

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE...

# Growing Together

B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome: Lake Errok and The Cottages on Osoyoos Lake



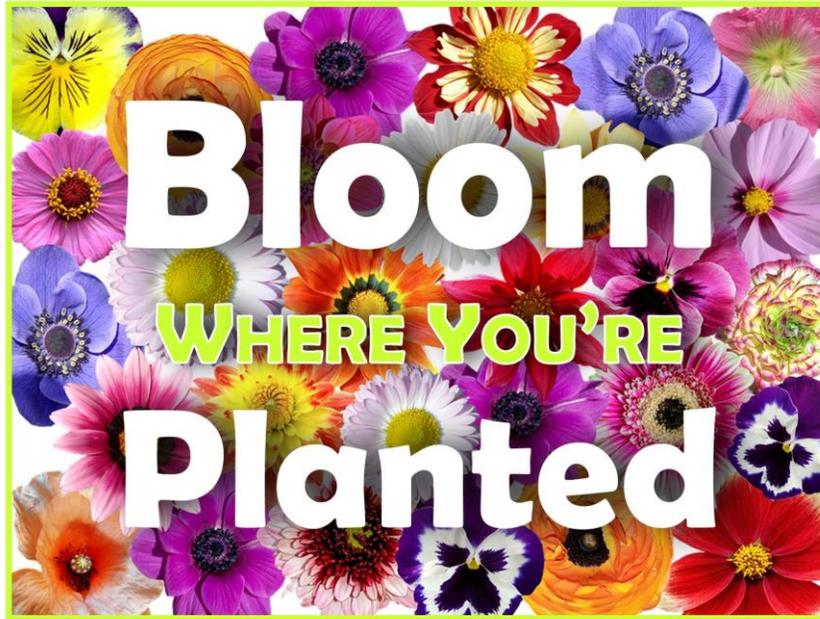
Registration Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see page 2 & 3

## 2020 BC Communities in Bloom Fundraiser

Between August 15-29 Order from 4 different plant packages from Liz Dick at Special Effects Flowers. Plants ship first two weeks of September. More info at <https://www.bccib.ca/fundraiser.html>



## LAST CHANCE TO BE PART OF



**British Columbia Communities in Bloom has announced a "Bloom Where You're Planted" recognition program for individuals, communities, and neighbourhoods of all sizes.**

**This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support our participants and volunteers in unique ways while staying right where we are! Showcase a place or a space, a garden helper or how you are using CiB to make a better home, community, and world!**

### How to Get Involved:

- Register in the appropriate population category before **SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**
- Submit a **Grow where you're Planted Showcase Entry: 3 photos and a 100-word description.**

### Details:

- Profile new CiB engagement or recognize special groups already working hard in your community.
- All entries will be featured in the BC CiB Growing Together Newsletter as they are received. All entries will receive a special recognition certificate.
- All photos submitted will be entered into a contest to win a prize and will be reviewed by a panel of BC CiB judges. **3 winners will be chosen.**
- Photos submitted must be from the 2020 season, please 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 BC CiB Program.

### Photo Contest Prizes

all images submitted for **Bloom where you're Planted** will be entered to win a:

1. Scotts Swag Bag
2. Equinox Self Watering Planter
3. Terrace 20 in Black
3. Villa 20 in Terra Cotta





# Judge's Corner

I have had the privilege of being a Provincial Judge for BC Communities in Bloom for the past 10 years, and had the honour to meet so many people along the way who epitomize all that is best about the Bloom program.

The depth and breadth of the program is, I believe, where the magic happens. No matter how far North, South, East or West you live you can take part. Whether individual resident or large retail park, historic house or natural park.... there is an opportunity for everyone to showcase something. There is room for everyone! It is truly an all-encompassing program celebrating the best of our Province; the diversity of our people, plants and infrastructure...and that element that can be elusive.... PRIDE. No matter where you drive in B.C. it is very easy to tell which is a Bloom Community...the pride just shines out from the very moment you arrive, the hospitality and warmth and welcome of the community reflects what wonders are happening therein!

I have judged and been required to create judging tours for the National Bloom program in the UK and as soon as I moved here, I knew I wanted to be part of Communities in Bloom! Seeing and being on both sides of the coin has really given me a deep understanding of the Bloom ethos. I know that no matter where you are in the world.... a community that participates in Communities in Bloom is always the better for it. It can create community cohesion like no other program, no matter if you're 6 or 60, and no matter what abilities you have, there is always some way you can be a part of this fantastic movement.

We are so blessed here in beautiful BC to have the communities, landscape, climate and flora and fauna we do. What wonderful diversity! Some of the real thrills of judging a community are the often unexpected 'hidden gems' that we are shown. These are often the community you meet with stories to tell, a local character, a hidden gem of a garden, a hidden oasis of a park, a unique insight into the history of the community you are visiting. Each community has it's own "challenge" that is unique to them, and it is particularly fascinating to learn how each embraces and uses the In Bloom program as a tool for problem solving, and to adopt strategies to solve the challenge and move forward. Onwards and Upwards. Always heartening. Always inspiring.

Every community leaves something of itself with us. A lasting impression, a fond memory, an example of best practice, and very often ideas that we can share within other communities. An ongoing daisy chain of creativity and blooming great ideas.

2020 has thrown up plenty of challenges that we could not have foreseen, and though there will be no tours this year, the new recognition program "Bloom Where You're Planted" is a very exciting opportunity for us ALL to showcase our part of the Province. The hearts in windows movement brought together neighbourhoods, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a similar neighbourhood celebration of People, Plants and Pride?

Yours in Bloom  
Allie Double

