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Happy Summer fellow bloomers!



Passing of Evelyn Alemanni

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of our long standing international judges, Evelyn Alemanni.

As a CiB Judge for 15 years she served on the Board and several committees. Always very helpful, and insightful, and a real advocate for the CiB program. She will be long remembered as a dear friend. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Evelyn passed away on 7/4/2021 as a result of complications from pancreatic cancer. The last months of her life were compromised by permanent vision loss caused by SBP101, a study drug administered to her in a clinical trial at Scripps-Anderson Cancer Center in La Jolla.

Evelyn was a prolific technical writer, writing documentation that companies need but people rarely read. Her company, ALL.EA, provided marketing and technical communications consulting to companies ranging from startups to Fortune 100 firms, across industries that include high format inkjet printers, ATM machines, point of sale terminals, air quality monitoring instrumentation, medical devices, computer graphics software, and much more. She also created FDA GMP compliance programs for dental implants, heart valves, and medical instrumentation. She authored three books on computer graphics, and eight volumes and four colouring books of her Fleur du Jour series of books on flower arranging. She ghost-wrote books for several authors and also designed and edited books.

Evelyn was sought after for leadership roles locally, nationally, and internationally. She served on the board of the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council for six years, with another six years as chair. She also served on the board of Questhaven Retreat, the San Diego Botanic Garden, and America in Bloom.

Internationally, she served on the board of Communities in Bloom in Canada. One of her main volunteer activities was to serve as a judge and community development consultant for America in Bloom, Communities in Bloom, and LivCom. With those programs, she visited nearly 200 cities in 11 countries to help communities achieve their best quality of life. She also judged for the Philadelphia Flower Show for many years.

Evelyn's passion and obsession were gardening and flowers and flower arranging. For 11 years she volunteered in the flower shop at the most well-known address on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington DC. Her garden was recognized twice as Garden of the Year by San Diego Home and Garden Lifestyles, and received an award for sustainability from Espoma Corp.; it was also one of five finalists for Best Garden in America from the Good Morning America TV show. The garden was often photographed for many flower catalogues and consumer publications.

Evelyn is survived by her loving and devoted husband of more than 35 years, Joe Alemanni. She is also survived by her sister, Sylvia Eichinger, of Richmond, VA and her son George Szabo and his wife, Stacey and daughter Elizabeth of San Diego. She is predeceased by her parents George Walter and Marianne Luise (Of) Florl.



We are pleased to announce our program for the 2021 Virtual National Symposium & Awards. We have a great variety of topics and we invite you to register – please note that you will need to register separately for each individual webinar.

FREE ALL ACCESS is offered to:
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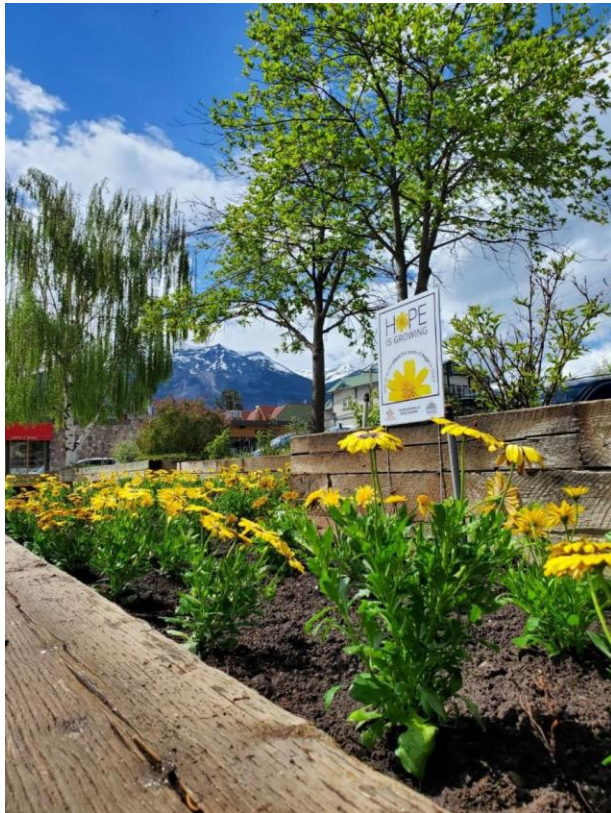
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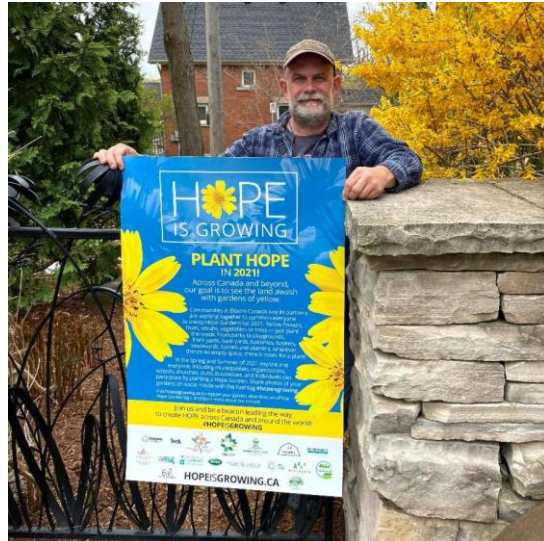
PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION

Hope is Growing: Contest is open!



**There is still time to be part of the
Hope Is Growing Campaign!**

***Plant, Snap & Share*
and you can win great prizes.**



Share photos of your hope garden on Communities in Bloom's social media platforms with the hashtag **#hopeisgrowing** – simply tag **@CiBCef (Instagram)** or **@communitiesinbloom (Facebook)** to spread hope across Canada in 2021!

- Register your garden at **HopeisGrowing.ca**
- Download **Hope is Growing materials** – find resources about yellow plants and growing tips for success!
- Include **Hope is Growing signage** in your garden, templates available on the website
- Post your Hope is Growing photo on social media (Facebook or Instagram), **tagging @CiBCef (Instagram)** or **@Communitiesinbloom (Facebook)** using hashtags **#HopeisGrowing** and include your **category hashtag**:

- **Residential Small Garden**, 500 sq ft and under (i.e. balcony, townhouse): use **#CiBResidentialSmall**
- **Residential Medium Garden**, 500-1500 sq ft: use **#CiBResidentialMedium**
- **Residential Large Garden**, 1500+ sq ft: use **#CiBResidentialLarge**
- **Residential Professional Garden**, designed/installed by a Landscape Horticulture Professional: use **#CiBResidentialProfessional**

- **School Garden:** use #CiBSchoolGarden
- **Public Garden** (i.e. Public Garden, Long Term Care Home, Hospital, Church, University/College):use #CiBPublicGarden
- **Children’s Garden:** use #CiBChildrensGarden

- Dates for posting photos: May 1st 12:01 am EDT to August 31st 11:59 pm EDT

Visit the **Hope Is Growing** website for more information and the **Contest Rules**

Our Invitation to All Canadian Municipalities



Communities in Bloom and the Canadian Garden Council **invite municipalities to proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden** for their citizens to **acknowledge all the benefits that Gardens and Gardening provide.**

By joining Canada’s celebration of the **Year of the Garden 2022** municipalities will demonstrate leadership, and inspire and engage citizens using evidence-based information and actions to contribute to the sustainability of Canadian municipalities.

Year of the Garden
 Année du jardin

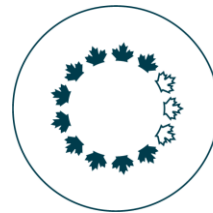


What is The Year of the Garden 2022?

The Year of the Garden 2022, a Centennial Celebration of Canada’s horticulture sector from January 1 to December 31, 2022, will commemorate Canada’s rich garden heritage, celebrate today’s vibrant garden culture, and create important legacies for a sustainable future.

Planning is underway for a year of exciting activities, celebrations, special events and promotions that will take place in communities, schools, businesses, public gardens, and backyard gardens in all parts of Canada.

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Canadian Heritage Garden Rehabilitation

The Canadian Heritage Garden, otherwise known as Rideau Hall's rose garden, officially opened in June 2000 and has been in the care of the National Capital Commission (NCC) ever since.

The garden boasts 11 circular flower beds, with over 200 varieties of winter-hardy roses. It features many native Canadian varieties, as well as roses that reflect Canada's cultural diversity. Within the garden, roses and marble columns illustrate key milestones in Canadian history.

The grounds, woods, gardens and landscape all share the heritage characteristics and designations of the historic buildings at Rideau Hall. Only exceptional circumstances like the current COVID-19 pandemic would cause a scale-back in their maintenance and in the NCC's landscaping and grounds operations.

The maintenance work in the garden is done every summer, primarily by students. However, no students were hired in 2020, as the NCC could not ensure safe social distancing in indoor work areas, or in the service vehicles needed to do the work. It didn't take long for the garden to seriously deteriorate. Although this is unfortunate, it was unavoidable, as the health and safety of our students and employees come first.

In 2021, our staff took the necessary steps to restore the garden to its former beauty. They planted new roses, pruned dead woods, re-levelled paving stones, power washed the stone monuments and benches, hand-painted letters (7,000 to be exact — at 60 seconds per letter) on the monuments — and the list goes on. The roses are officially in full bloom, and the garden is now ready to welcome visitors once again.



ABOUT THE NCC



Humboldt Urban Garden Sanctuary breaks ground!

The **Humboldt Urban Garden Sanctuary (HUGS)** broke ground on June 1. Over three years ago the community of Humboldt was forever changed by the tragedy involving the Broncos hockey team. **Landscape Saskatchewan, Landscape Alberta, Communities in Bloom** and the **Green Cities Foundation**, with support from **Scotts Canada** and the **City of Humboldt**, will be building a garden this summer to honour the victims and families.

Read the full Press Release below. Donations are being accepted through the **Green Cities Foundation**.



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Bulbs to Blooms Classroom Kits

Tulips make an excellent learning tool for a school as they are planted and bloom within the same school year. **Nutrients for Life**, **Vanco Farms**, and **Scotts Canada** partnered on a pilot program to deliver Bulbs to classrooms across Canada.

A total of 25 kits were delivered from British Columbia to Newfoundland and Labrador. Each bilingual kit contained 100 bulbs, an activity booklet, a bone meal, and a USB containing all NFL Canada classroom resources. The bulbs provided were formally known as “Strong Gold”, were used to help tie this program to this year’s Hope is Growing Campaign.

The program was well-received, and the classrooms made many cross-curriculum connections. Thanks to Vanco Farms and Scotts Canada for supporting this opportunity for Canadian students. The Foundation is hoping to be able to run the program this fall, please stay tuned.



Do you have a great volunteer you'd like us to celebrate?
Send the information to bloom@cib-cef.com and we'll feature them in an upcoming e-News, or on Social Media!



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