

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE... Growing Together

BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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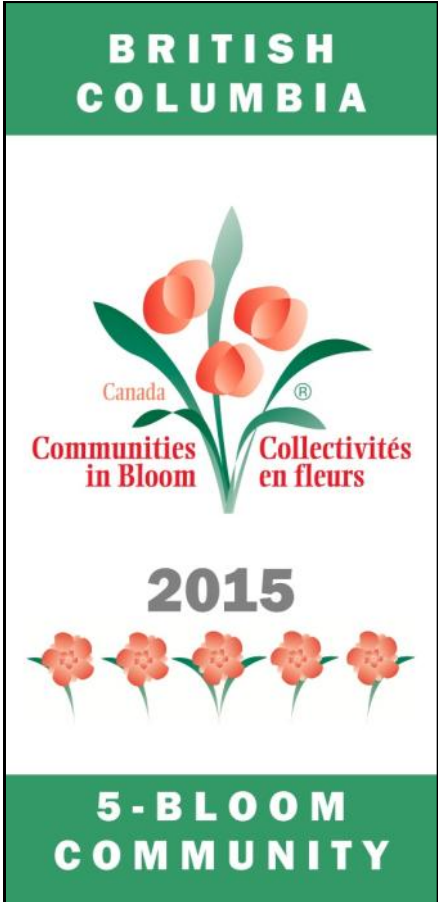
On Saturday October 3rd, representatives from around the province celebrated their hometown's achievements at this year's British Columbia Communities in Bloom Awards Luncheon in Kamloops.

Congratulations to our newest Five-Bloom communities Barriere and Salmon Arm, and repeat winners, Coquitlam and Hope who also received their Five-Bloom Street Banners.

Special Criteria Awards went to Cache Creek, Coquitlam and Whitehorse, Yukon.

In a separate awards event for the CiB National Competition; Trail won International (Medium), West Kelowna with Westbank First Nations and Maple Ridge each won their population category. Sun Rivers Resort Community and Castlegar also won outstanding achievement in a sponsored criterion.

There were a total of 24 British Columbian communities presented with Bloom certificates in evaluated or non-evaluated categories. Our 12th Annual Awards Event has concluded another successful year for People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together in British Columbia!



Kamloops' Amazing Volunteers

From key organizers to the venue helpers, the orange clad volunteers were outstanding.

Well done Kamloops, you truly are a CiB Champion - Thank you!

5 BLOOMS		MENTION
District of Barriere	5	Environmental Awareness
City of Coquitlam	5	Inspiration Garden
District of Hope	5	You Grow Foods and Mentoring Yale
City of Salmon Arm	5	Marine Park and Wharf
4 BLOOMS		
Village of Cache Creek	4	Resilient Community Spirit
City of Whitehorse, Yukon	4	Joginder & Whitehorse Subaru Floral Displays
3 Blooms		
City of Fort St. John	3	Passive House
Village of Lumby	3	The Start of an Outstanding Community Profile Book
NOVICE	WORKSHOP WITH NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND BC CIB JUDGES	
Bowen Island Municipality	Novice	Recycling Depot
Yale (Mentored by Hope)	Novice	Yale Rate Payers Association
NON-EVALUATED	SHOWCASE PROJECTS	
District of Chetwynd	Entrance Cluster, Expo Mound/Project '92, Medical Clinic Berm Project Video	
City of Kelowna	Kelowna CiB Green Thumb Garden Contest	
District of Sooke	Ongoing Communities in Bloom Projects	
CRITERIA AWARDS	SPONSOR	WINNING COMMUNITY
Tidiness	Teck Resources Ltd.	City of Whitehorse, Yukon
Heritage Conservation	Province of BC	City of Coquitlam
Resilient Community Spirit (Landscape)	Urban Systems	Village of Cache Creek
COMMUNITY MEMBER		
City of Burnaby		
Sun Rivers Resort Community		
NATIONAL RESULTS	BLOOM	
Village of Ashcroft	5 Bronze	Class of Champions (Small)
City of Castlegar	5 Bronze	Class of Champions and Natura Tidiness Award
Village of Clinton	4	Evaluated up to 1,000
City of Kamloops	Event Host	Circle of Excellence - Non Evaluated
City of Maple Ridge	5 Silver	Winner in 50,000+ Population Category
District of Mission	5 Bronze	Evaluated 20,001- 50,000
Sun Rivers Resort Community	5	Int. Challenge (Small) + Scotts Turf Builder Landscape Award
City of Trail	5 Bronze	Winner in International Challenge (Medium)
West Kelowna with Westbank First Nations	5 Bronze	Winner in 20,001 - 50,000 Population Category

Download photos from this event from our [Facebook Page](#)



Teck Tidiness Award went to Whitehorse, Yukon



Barriere with their first 5-Bloom Banner!



Urban Systems present Cache Creek a Resilient Community Spirit Award



Coquitlam with 5-Bloom Banner and Province of BC Heritage Criteria Award



Hope was recognized with another 5-Bloom Banner and their mentoring of the small historical community of Yale.

Another 5-Bloom Winner: Salmon Arm with their first 5-Bloom Banner!





Provincial Awards Co-Hosts Darlene Kalawsky and Shirley Fowler



Sun Rivers recognized for Community Membership in BC Provincial Program



Bowen Island Novice Certificate Presentation



Fort St. John Bloom Certificate Presentation



Kelowna Showcase Recognition



City of Burnaby also recognized for BC CiB Community Membership

2015 was an atypical year as we were included in the National Symposium Week. There were great opportunities for networking and education as Kamloops hosted a world class event.

Many thanks to all the communities who were able to attend the Provincial Awards. In addition to the Certificates being presented, evaluated communities also received their judge's reports. The high point of the day was the presentation of the

sponsored glass vase Criteria Awards and the Community Champion Award.

For next year, Hope CiB has offered to host the 13th Annual Provincial Awards and Conference. They will celebrate their 10th year of CiB participation and are looking forward to hosting "an affordable event so that your whole 'in bloom' group can join in the fun!"

What's Growing On

Promoting the Benefits of British Columbia's Communities in Bloom Program

Shirley Fowler and Catherine Kennedy worked the information session at the UBCM 2015 Convention: Tools, Resources and Funding for Local Governments on September 21. This information presented at the session provided a valuable resource for elected officials and staff working to improve communities across the province.



Need Ideas for CiB Projects? <http://americainbloom.org/resources/America-in-Bloom-Bookstore.aspx>

Community Champion Award

At our Provincial Awards we like to recognize special people who are Champions of the 'in Bloom' program in their communities. This year there were three nominations from our BC CiB Board of Directors and Judges. The winner was selected by the Directors and a checker set with a white and black piece was engraved for **Kathy and Mac Gregory, City of Castlegar.**

This couple have been tireless volunteers for our CiB program for the past 7 years. For our 10th Anniversary, our Committee chose to have a commemorative project. Kathy and Mac agreed to take the lead. They are unwavering in their desire to improve unsightly properties. They work on many



committee projects, planting bulbs & flowers, building partnerships and bring CIB to the forefront in their senior activities. Their volunteer sheets have annually registered 450 plus hours!

They are both an inspiration for members of our Committee, especially Kathy who has a visual impairment that has rendered her legally blind. Her spirit, humour and personal commitment is supported by Mac, a very committed partner in all their activities. We are very thankful and proud of their leadership for Castlegar CIB. DK

Also nominated:

Mrs. Annette Beaudreau, Chair, Partners in Bloom (City of West Kelowna & Westbank First Nations) **and Mr. Stacey Harding, Parks and Fleet Supervisor**

For eleven years, both Annette and Stacey have been essential drivers for Communities in Bloom West Kelowna. Their greatest contribution has been the West Kelowna joint entry with Westbank First Nation. This partnership, recently titled 'Partners in Bloom', has held the test of time and has been a catalyst to stronger relations between the two local governments. Without their vision and concept of joint entries, the relationship between the two would not be the same. This unique partnership is something that has been introduced and encouraged within British Columbia as well as nationally. HD

Bill Elliot, District of Mission

Bill has been, and still is, a strong committee member from the first day Mission participated in the provincial CiB program. He was the driving force of our yearly "Garden Contest". For the last 4 to 5 years working hard on our school programme, starting with 4 schools the first year, to 15 out of 16 schools in Mission. His contribution and devotion for teaching the kids all the benefits and quality of life is the greatest value we can offer to them. As busy as he is with still being involved in school work, we can call on him for help in many projects, he is a true champion. BP



Victor Smith presenting the award to some of the Castlegar committee members who accepted the award on behalf of the Gregory's.