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# Growing Together

B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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## Growing Community Pride – Since 1995

Established in 1994, with the guidance of Britain in Bloom, Tidy Towns of Ireland and Villes et Villages Fleuris de France, Communities in Bloom held its first national edition in 1995 with 29 communities. The program now includes hundreds of communities across the country, and an international challenge involving communities from Canada, the United States, Asia and several European countries allows participants to participate internationally.

Join us in celebrating 25 years of excellence in community involvement!



New and returning participants are encouraged to start out in the Provincial Edition to develop into a 5-Bloom National Finalist. Evaluated and Non-evaluated categories exist to encourage a multi-year cycle of participation.

**BC Communities in Bloom Provincial Registration Deadline – March 31**

Registered to Date:

1. City of Armstrong
2. Village of Clinton
3. District of Sicamous
4. District of Hope
5. District of Lumby (Friends)
6. District of Sooke
7. District of Mission
8. District of 100 Mile House (TBC)
9. District of North Cowichan (TBC)
10. City of Greenwood (TBC)

Questions about how to participate? Phone Catherine at 604 576-6506 or email [c.kennedy@telus.net](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net) to receive program information or go to [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)

<b>Participation Options</b>	<b>COST</b>
<p><b>1. NOVICE PROGRAM – First Year Audit</b> Face to face introduction to the CiB program with BC CiB Facilitators and local stakeholders in your community.</p> <p>Facilitators will present a PowerPoint, show samples of Community Profile Books and view 3 criteria of your choice: i.e. Floral Displays, Landscape and Tidiness Efforts. A report will be created with some comments for future efforts.</p> <p>No Evaluation Tour or Community Profile Book to organize but be prepared to host a pair of BC CiB facilitators (meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.) and have 3 - 10 people ready to workshop.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>
<p><b>2. PROVINCIAL EDITION EVALUATION - Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms</b> Develop an 'In Bloom' committee to collaborate with residents, service groups, municipal staff and business owners to:</p> <p>Organize an Evaluation Tour to view about 80% of your community to a pair of BC CiB judges. (<a href="#">What is Communities in Bloom</a>)</p> <p>Create a Community Profile Book to summarize your community's assets, this is also used to supplement information not shown during the evaluation tour.</p> <p>Plan to host a pair of judges for meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.</p> <p>Participants are awarded a Bloom Rating Certificate and receive a written report at the Provincial Awards &amp; Conference in the fall. Evaluating six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and for future improvements.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p><b>This is the ONLY CATEGORY eligible to win a CRITERIA AWARD</b></p>
<b>NON-EVALUATED</b>	
<p><b>3. FRIENDS*</b> For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation.</p> <p>Holds bloom rating one-year.</p> <p>*Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project</p>	<p>½ Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form</p>
<p><b>4. SHOWCASE PROJECT*</b> (non-evaluated) Profile for a specific project or geographical segment within a community. Open to service groups, garden clubs, municipalities, electoral areas etc., submissions also accepted from National and International level CiB participants in British Columbia.</p> <p>Provide 100 words &amp; 3 photos to be showcased in the provincial newsletter.</p>	<p>Fee: \$100 (go to <a href="http://www.bccib.ca">www.bccib.ca</a> to download form)</p>
<b>All Participants will receive recognition on our Website, Map, Press Releases, Fall Awards, GardensBC</b>	
<p><b>5. COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP</b> As per the 2019 Membership Form <a href="http://www.bccib.ca">www.bccib.ca</a> Fee dependent on population size. (* also includes a Showcase Project entry)</p>	

# What's Growing On

2019 PROVINCIAL EDITION  
REGISTRATION [Download Form](#)  
Deadline March 31/19

BC CiB JUDGES WORKSHOP AND  
AGM April 27 - Langley Sandman Inn

2019 NATIONAL PEONY FESTIVAL  
June 20-23 in Castlegar  
[www.castlegarpeony.com](http://www.castlegarpeony.com)

**SAVE the DATE - Sept. 20-22/19**  
PROVINCIAL AWARDS &  
CONFERENCE  
Hosted by the City of Coquitlam

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL

[2019 Miracle-Gro Best Garden  
Selection Program](#) Mar 7/19

Register your Activities  
[Garden Days - Canada's Largest  
Garden Party - June 15-23, 2019](#)

CANADIAN PEONY SOCIETY

2019

NATIONAL PEONY FESTIVAL

CASTLEGAR COMMUNITY COMPLEX  
2101 6th Avenue • Castlegar, BC • June 20 - 23, 2019  
Information & Registration: [www.castlegarpeony.com](http://www.castlegarpeony.com)

Contact Show Chair: Holly Pender-Love at 250-368-6228 or [hplove8@telus.net](mailto:hplove8@telus.net)



BC Communities in Bloom and BC Landscape and Nursery Association shared a table at the BC Recreation and Parks Association Spring Training Feb. 27-28/19. Many thanks to all that stopped by.

Find out more information about the discounts and rewards for Communities in Bloom Participants at [www.eqnx.biz](http://www.eqnx.biz)



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