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**COMMUNITY SHOWCASE – [More Info](#)**

**Final Deadline** for Participating is September 30<sup>th</sup>. 2021  
Theme is Love your Neighbourhood.

This is a great opportunity to feature:

- Current community enhancement projects
- Profile new CiB engagement or recognize special groups already working hard in your community
- Celebrate a garden champion or dedicated volunteer group

# BC Communities in Bloom Fall Fundraiser – Final Deadline to order September 20<sup>th</sup>



## FALL FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

BC Communities in Bloom is once again happy to team up with Liz Dick from Special Effects Flower Farm. Liz is known for growing the unusual!

Her farm is based on Vancouver Island and all the flowers are grown outside in fields with no chemicals. This natural form of flower farming is appealing to many BC consumers as not only is it local, but healthy for the environment and helps thousands of pollinators every year. The excess plants, she offers for sale to people, so that they too can have a beautiful garden with unique flowers.

### ORDER DATES: **NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20**

Limited quantities are available; orders will be processed in the order they are received. Shipping takes place in October. Order now by filling out this form and email to Liz at: [specialeffectsflowers123@gmail.com](mailto:specialeffectsflowers123@gmail.com)

**Orders are processed on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that quantities are limited.**

PACKAGES:	QTY	TOTAL \$
#1 SEED SAMPLER \$30		
#2 BULB VARIETY PACK \$50		
#3 TALL BEAUTIES \$45		
#4 TULIPS VARIETY PACK \$98		
#5 DAFFODILS VARIETY PACK \$65		
#6 PEONIES – 4 ROOTS/LABELLED \$90		
SUB TOTAL		
TOTAL		

**Shipping costs will be determined at time of shipping and will be paid directly to Liz via e-transfer. Your order will be shipped either through Canada Post or Ace Couriers.**

NAME	PHONE
EMAIL	CELL
ADDRESS	
CITY	POSTAL CODE

**PAYMENT:**

**Directly to Liz via e-transfer. Liz will call you for payment.**

## COMMUNITY SHOWCASE Cottages on Osoyoos Lake – Planting a Pollinator Garden



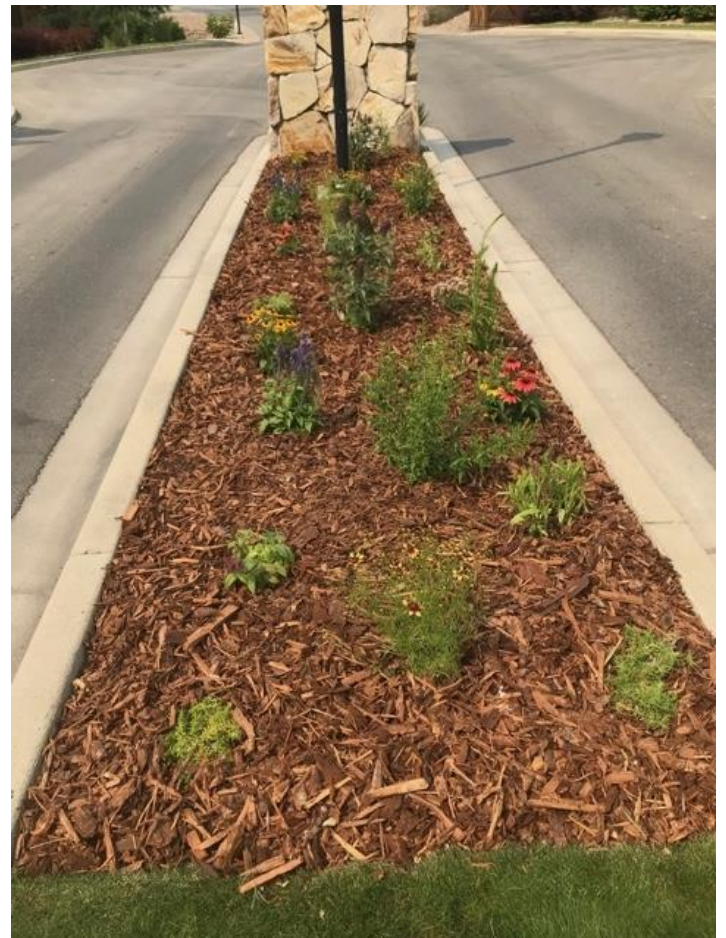
This past spring, the Landscape Committee at the Cottages on Osoyoos Lake chose to undertake a community project to establish a pollinator garden at the entrance to the Cottages. The location chosen was the median area at the entrance gates to the property. This current area had been planted to blue sheep fescue. However, the condition of these fescues had deteriorated, with many plants either dead or dying. Very few were still healthy. So, the plan was to remove these grasses and convert the area to the Pollinator Garden.

Members of the Landscape Committee, as well as community volunteers, would be responsible for planting the garden. Activities included removing of the fescue (healthy ones would be relocated elsewhere on the site) and then the planting of the pollinator plants. A list of compatible plants for the Pollinator Garden was then chosen.

The Committee was then fortunate to receive a Neighbourhood Small Grant from the Community Foundation – South Okanagan Similkameen. This grant allowed the Committee to purchase the plants, soil and mulch that was required for the project. As well, Greenscape Landscaping of Penticton, the company that looks after the Cottages' landscaping requirements, assisted the project by providing all the materials at their cost therefore allowing the garden to come in on budget.

The project got underway on June 21 with the hope that it would be completed relatively soon. First, came the intense heat in the South Okanagan. Planting of the garden was on hold. Everything resumed on July 15. Then, just before the mulch arrived, the fires hit on July 19. Finally, by July 26, it was completed. The feedback from the community has been very positive. Everyone is looking forward to 2022 to see this garden flourish.

Bruce Hobin, on behalf of the Landscape Committee



## 2021 British Columbia Participants

PROVINCIAL MODIFIED EVALUATION: 100 Mile House, Armstrong, Hope, Sicamous NOVICE: Nanaimo  
 FRIENDS: Abbotsford, Clinton, Coquitlam, Sooke SHOWCASE: Lake Errock, Cottages on Osoyoos Lake  
 NATIONAL Abbotsford, Castlegar, Coquitlam, Trail

### NEWS FROM NATIONAL

#### DEADLINES EXTENDED :

[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 September 15, 2021**

[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 September 15, 2021**

[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 to all Canadian communities registered (all editions) in the Communities in Bloom program. the **deadline is September 15, 2021.**

[CNLA Green Cities Award](#) - 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 September 15th 2021**

[CiB Foundation Bursary - 2021 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, 2021.**

#### **Communities in Bloom Virtual Auction**

In September we will be celebrating our 27th Annual Symposium. As a result of the pandemic, we are utilizing the power of technology to meet and discuss virtually the great presentations and hard work each community has poured into ensuring their hometowns look fantastic. We are incredibly excited about recognizing and celebrating all participants and learning how each community has thrived as a result of the Communities in Bloom (CiB) process.

This year we are also hosting an online auction that will start October 8th and conclude October 18th. [Auction website](#)

The CiB Virtual Auction is a special fundraiser that serves a two-fold purpose: the opportunity to showcase places and spaces in your community and a chance to support the Communities in Bloom Foundation.

We recognize the value of engaging youth in our programs, and this is one way to do so that is meaningful and lasting. All proceeds will go to the Foundation, which supports student bursaries in post-secondary education programs, youth initiatives, green initiatives, workshops, seminars, articles and other educational content on the value of green spaces in society.

We are asking for YOUR support to help ensure that this fundraiser is a memorable one!



**Registration**  
**is now open for the**  
**2021 CiB Virtual**  
**Symposium**  
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