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BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Evaluation Tours start July 11

This is a busy time of year for all Communities in Bloom groups as they showcase their hard work in tidiness efforts, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape areas and floral displays to the visiting judges. Even the non-evaluated participants are active with continuing CiB initiatives that enhance their community. This year BC is sending out seven pairs of Judges to evaluate our provincial participants. The National and International CiB level will see their judges during this time as well. Please see the next page for our judges biographies.

Provincial Edition

Abbotsford (Novice)
Bowen Island
Cache Creek
Fort St. John
Lumby
Salmon Arm
Sicamous (Novice)
Sooke
Terrace
Whitehorse, Yukon

Non-Evaluated

Chetwynd
Hope (our 2016
Provincial Awards Host)
Kelowna (Showcase)
Burnaby (Membership)
Mission (Membership)

**Check out our website
for new photos and links
to these communities**

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National & International

Ashcroft
Castlegar
Coquitlam
Kamloops
Trail
Sun Rivers Resort
Community
West Kelowna/
Westbank F.N.

Good Ideas Photo Contest

BC Communities in Bloom would like to create a resource document of Good Ideas: t-shirts, banners, logos, activities to promote CiB in your community, etc.

Contest open to all current and former Communities in Bloom Participants who submit a photo entry. One photo = one entry to win a \$100 Home Hardware Gift Card. Send entries to c.kennedy@telus.net with your name and image (1mb max file size).



Volunteer Biographies

Our BC Communities in Bloom program would not be possible without the talented group of volunteer judges who come from all over the province. With a variety of horticultural backgrounds or experience in their own community's CiB program, these judges bring a wealth of knowledge to your community.

This year's judges are:

Darlene Kalawsky, Business Owner – Castlegar

Darlene Kalawsky is VP of the Kalawsky Automotive Group. She has been involved with Castlegar CiB program since 2006, and passionately supports the changes that CiB makes in communities across Canada. She was a founding member of the Sculpture Walk program which was named Sculptural Capital of Canada! She is our current BC CiB Chairperson.

Yvette May, Retired Nurse – Clinton

Yvette enjoys gardening and is a passionate supporter of Clinton's CiB community improvement efforts. Yvette is our Vice Chair.

Teresa Williams, Soon to be Retired School Teacher– Hope

Teresa is an enthusiastic participant of Hope's CiB efforts. She has worked with Agriculture in the Classroom promoting their programs and volunteers at the Hope Community Garden. She is the co-chair of the Hope Garden Club and our provincial Secretary.

Don Alberg, Retired Superintendent of Public Works and Parks – Qualicum Beach

Don has been a driving force in Qualicum Beach's very successful Communities in Bloom efforts since 1998. He is happiest on tour when looking at your waste management initiatives! Don is a farmer at heart and knows a thing or two about raising Angus Beef.

Peter Crawshaw, Retired Parks and Facilities Superintendent– Nanoose Bay

Peter retired from the City of Parksville in 2013. He has been involved in CiB since 2004. Peter and his wife Corrie spend part of their gardening time growing and selling plants to help support a clinical mission in Malawi, Africa.

Rea Smith, Retired Teacher – Armstrong

Rea is a life-long gardener. She was part of Armstrong's success in the CiB program and has continued her love of the program at the provincial level as a board member and judge for many years.

Heather Doheny, Master Gardener – Kelowna

Heather is passionate about helping several Okanagan communities with their efforts in CiB. She has been involved with the City of West Kelowna Communities in Bloom since

2009. She is also involved as a committee member with Kelowna's Flower Power Garden Tour and has helped organize a garden contest in Lake Country.

Shirley Culver, Consultant – Kamloops

Shirley is a Community Project Manager for the Community Futures Thompson Country. She has served as an elected councillor for the City of Kamloops as well as chaired their CiB committee that has won at all levels of the program. She is the daughter of a long time farm family in Smithers, BC and has a passion for all facets of the natural environment.

Ali Double, Master Gardener – Langley

Alison has been 'In Bloom' since 2004. She has participated in the Bloom competition in the UK; being Lead Coordinator for her town's entry into the competition and also as a regional judge to evaluate other entries. Since her move to BC in 2010 she has judged for BC CiB and also served as a Board Member. She has her own gardening business.

Susan Burdeyney, Horticulturist - Cache Creek

Having spent many years as a gardener at the Vancouver Parks Board (even at one time working for Peter Crawshaw), Susan has become a farmer of hay fields in the Cariboo. She also has seen the benefits of CiB through her involvement as a contract gardener with Cache Creek. She joins us as a new judge this year.

Shirley Gratton, Retired City Councillor & Lifelong Volunteer - Prince George

Passionate about her community, Shirley has been involved in many aspects of her hometown. As a former PG-CiB chair she knows the importance of this program and we welcome her as a new judge.

Bruce Hobin, Agrologist - Victoria

We are very lucky to inherit an experienced CiB judge from Ontario who is relocating to Victoria. Retired from the U of Saskatchewan as the Director of the Agriculture, Food and Horticulture Program, Bruce currently has an agriculture training and rural/community leadership consulting firm.

Bob Lewis, Retired National Capital Parks Director - Ottawa, Ontario

Bob has been associated with Communities in Bloom for over sixteen years, a National Judge for eleven years and is also a member of the Board of Directors of Communities in Bloom and the current National Chair. He will be evaluating Whitehorse with Peter Crawshaw this year.

BOARD MEMBERS OR NOT JUDGING THIS YEAR:

Shirley Fowler, City Councillor – Armstrong

Shirley was the Landscape Gardener for the City of Armstrong,

and helped the local CiB committee win both the Provincial and National titles. She is currently serving her 4th term as City Councillor, is a Board Member with the Regional District of the North Okanagan and a passionate member of the Armstrong Rotary Club. She is our Treasurer & a Judge.

Bert Pulles, Business Owner & local CiB chair – Mission

Bert was a landscape gardener for 9 years, worked for the next 30 years in different companies from production foreman to plant manager. He started his own Mole Control business making, using and marketing the "Mole Buster" for the last 25 years. He has been a Chamber of Commerce Director for 3 years and is totally involved with CiB in Mission.

Kathleen Reinheimer, Municipal Manager - Maple Ridge

Kathleen is a Urban Park Operations Manager for the City of Coquitlam We value her extensive parks experience and her

many years as a provincial judge and chair of BC CiB. She has most recently joined us back on the provincial board.

Edward Stanford, Urban Planning Consultant – Fort St John

Edward is a municipal government consultant specializing in urban design, governance and community planning. Edward has been involved in the local Fort St John Communities in Bloom committee since 2000 and a BC CiB board member since 2012.

All our judges and board members are volunteers who give so much of their time for our spring training workshop, summer evaluation tours & report writing, presenters at the fall awards and especially as a resource to guide communities through this terrific program.

THANK YOU, your efforts are appreciated!

Request for Proposals - 2017 Host Community

Would your community like to Host the Provincial Annual Awards and Conference Weekend? - [Request More Information](#)

2017 MARKS THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANADA AS A NATION

We are excited, proud, honored to announce that the National Capital Commission of Ottawa has partnered with Home Hardware to be the exclusive retailer of the Canada 150 Tulip this Fall. This red and white tulip bears a striking resemblance to our Maple Leaf flag. Communities in Bloom, another partner in this endeavor, will invite communities across the country to beautify their neighborhoods by planting these commemorative tulips.

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CiB-Hope invites you to the

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Provincial Conference

Ah! Summer is in the air and the CiB projects are well under way. The judges have their destination assignments and the season is unfolding as it should. Plans are well under way with the CiB-Hope team for the fall conference planned for the September 31 - October 1 weekend.

On Friday night we have invited our Mayor and council plus a representative from all the groups we have partnered with on our projects. Gain insight on how to "Think outside of the Box" to keep your Communities in Bloom moving forward and to keep it fresh each year.

Friday night is a Meet and Greet, from 7-9 with complimentary drink tickets (good for Fri & Sat) plus snacks.

Please Note: Hope's main objective is to be an educational, cost effective event so that your whole committee can attend the weekend. More information to come regarding conference and accommodation locations.



BC Communities in Bloom Community Champion Award

Nominate an outstanding volunteer who is deserving of Provincial recognition.

Individual(s) Name:
Community Name*:
Nominated by:

*Registered BC Communities in Bloom participants only

Please supply some information about what makes them a Community Champion. (max 500 words)

Local Contributions:
Other Contributions:

Voting will be conducted by the BC CiB Board of Directors by email.

Please note: in the past our winners have been people who are strong drivers of the CiB program in their community as well as providing service or help to the Provincial level, in other words a champion of the BC CiB organization in addition to their community!

Nomination Deadline: August 15, 2016
Submit form by email to c.kennedy@telus.net or fax 604 574-7773

Award will be presented at the Fall Provincial Awards evening.