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**BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER**

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The 13th Annual Provincial Awards and Conference were a huge success! Thanks to the amazing group of Bloomin' Volunteers who showed us how they 'Give a Hoot'!

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| Bob & Faye Burrell       | Janice Crowley  | Gary Arrowsmith    |
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| Teresa Williams          | Ed Charlton     | Victor & Bev Smith |



Bear Bench Update:

This Randy Swope carving went to a good home...Mine to be exact!  
 I am honoured to bring a little piece of Hope home to Cloverdale. Catherine

# Celebrating CommUNITY Success across B.C.

Surrey - On Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>, representatives from around the province celebrated their hometown’s achievements at this year’s British Columbia Communities in Bloom Awards event held in Hope, BC. Municipal participants were recognized in Evaluated and Non-evaluated categories.

Congratulations to our newest Five-Bloom community; Cache Creek, and repeat winners, Salmon Arm and Sooke who also received their Five-Bloom Street Banners.

Earlier in the day, conference delegates got to see why Hope is a wonderful example of the Communities in Bloom (CiB) program. The ‘Give a Hoot’ (celebrate the spirit of volunteerism) theme showcased key partners and many amazing community enhancing volunteer projects.

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual event has marked another successful year. Congratulations to all our Communities in Bloom participants who are making this province better through “People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together”!

## 2016 AWARD RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### 5 BLOOMS MENTION

Cache Creek, Village of	5	Floral Displays throughout the community
Salmon Arm, City of	5	SASU Recreation Centre sustainable landscaping upgrade
Sooke, District of	5	Sunriver Community Gardens

### 4 BLOOMS

Lumby, Village of	4	Winning Kraft Hockeyville
Fort St. John, City of	4	Fort St. John North Peace Museum
Terrace, City of	4	Heritage Park Museum
Whitehorse YT, City of	4	Welcome Gateway Floral Design by a 10-yr old resident

### 3 BLOOMS

Bowen Island Municipality	3	Salmon Enhancement & Nature Classroom at BIRD
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### NOVICE

Abbotsford, City of	Novice	Professional Development of park employees
Sicamous, District of	Novice	The Boat Planters positioned around the town

### NON-EVALUATED Category

Chetwynd, District of	Showcase: Greenspace Trail-System and Community Forest, Wayfinding Strategies and New Municipal Centre and Landscaping
Hope, District of	Host of the 2016 BC CiB Provincial Conference and Awards
Kelowna, City of	Showcase project to come
Burnaby, City of	Community Member
Castlegar, City of	Community Member
Coquitlam, City of	Community Member
Mission, District of	Community Member

CRITERIA AWARDS	SPONSORED BY	WINNER	PRESENTER
TIDINESS	Teck Resources Limited	LUMBY	Kathy Reinheimer
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION	BC Communities in Bloom	FORT ST. JOHN	Bert Pulles
LANDSCAPED AREAS	Urban Systems	WHITEHORSE, YT	Edward Stanford
FLORAL DISPLAYS	BC Communities in Bloom	TERRACE	Erin Minter

Special glass vase Criteria Awards were presented by our Gold Bloom Sponsors, whose financial support makes it possible for us to deliver the CiB program throughout the province.

**COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD - BC Communities in Bloom Sponsored**

Dave Gordon from Terrace, was awarded the BC CiB Community Champion Award in recognition for his ongoing work through the Greater Terrace Beautification Society and legacy projects like the Howe Creek Tree Park and the Dutch-Canadian Tulip Friendship Garden.

**GOOD LUCK TO BC'S NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL FINALISTS**

**National and International Results will be announced in Regina, Saskatchewan October 29, 2016**

Evaluated: City of Coquitlam, Sun Rivers Resort Community  
 Class of Champions Evaluated: Village of Ashcroft, City of Castlegar, City of Trail



At the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BC Communities in Bloom Awards dinner in Hope, we presented Bloom Rating Certificates and Evaluation Reports to our participants. The weekend is an excellent opportunity to exchange information and engage us in the common goal of making all our communities better places to live and visit.

For our Judges, evaluating is an opportunity to visit new communities and meet those residents that are excited to reveal the best qualities of their hometown. Variety is the key word to describe our participants: from communities on the edge of wilderness to ones bustling with tourists. Local CiB committees endeavour to show our judges what makes them unique given their geography, climate and history. After the evaluation day, the judges continue to work hard completing the reports to detail what has been done well and what might be improved upon. This report creates a benchmark of success that many participants use to assess how well they are meeting their liveability and Official Community Plan (OCP) goals.

Congratulations to our first year Novice participants who have, no doubt, been challenged by the CiB program. Starting with simple goals, a small group of volunteers and few resources, we know they are at the ground floor of building something worthwhile for their community. For experienced CiB communities, reaching the 4 and 5-Bloom level is an accomplishment that recognizes all their hard work. Some 5 bloom communities will be invited to next year's national competition.

Volunteers are the backbone of this program and each community's team efforts are a testament to how well "People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together" works!

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Download photos from the event from our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cibbc>

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# Community Champion Award

Every community benefits from the work of their volunteers and our provincial organization is the same.

It is for this reason that the BC Communities in Bloom Board of Directors created the Community Champion Award to recognize an outstanding example of dedication displayed within their community and to our province. Nominees were:

### Dave Gordon – from Terrace

He is a key spokesperson to secure funding for beautification projects. Integral in numerous legacy projects for the community including the Howe Creek Tree Park, and the Dutch-Canadian Tulip Friendship Garden.

Key labour volunteer with the Greater Terrace Beautification Society.

### Holly Graff – from Bowen Island

Holly is actively engaged with many community building activities, including the Bowen Innovation Project which is intended to help discover opportunities to maintain the island’s character.

In 2015 she received a Community Service award from the BC Society of Landscape Architects for her work leading the Garden Gateway Project.

Dave Gordon was announced as the winner of 2016 Community Champion Award.



Congratulations to our Criteria Award Winners who were recognized at the awards.



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Awards Event Co-Master of Ceremonies: Edward Stanford and Darlene Kalawsky.

Criteria Awards: Tidiness: Lumby, Environmental Action: Fort St John, Landscape: Whitehorse, YT ,Floral Displays: Terrace

