

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE... Growing Together

BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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NOVICE PROGRAM

Get Started Growing your commUnity Pride

The purpose of this program is to supply information on how to become an 'in Bloom' community. It is an audit process designed to help new participants at an early stage when they are forming committees and to provide an overview to help maximize efforts and resources. Get started today with a proven and cost-efficient community enhancement program. Please see the registration form for additional information.

Novice Registration Extended to April 17th

A pair of BC Communities in Bloom Judges will:

- Travel to the community (typically third week in July) to supply a direct face to face explanation of the program;
- Workshop with 3-10 people (ideally representatives of each of the evaluation criteria) Judges will show a PowerPoint presentation with some examples of what goes into the Community Profile Book (CPB);
- Explain how the CiB evaluation process helps a community inventory successes and areas for improvement;
- Show how understanding the **Evaluation Form**, planning the **Evaluation Tour** and creating a **Community Profile Book** all work together to maximize points for subsequent years;
- Help the Novice Participant identify potential partnerships and what they can enhance in their community.

Communities should be prepared to:

- Show their 3-best criteria, so judges can supply a written summary in addition to their onsite comments & suggestions;
- Host an evening reception (or Volunteer Appreciation event) with key stakeholders to profile groups that represent the criteria; Heritage, Environmental, Horticulture, Beautification and other key sectors from municipal, service organizations and businesses;

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**A Big
 Thank You to our
 Golf Raffle Prize Donors**

1st Prize Package	
Qualicum Beach Golf course	\$ 92
Arrowsmith Golf Course, Qualicum BC	\$ 200
Overnight stay @ the Buena Vista*	\$ 150
Paradise Fun Park, Parksville	\$ 80
Sandpiper Golf course Stay and Play, Harrison Mills	\$ 497
includes Accommodation at Rowena's Inn (Riverview Room)	
Golden Eagle Golf course, Pitt Meadows	\$ 90
Castlegar Golf Club	\$ 200
Granite Point Golf Club, Nelson	\$ 200
Sandman Hotel Castlegar (1 night, standard room)	\$ 160
\$50 Gift Certificate to Cartwright's Pub, Castlegar	\$ 50
Total	\$ 1,719
Second Prize Package	
Sunrivers Golf course Kamloops	\$ 178
The Harvest Golf Club, Kelowna	\$ 250
Kelowna Coast Capri: one night accom & breakfast for 2	\$ 125
Overnight stay, Sandman Hotel Penticton	\$ 180
Penticton Golf & Country Club	\$ 100
Peace Portal Golf Course Surrey	\$ 187
Overnight stay @ the Sandman, Langley	\$ 100
Total	\$ 1,120

Final Sales Date: April 3
Draw Date: April 18
[Ticket Order Form](#)

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- Tour in the morning to show the judges around the community (2-4 hours with 2 or 3 people max) and then in the afternoon attend the Workshop (2-3 hours with up to 10 people who represent some of the criteria: heritage etc).

Additional Considerations for Community:

- Pay a registration fee based on population size (please see the 2015 Registration form for details);
- Host two judges, 2-nights (max.) in separate rooms (Hotel, Billeting or B&B are acceptable), with meals;
- May need to pick-up judges from the nearest airport, otherwise no additional travel costs;
- No Community Profile Binder to create or Judges Evaluation Tour to plan which means a Bloom Rating will not be awarded, but your committee will have a very clear idea of how to proceed for the following year.
- Community will be profiled as a participant in the CiB program: Map, Website and Fall Awards Ceremony.

Scheduling Timeline:

- **Day 1:** expect Judges to arrive mid-afternoon for evening event;
- **Day 2:** tour/workshop to be finished by dinnertime so that the judges have a minimum 3-hours to work on the summary document in their hotel room (or provide a quiet area for them to work);
- **Optional:** wrap-up breakfast meeting before the judges leave for the next community;
- The Judge's Summary Document will be presented at the British Columbia CiB Awards & Conference in the fall. The Conference provides an excellent opportunity for new participants to network with other communities.

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



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for a ticket order form

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The crocuses are poking up as a sign that spring is almost sprung in the south, and with this exciting transition to liven up our gardens, it's also a good time to consider the impacts of invasive plants and how we can all take actions that prevent their spread. The Invasive Species Council of British Columbia (ISCBC) is partnering with leaders in the horticulture industry to spread the message of its province-wide program, PlantWise, and how you can be invasive-plant-free.

Who is the ISCBC?

ISCBC is a registered, membership-based and collaborative charity and non-profit society that is committed to reducing the spread and impacts of invasive species in BC. 2014 marked our 10th anniversary!

ISCBC is a dynamic, action-oriented organization that is helping coordinate and unite a wide variety of concerned stakeholders in the struggle against invasive species, while spearheading behaviour change in gardeners, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, First Nations and both resource industry and horticulture professionals.

ISCBC relies heavily on the interest and involvement of its volunteer members who work together on key thematic areas of outreach and education, training, operations, and research to improve all areas of invasive species management across BC. The strategic framework, the *Invasive Species Strategy for British Columbia*, provides the foundation for invasive species work across BC, and is the basis for our programs and efforts.

Why be concerned about invasive species?

Invasive species introduction and spread causes harm to the province's native species or our economy. This harm has a lasting effect on the lives of residents and visitors to the province, in some cases resulting in the eradication of native BC species, and is costing the economy millions of dollars annually.

How is ISCBC making positive change?

With joint partnerships that involve its members, 13 Regional Committees across BC, government agencies and industry, we are succeeding in delivering our mission to collaborate and stimulate actions that prevent the spread of invasive species to our communities and the natural environment by:

- Organizing and uniting efforts with a board of directors and committees, partners and funders;
- Educating and informing the public by illustrating the consequences and impacts of invasive species to people and organizations across BC, using a variety of resources and programs such as PlantWise;
- Coordinating research and sharing up-to-date findings through ISCBC Research Forums and our BC Invasive Plant Research Database; and
- Delivering training programs for public and private organizations that offer key resources and information on the identification, reporting, inventory and management of invasive species.

To find out more about ISCBC, PlantWise, and to join our free membership, visit www.bcinvases.ca or call 1-888-933-3722. Look for more information on PlantWise in the upcoming BCCIB newsletter!



What's Growing On

- Provincial Edition for Evaluated Communities Registration Deadline: March 31, 2015
- Novice Registration Deadline April 17, 2015
- Golf Raffle Ticket Sales Cut-off April 3, 2015
- April 18, 2015: BC CiB Judges Training and AGM, and Golf Raffle Draw Date

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

BC Communities in Bloom c/o
Suite 102 - 19289 Langley Bypass,
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(phone and fax remain the same)

- **New Website: www.bccib.ca**

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SEPT. 30 – OCT. 3, 2015

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1st Ever
Peony Show
in the Kootenays



Castlegar, BC

June 27, 2015

LUNCHEON

Castlegar Community Complex

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Presentation by

Carol Adelman, President

Pacific Northwest Peony Society

June 28, 2015

PEONY SHOW

SANDMAN HOTEL

1944 Columbia Ave

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This is a venue of

Castlegar Garden Tour

Tickets and Information: www.peonyfarm.ca

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