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People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together

BC Communities in Bloom (BC CiB) recognized 30 participants, at their Awards Ceremony hosted in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs on Saturday evening, September 19th.

At the provincial level, 16 municipalities competed and received a Bloom Rating Certificate and Evaluation Report. Etched glass vase trophies were presented to the top 5-bloom winners within population categories. Four Criteria Trophies for excellence in a CiB criteria were also presented by the sponsors to deserving communities displaying outstanding effort.

As well 14 Community Showcase entrants were presented certificates for a wide range of projects that their community and volunteers were justifiably proud of.

For BC Communities in Bloom, it was another successful year administering a program that helps communities make the most of their assets and take pride in their accomplishments. Thanks to all our participants, sponsors, and judges who make ***“People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together”*** possible within British Columbia! The Results are as follows:

Population 1 – 1000	Rating	Mention
Village of Clinton	Winner’s Circle	Reuse of concrete sidewalks for retaining walls
Village of Midway	non-competitive	Kettle River Museum
Sun Rivers Golf Resort Comm.	4 Blooms	Sagewood Community Garden/Edible Landscape
Population 1001 - 2000		
Village of Harrison Hot Springs	5 blooms - Winner	Festival of Arts
Village of Kaslo	4 Blooms	Kaslo Trail Blazers
Population 2001 - 3000		
Village of Fruitvale	5 blooms - Winner	Community Involvement
Village of Burns Lake	3 blooms	Burns Lake Bike Park
Town of Port McNeill	2 blooms	Artists in Residence Program
Population 3001 - 5000		
District of Kent	4 blooms	Circle Farm Tours
Town of Golden	4 blooms	Museum Program: a week in the life of a pioneer
District of Peachland	5 blooms - Winner	Community Involvement
Population 5001 - 10,000		
District of Hope	5 blooms - Winner	Thacker Marsh & Sucker Creek
District of Sooke	3 blooms	Boardwalk
Population 20,001 - 50,000		
District of Mission	5 blooms - Winner	Silverdale Creek Wetlands

MENTOR

City of Kelowna - **Mentor** 5 blooms City of Vernon 3 blooms

CRITERIA AWARDS

CRITERIA AWARDS	Sponsored By	Winning Community
HERITAGE CONSERVATION	Provincial Capital Commission	Town of Kaslo
LANDSCAPED AREAS	Urban Systems	Sun River's Golf Resort Community
FLORAL DISPLAYS	BC Landscape & Nursery Association	District of Kent
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	City of Fort St. John	District of Sooke

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE ENTRIES:

Armstrong	Community Food Initiatives
Armstrong	Interior Provincial Exhibition - New Office
Comox BIA	Comox by the Sea General Beautification
Cranbrook in Bloom	Public Library Landscape Project
Gibsons CiB	Heritage Landing Harbour Outlook
Harrison Hot Springs	Harrison Lake Plaza
Kaslo The Girl-illa Gardeners	Kemball Memorial Centre
Kaslo Trail Blazers Society	Kaslo River Trail
Kelowna CiB	One Block at a Time
Langford	City Centre Park
Langford	Bryn Maur Road - Woonerf
Lillooet	Miyazaki House & Gardens
Sooke Region Historical Society	Home Port Sooke
Surrey Park Boulevard Estates	Landscaped Grounds of Gated Community

Congratulations to all the community committees in this year's program, it has meant a lot of hard work for their volunteers, well-done!

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BC Communities in Bloom is a not for profit society administering the dynamic CiB program where citizen groups, organizations, businesses and local governments come together to ignite and unleash the potential within each community. Because of this unique annual challenge, a new vibrancy and prosperity is reflected in the lasting legacies of BC communities.

Reasons to Participate:

- Stimulates Community Energy
- Encourages Tidiness & Beautification in Residential & Business Areas
- Networks Various Organizations for a Common Good
- Promotes Excellence in Environmental Initiatives
- Catalyst to Inventory Community's Assets
- Friendly Competition provides Focus & Deadline for Projects
- Evaluation Report is a Cost Effective Measurement of Success

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