

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE... Growing Together

BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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and the Survey Says...

Some nice things about the BC Communities in Bloom program!

"Great program that raises awareness of all the amazing things going on in your community. The judges provide a much needed outsider perspective in a positive manner that encourages all committee members to continue on in their efforts to make the community a better place to live, work and play.

This year's tour was really educational for me as well as the judges. I learned a lot about my community which I had previously taken for granted - I was so proud of my staff as well as the community members that we visited along the tour. It was great to see everyone get so involved - I hope the judges enjoyed it as much as I did."

Tom Kadla, MBA, ASCT, CMC, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Lumby

"Every time we enter, the awareness and enthusiasm of our members, volunteers, citizens and local government has increased to the point where we now have great support and understanding and lots of evidence to prove it, including decisions of Council regarding planning, spending and policy development, volunteer participation, positive feedback, and familiarity with CIB program and knowledge of the overall program. We have also enjoyed increased connections with other communities who we mutually support such as Clinton and Ashcroft. We have a really broad spectrum of events and programs and hope to continue to support the community through our expanding work. We are known in the community and the local media and social media. We are very proud of our work and it is all adding up to better lives and a better community for residents and visitors."

Carmen Ranta, President Cache Creek Beautification Society and School Trustee and Board Chair

"Learning new things, getting involved in a provincial program, trying to succeed and show-off our community. [CiB] brings the community together. Our benefits have been: Working together volunteers with paid staff, Beautification, Learning new ideas, Improvements."

Jason Chernoff, Supervisor of Parks & Recreation, City of Salmon Arm

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

Chetwynd [Medical Clinic Berm Project](#)

Click on the link to see the video on our website. Thanks to ChetTV for sharing.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE: Sooke Communities in Bloom



New bridge at Charters River Salmon Interpretative Centre



Heritage Apple Orchard in Sun River Community Gardens



Transit Stop Art



New Bike Park



New Wadams Way with trees dedicated to pioneer families and banners designed by First Nations Artist.



Woodland Creek Park

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

Sun Rivers

Sun Rivers Resort Community, located in Kamloops BC, is a master planned community which began development in 1999. Located on 460 acres of reserve land, Sun Rivers is recognized as a separate municipal area from the City of Kamloops. A long term close working relationship with the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc has provided the development opportunity with a secure head lease held by the two parties along with the Her Majesty, the Queen in right of Canada. Experts consider this lease agreement to be one of the most comprehensive and secure leases ever established.

Joining the Communities in Bloom program in 2009, Sun Rivers received 4 Blooms in its first year. In the subsequent years, the community received 5 blooms and the Provincial award for population 1-1000 in 2011. Sun Rivers received the National award for population 1001-5000 in 2014.

The vision of Sun Rivers is centered on developing a resort community dedicated to long-term planning based on a sustainable vision of synergy between the built and natural environment. Known as Canada's first geothermal community, Sun Rivers has developed heritage policies to inform, educate, and build a relationship between the natural and built landscapes.

The Communities in Bloom program has proven to be a valuable tool and catalyst to spark ideas for innovative programs and events to engage our residents. Initiatives, public forums and seminars occur annually to educate residents on safety and security and environmental sustainability. The CiB program has encouraged Sun Rivers to introduce a community garden that contains 55 plots, fruit trees, berry bushes and composting and gardeners growing food for charity. A memorial garden was introduced in 2014 recognizing community members past.

Just five minutes from downtown Kamloops BC, Sun Rivers is set upon the sun drenched benchlands of the South Thompson River - a spectacular place to live, work and play.



On Wednesday September 30th, Sun Rivers will host the 2015 Communities in Bloom Golf Tournament.

Proceeds to the Communities in Bloom Foundation and BC Communities in Bloom.

Rent your clubs and play 9 holes or play 18 holes of soccer golf!

What's Growing On

Have you Registered?

Kamloops is ready to host an excellent event:



CiB Golf Tournament at Sun Rivers



Mayor's Welcome & Flag Exchange



Brewery Tour



Symposium Sessions & Special Speakers

Jersey Night & Italian Dinner



Showcase Dinner & Entertainment and the Green Room Social

Community Redefined Town Hall with Home Hardware's Mark Cullen



BC Provincial Awards & Luncheon—Oct 3

From 11:30 am - 2:30 pm Come Celebrate Community Success at the **British Columbia Communities in Bloom 12th Annual Provincial Awards**. Bloom Certificates, Evaluation Reports and Criteria Awards will be presented. All are welcome to attend this awards luncheon. \$50 and you must register at [Registration Link](#) before Sept.22.



National & International Awards



Black & White Masquerade Ball

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SEPT. 30 – OCT. 3, 2015

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If you need to send your Silent Auction item ahead of time, you can send it directly to:

Francois Chasse

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BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM / SILENT AUCTION

Shipments will be accepted no later than September 15th.

Thank you for your participation.

Auction cut off will be before the BC CiB Awards Luncheon.

Notes from National

The deadline for the CN EcoConnexions has been extended to October 8th 2015, please follow this link for more information : [2016 CN EcoConnexions - From the Ground Up](#)

Communities in Bloom is pleased to announce the 2015 edition of the Gardens of Remembrance - please follow this link for more information: [2015 Garden of Remembrance](#)

UBCM September 21 - 9am - noon

BC Communities in Bloom will be in attendance to provide information to Mayors and Councillors at the Union of BC Municipalities 2015 Convention at the Monday morning session: **Tools, Resources and Funding for Local Government**. Please stop by and say hi if you are attending this informative event.