residents, municipal staff and business owners take in their hometowns. They love their community, they want to show-off their community and they really want you to like their community too. After all they live in the best place ever, don't you know!

Most judges are home now, busy working on evaluation reports. These reports will provide useful feedback while celebrating some of the outstanding features of the community. As part of our relationship with GardensBC, BC Communities in Bloom needs your help in identifying hidden gems with "Best Green Spaces" to see and visit in this beautiful province (see page 5 & 6).

British Columbia is full of wonderful people who care and who will get through this tough time.

## 14th Annual Provincial Awards Banquet September 28th - 6pm

Register your committee members for dinner at the [CanWest Hort Expo](#) website before Sept. 13/17 and be eligible for a FREE tradeshow entry. Seminars and workshop fees are noted and may be eligible for Continuing Education Credits.

Visit us at Booth # 154. Bring a Silent Auction donation and showcase your community's pop-up banner. More information in the Awards Invite PDF attached.

**Thank You**

**Bylands Nurseries for your in-kind support this year!**

Here is a great resource for all gardeners  
<http://www.bylands.com/plant-database>

## COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

# RAILWAY PARK - GATEWAY TO FRUITVALE, BC



In 2011, the Village of Fruitvale identified a central green-space within the Village, owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, that would be ideal for a multi-use walking trail, park and gathering place. The railway tracks were leased by Atco Wood Products Ltd. for the transport of goods from their plant immediately on the east boundary of Fruitvale. In November 2013, a successful lease for the property was executed and ideas started to flourish.

The Village envisioned a winding, multi-purpose surfaced path through the property, with seating areas and natural themed plantings. The intention was to provide a physically active transportation route while providing interesting features. The natural beauty of the mountain area is immediately viewable from the walkway and the location provides a direct connection to the outdoor Kootenay experience.

Constance Hedd of Outdoor Décor and Design, was hired to design the park. The design was finalized in January 2016 and ground breaking started the beginning of April 2016. The Village of Fruitvale public works crew worked alongside Selkirk Paving to create the winding paved walkway with bump-outs for benches and lounges along the greenway. Once completed, planting beds were created and on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 approximately 40 FortisBC employees along with community volunteers came out for the FortisBC Community Giving Day to plant the beds, install the benches/lounge chairs and provide assistance to the Village to create the new community green-space.

The benches/lounge chairs were sponsored by family members who dedicated them in memory of loved ones. A gazebo was donated to the Park by the Beaver Valley Senior Citizens' Manor Society and a picnic table was added under the gazebo.

A "name the park" poll took place on the Village of Fruitvale's Facebook page. The choices were between Railway Park, Heritage Park and Railway Heritage Park. The most votes went to Railway Park.

It took a community to bring the park alive! Without the generous funding from the FortisBC Community Giving Grant, the donation of the pathway paving from Selkirk Paving/ Interoute Construction, Atco Lumber, RDKB Area A, Outdoor Décor and Design, and the numerous community members who volunteered their time and equipment, this project would not have been possible.



# 2017

## HORTICULTURE EXPO

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SEPTEMBER 27/28

TRADEX  
ABBOTSFORD BC

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.

## CANWEST REG NOW OPEN

Seminar Early  
Bird Deadline is  
September 8th

Register for the  
BC CiB Awards  
Banquet  
on the CanWest  
website before  
September 13th

First page requires  
identification as a  
CiB Member to  
receive special  
privileges.

All CiB Provincial,  
National and Inter-  
national participants  
are eligible for this  
discount.



REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 8 FOR BEST RATES | FREE PARKING AT TRADEX | SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR SOME HOTELS

## EDUCATION PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE

View the full program at [CanWestHortExpo.com](http://CanWestHortExpo.com)

Offering our largest Education Program yet, it's easy to find the sessions that pertain to your business. From Full Day Workshops to an assortment of 90-Minute Sessions, choose from over 20 different topics.

### Day 1 Wednesday September 27

Sessions: 8:30 – 10:00

- **Diagnostic of Plant Diseases**  
Mario Lanthier, CropHealth Advising & Research, Kelowna, BC
- **The Visioning Process**  
Patrick Morello, Landinc. Toronto, ON
- **Clever Container Garden Commerce**  
Christine Salwitz, Garden Centre Group, WA
- **The Benefits and How To's for Starting a Bio Control Program**  
Paul Koole, Bio Best Canada, Abbotsford, BC

Sessions: 11:00 – 12:30

- **Reduce Your Maintenance with Mulch & Ground Cover**  
Sean James, Sean James Consulting & Design, Milton, ON
- **Design Tips & Tricks**  
Patrick Morello, Landinc. Toronto, ON
- **The Future of Garden Retailing**  
Brian Minter, Minter Country Garden Ltd. Chilliwack, BC
- **Deciphering and Solving Fruit Tree Problems in the Landscape**  
Richard Hallman, Fruit Tree Magic Garden Consultant, Langley, BC

Sessions: 1:30 – 3:00

- **Management of Common Plant Diseases**  
Mario Lanthier, CropHealth Advising & Research, Kelowna, BC
- **Creating a Pollinator Friendly Garden**  
Sean James, Sean James Consulting & Design, Milton, ON
- **15 Ways Your Displays Can Help You Sell More**  
Christina Salwitz, Garden Centre Group, WA
- **Water Treatment Considerations and Options for Greenhouse Irrigation Water** Louis Damm, and Al Zylstra, Dramm Corporation

### Day 2 Thursday September 28

Sessions: 8:30 – 10:00

- **Rejuvenating A Tired Garden**  
Vanessa Gardener Nagel, Seasons Garden Design, Vancouver WA
- **Elegant Ways to Sell More Edibles**

Christine Salwitz, Garden Centre Group, WA

- **Marijuana – The #1 Profit Opportunity for Greenhouse Growers in the Next Decade**

Leigh Coulter and Bryce Danbrook, GGS Structures, Toronto, ON

Sessions: 11:00 – 12:30

- **Water Resilient Perennials**  
Egan Davis, UBC Botanical Garden, Vancouver, BC
- **Trendscaping: How to Turn Fads into Fortune**  
Shelley Levis, Sow-And-Dippity, Langley, BC
- **Crop Protection Application Options and Techniques**  
Louis Damm, Dramm Corporation

Sessions: 1:30 – 3:00

- **Organic Turf Grass Management**  
Michael Cowan, Edibella Organic Landscapes Inc., Victoria BC
- **Selling Nicely to Tough Customers**  
Christina Salwitz, Garden Centre Group, WA
- **Designing a Greenhouse for Cannabis Cultivation**  
Leigh Coulter and Bryce Danbrook, GGS Structures, Toronto, ON

### Other Full Day Educational Opportunities

(separate fees):

- **Design Workshop for Landscapers** - Tuesday September 26
- **Symposium for Urban Foresters** - Wednesday September 27
- **Stonewall Workshop** - Wednesday September 27
- **Best of the Fraser Valley Tour** - Friday September 29

### Show Highlights

- **Plant I.D. Contest (chance to win \$250 each day)**
- **Outdoor Equipment Demo Zone**
- **Food Trucks**
- **Greenhouse Zone**
- **New Product Showcase**
- **New BC Plant Introductions**
- **Container Competition - BC CiB will be participating!**
- **Tail Gate Party - Wednesday 5pm all registered welcome**

### BC Communities in Bloom Awards Dinner

Thursday September 28 - 6pm

Abbotsford Sandman 32720 Simon Avenue, Abbotsford, BC

- **SILENT AUCTION AT OUR BOOTH # 154**



# BEST LOCAL GREEN SPACES

## What should visitors see?

If your community is participating in the Provincial, National or International level of Communities in Bloom please help us identify your best local green space(s) that visitors and locals should know about. Provide a 50-word description, with address. Visiting hours if applicable. Form on next page or go to our website at [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)

Communities in Bloom participants represent a diverse collection of green spaces all around the province that will be recognized as part of the Gardens BC network.



**Get GardensBC recognition for your CiB efforts**

**Gardens & Parks**

**Nature Trail**

**Historical Site**

**Arboretum**

**Other Hidden Gems**

**No Charge for listing \***

**Up to 3 Photos**

**Limited time offer**

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## Share your Best Local Green Space

**Name:**

**Location/address:**

**Community Name:**

**Contact Name and Phone:**

**Short description (50 words or less):**

**Green Space Description: Circle one of the following**

Municipal Park | Community or Neighbourhood Park | Provincial or Regional Park | Food Garden | Rose Garden |

Xeriscape or other specialty garden | Arboretum | Historic site w/garden | Nature trails |

Other:

**Maintenance provided by:** Local government | Business | Resident | CiB group | Or other volunteer group

**Visitor day & hours:**

**Maximum 3 photos minimum 1 MB**

\* Free listing for registered CiB communities - \$75 value. Locations with venue admissions or website/social media profile should consider a paid GardensBC membership level for even greater tourism exposure.