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CiB National Symposium & Awards

Plan your Visit to Victoria October 20-23



The Provincial Awards will be presented during the National Awards Dinner Event on Saturday October 22nd



GROW
WEST COAST
HORTICULTURE TRADE SHOW

CiB Participants are invited to the
Grow West Coast Horticulture
Trade Show, more info on Pg 2

SURREY CITY HALL, CIVIC
PLAZA & CIVIC HOTEL

SEPTEMBER 14 + 15 2022

GrowWestCoast.com



Grow West Coast Horticulture Trade Show will deliver an exceptional outdoor market-style trade show, combined with over thirty-five educational seminars, workshops, and sessions. Previously known as CanWest Hort Expo, Grow West Coast carries on the legacy of its predecessor, representing professional landscapers, municipalities, garden centres, suppliers, and wholesale nursery/greenhouse growers.

Join us this year on September 14th and 15th at Surrey's City Hall and Civic Plaza, for two great days of learning, business, and networking. Register online for seminars and trade show access and contact the BCLNA team if you'd like to sponsor or exhibit! <https://growwestcoast.com/>

Register today <https://www.microspec.com/reg/GWCH2022/>.





Preliminary Program - Subject to change without notice

**National Symposium on Parks and Grounds
and
Provincial, National & International Awards
Victoria, British Columbia**

October 20 – 23, 2022
Celebrating 2022 Year of the Garden



All sessions and events will take place at the **Marriott Victoria Inner Harbour Hotel** unless noted otherwise below.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2022

6:00 pm Welcome Reception



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2022

8:00 am Buffet Breakfast

9:00 *Small Steps are Building the Big Picture*
Jeff DeJong – Instructor and Garden Writer

Everyone of us has the opportunity to make changes that affect the greater community, especially when it comes to gardening. It only takes one keen gardener to get the whole street buzzing with excitement about plants, veggies, and other plant topics. Our world will be changed by many small steps and the prospects of what that will be is exciting.

Community planning is going to change how we live. Indeed, it is happening today. Jeff de Jong will be sharing what is transpiring on an International level and bring it home locally. Join him to explore the possibilities of our communities.

10:00 *Abkhazi Garden – The Garden That Love Built*
Cathy Armstrong - ED of The Land Conservancy of BC

Join us to learn about the role the community played in saving Abkhazi Garden from being developed into 12 townhomes in the year 2000. This unique garden weaves together a magical love story steeped in the ravages of war and the subsequent reuniting of two very special people who created a garden together. Prince Nicolas and Princess Peggy Abkhazi carefully chose plants from the finest nurseries of the day to enhance the natural beauty of dramatic glaciated rocky slopes and magnificent native Garry Oaks.

It is the Abkhazis' response to this landscape that qualifies it as a stunning example of West Coast design. The garden flows around the rock, taking advantage of deeper pockets of soil for conifers, Japanese maples, and rhododendrons. Over 50 volunteers maintain this exquisite heritage garden and share the Abkhazi story with visitors from all over the world.





11:00 *Reconnecting People to Plants, Wildlife and the Planet*

Brian Minter – World Renowned Gardening Expert

As we embrace a changing climate, everything we do requires a new focus and thought process. The plants we choose must not only be more heat and drought tolerant but also pollinator and bird friendly. Our trees and lawns need to provide oxygen, while at the same time sequestering carbon and providing shade to help cool urban areas. Our choices and decisions must be part of the environmental solution.

11:45 – 12:00 pm Boxed lunches are distributed



12:00 pm Buses depart from hotel for technical tours

Visit Abkhazi Gardens

The Abkhazi Garden is an exquisite heritage home and garden. Prince and Princess Abkhazi began creating their garden in 1946. The garden is very discreet from the street, with only hints of what exists beyond the hornbeam hedge. What the visitor does find is a garden that embraces a natural landscape that is unique to Victoria.



Visit Hatley Castle

Hatley Castle, currently home to Royal Roads University, boasts the stunning Hatley Gardens, featuring incredible Japanese, Italian and Rose gardens. Explore these beautiful gardens on a self-guided tour.



Visit the Butchart Gardens

Enveloping you in lush greens and colorful blooms, The Butchart Gardens is a must-see oasis, growing in Victoria, British Columbia for over 100 years.



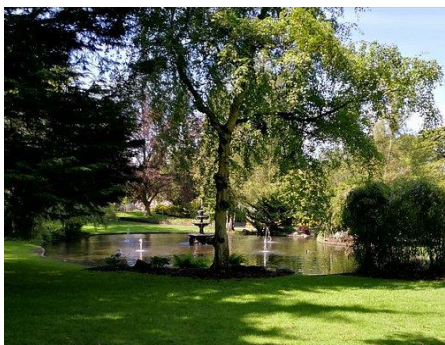
Cocktail Hour - The Butchart Gardens Enjoy a refreshing cocktail at The Butchart Gardens, cash bar will be available.

Dinner - The Butchart Gardens

Community Showcase Ceremony featuring the achievements of the Communities in Bloom National Finalists and International Representatives for 2022, along with announcements of the Outstanding Achievements Awards Winners. Offered in partnership with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB, host of the 2023 National Symposium & Awards Ceremonies.

8:15 pm **Buses depart from The Butchart Gardens to return to the Hotel**





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 2022

8:00 Buffet Breakfast

9:00 *Victoria's Vibrant Parks and Public Spaces*

Lisa Helps – Current Mayor, City of Victoria

Join Mayor Helps for a photographic “walk” through the parks and public spaces of Victoria and explore the changes that the City has made over the past eight years to make Victoria’s public spaces, green spaces and parks more vibrant, inclusive and inviting. The talk will also explore the opportunities and challenges of parks as places of social equity and as a key asset for mitigating and adapting to climate change.



10:00 *Relevancy of Public Parks – Past, Present & Future*

Donnie Rosa – General Manager, Vancouver Parks Board

John Lohuis – Former GM, Niagara Parks Commission

This presentation will feature how public parks (past, present and future) affect our lives, the structure of our communities and economies for the betterment of society.



11:00 *Bright Ideas – Engaging your Community*

Wendy Wiederick – Manager, City of Coquitlam

Kathleen Reinheimer – Manager Parks, City of Coquitlam

The featured speakers will present on new and innovative initiatives to engage your community while facilitating discussions in small groups. Participants will have a chance to share their “bright ideas” as well.

12:00 Buffet Lunch

Coping with the Pandemic and Climate Change: Stories from Four BC Gardens

Dr. Brian White, Professor Royal Roads University, School of Tourism and Hospitality.

Presentation on how VanDusen, Butchart, Royal Roads, and UBC Botanical Gardens are managing garden challenges.



1:15 *Walking Tour*

Explore Victoria, Canada's Greenest City, during a walking tour to some of the city’s most beautiful gardens and historic areas. The tour will finish with an opportunity for a waterside cocktail, with time to freshen up before our Awards Programs in the evening.



6:00 *Cocktail hour - Crystal Garden at the Victoria Conference Centre*

7:00 *Provincial, National & International Awards Ceremonies*

During the Awards Ceremonies, including the Outstanding Achievement Awards, we open the envelopes to announce, “AND THE WINNER IS!”. Join us in one of the most beautiful event venues in Western Canada, the Crystal Garden at the Victoria Conference Centre.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 2022

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Town Hall Meeting moderated by Victor Smith, Town Councillor from Hope BC and Exchange between International and Canadian Communities

COST AND REGISTRATION

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - \$600.00 per person

or À LA CARTE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

For more information and to **REGISTER** for all the events, click on the following link:

[2022 CiB Symposium & Awards Registration](#)

PRE & POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

For more information on unique activities & partner/spousal experiences, click on the following link:

[Unique Activities & Partner/Spousal Experiences](#)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Host Hotel: **Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour**

728 Humboldt Street Victoria, British Columbia V8W 3Z5

Tel: 250-480-3800

Special Group Room Rate: \$189.00 – \$209.00 CAD per night

Cut-off date: September 22nd 2022

Book your group rate for Communities in Bloom at:

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