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BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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How to Inspire Citizen and Civic Involvement

With the 2015 Provincial Communities in Bloom (BC CiB) Evaluation Program

For over 10 years, BC CiB has provided a recognition program that has helped communities of all sizes achieve results. From urban cities and rural farm villages to industrial northern towns, the guidance provided through the judges' visits and evaluation reports has helped more than 100 community groups. It is used as a catalyst to inventory assets while unifying Individuals, Business Leaders, Municipal Staff and Service Clubs all working to help their hometown achieve its full potential.

Engage your community today with the 'in Bloom' program that is about so much more than flowers!

2015 Registration- Register Early to Win

Extended Deadline: Paid Registrations received before Feb. 14 are eligible.

Check our New Website at
www.bccib.ca

Are you attending the BCRPA Spring Training in New Westminster this year?

If so, stop by and say hi on **Horticulture Day**, February 26th
Catherine will be at an information table with lots of information to take back to share with your community.

Look for our new Pop-Up Banner →

BC CiB Fundraiser
See pages 3 & 4 for info about our prize donors & the ticket order form.



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What's Growing On in BC

- Check out our **New Website** and sign-up for the BC CiB Newsletter at www.bccib.ca

This is the 10th year of the Growing Together Newsletter!

- Please make a note that the BCLNA has moved so we have a new mailing address:

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(phone and fax remain the same)

- Did you know: Garden Tourism is a brand new Destination BC Tourism Sector and you will hear more about it in the coming months as a new GardensBC website gets finalized.
- The key purpose of the group is to support the key strategy of Increasing awareness of BC as a garden tourism destination.
- BC Communities in Bloom offers a way to reach, teach, and recognize worthy communities in all areas of the province.
- BC CiB has been part of this developing sector.
- The Friday before Father's Day is being marked as a national Garden Day.



Once again, BC Communities in Bloom is working with the **Invasive Species Council of British Columbia** to help create awareness and action about the prevention of regionally invasive plants. To encourage gardening enthusiasts and the horticulture industry to opt to utilize only non-invasive but equally desirable plant alternatives instead. If you would like more information, please contact **Evan Rafuse, PlantWise Program Coordinator** Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC)

<http://www.bcinvasives.ca> | erafuse@bcinvasives.ca | 250-320-5983



GRO1000™



The City of Coquitlam is Canada's recipient of the 2015 GRO1000 Showcase Garden Grant for the Eagle Ridge Community Garden.

The ScottsMiracle-Gro Company has established **GRO1000**, a commitment to install 1,000 gardens and green spaces in the United States, Canada and Europe by 2018. The last installation will be completed in 2018, which coincides with the 150th anniversary of the founding of The ScottsMiracle-Gro Company. Through

GRO1000, The ScottsMiracle-Gro Company encourages the partnering of national and local groups to collectively advocate for and demonstrate the benefits of gardening and green space development in local communities.

The Community Garden will be a great addition to Eagle Ridge Park within a neighbourhood of mid-density housing. Garden plots will be made available to the public and to youth to learn about gardening. Local citizens will be able to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables. The youth gardening program that will allow local students to develop and grow their gardening skills and knowledge.

Scotts Canada has established a partnership with Communities in Bloom (CiB), Plant a Row · Grow a Row, and Nutrients for Life to offer this exciting initiative in Canada. They applaud the efforts of all those involved to improve their communities through garden and green space development.

February 13 Deadline for [Scotts GRO1000 Grassroots Grants](#)



We need your help selling tickets! Contact Catherine at (604) 576-6506 if you can sell a book or two.



\$2700 WORTH OF GREEN FEES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

**1ST PRIZE 6 ROUNDS OF GOLF FOR 2
ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDED**



**2ND PRIZE 4 ROUNDS OF GOLF FOR 2
ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDED**



**TICKETS \$40
ONLY 300 TICKETS SOLD
DRAW DATE APRIL 18, 2015**

ACCOMMODATIONS BY



BC Gaming Event Licence # 70481

Draw Date April 18, 2015, 3 pm at the Sandman Hotel Langley

Prizes are as awarded, No Cash Value. Chances are 1 in 300 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize

Tickets may be sold and purchased only in British Columbia Must be 19

Know your limit, play within it.

TICKET ORDER FORM

GAMING LICENCE # 70481



Both Prizes include Rounds of Golf for 2 with Cart and Accommodation

1st Prize: Qualicum Beach Golf Course (Qualicum Beach), Arrowsmith Golf Course (Qualicum Beach), Sandpiper Golf Course (Harrison Mills), Golden Eagle Golf Course (Pitt Meadows), Castlegar Golf Course (Castlegar), Granite Point Golf Course (Nelson). Comes with overnight stays at Qualicum Beach, Harrison Mills, Castlegar and some goodies. Package Value \$1700.

2nd Prize: Sun Rivers Golf Resort (Kamloops), Harvest Golf Course (Kelowna), Peace Portal Golf Course (Surrey), Penticton Golf Course (Penticton). Comes with overnight stays at Kelowna, Langley and Penticton. Package Value: \$1000.

Name:		
Address:	City:	Postal Code
Phone:		
Email:		
# of Tickets	@ \$40 each = \$	

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Raffle proceeds will help to support our BC Communities in Bloom volunteers who give their time as specialists in horticulture, parks and recreation, community management and volunteer coordination, and who are additionally trained to deliver the CiB evaluation program to the benefit of all British Columbian communities.

For over 10 years BC Communities in Bloom (BC CiB) has delivered a province-wide enhancement program (tool) that has benefited the province and communities of all sizes. From tourist towns on the coast, rural interior and industrial towns in the north, our organization has provided guidance through the judges’ visits and evaluation reports to more than 100 community groups.

At the heart of our organization is our team of dedicated volunteers who bring a wealth of experience to our society. They represent the province as board members, judges and committee members in addition to representing their geographical regions. Our volunteers are the reason the society exists to deliver the Communities in Bloom program.

We are very proud of what the CiB program accomplishes for our province; please help us to continue to GROW in 2015 by purchasing a raffle ticket. If you need more information please call Catherine Kennedy at (604) 576-6506.

300 tickets printed; Final Sales April 3, 2015; Raffle Draw Date April 18th 2015 at 3pm;
 Draw Location: BC CiB 2015 AGM Fraser Room, Langley Sandman Hotel 8855 202 Street Langley, BC V1M 2N9

Tickets may be sold and purchased only in British Columbia. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase tickets. Prize awarded to name on ticket (non transferable), no cash value. Winners agree to have their names and photos published in the May BC Communities in Bloom Growing Together Newsletter.