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You've been NOTICED by a BC CiB AMBASSADOR

Ambassador Shirley noted: Driving along the highway through the **City of Enderby**, attention is drawn to a beautiful tranquil oasis known as the Cornerstone Garden.

Over 20 years ago, Enderby Communities in Bloom volunteers developed this



historical lot into a peaceful garden full of colourful annuals, perennials and shrubs. Today this sanctuary is maintained by volunteers from the Enderby and District Garden Club.

Gardens and Volunteerism are alive and well in Enderby.

Thank you to our BC Communities in Bloom Ambassadors who are our Judges and Directors from around the province.

This is a new initiative to recognize smaller communities and special places around the province. Every community has special gems that often go unnoticed or are under appreciated.

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The beautiful landscaping and floral display surrounding the **Interior Provincial Exhibition office in Armstrong**, were originally planted by volunteers in 2009.

The IPE forms the historical background of Armstrong and is actually older than the city itself, with the first event taking place at the turn of the century.

A BC Communities Ambassador Shirley recognizes the IPE as a reflection of 3 of the 6 Criteria on the CiB judging forms. Landscaped areas, Floral Displays, Heritage. Along with Community Involvement, we thank the IPE for being a showcase for the City of Armstrong.

“Volunteers are the life blood of the largest agricultural fair in B.C., and number in the hundreds,”

Place or Project: Interior Provincial Exhibition Office, 3535 Bridge Street, Armstrong, BC

District of Lake Country Oyama Isthmus Park

Ambassador Heather noted:

This park is located between Kalamalka Lake and Wood Lake with waterfront located on the Wood Lake side.

The mural on the side of the new washroom is by artist Daniel Dearborn. The new landscaping was provided by Lake Country Rotary in partnership with the District of Lake Country Parks Department as part of the Rotary Pollinator Highway. This is part of the walking/biking trail which is part of the 17.2 km Wood Lake Loop. The park also has new e-bike charging stations, a bike repair station, a water station (for pets as well), lockers, picnic table and a green space. Two mature willow trees were retained on the site. Oyama Isthmus Park looks like a great addition to the community!





City of Nelson – Gateway Sign

The City received a grant for new signage and held a design competition for the overall sign design, which was won by Max Vos Coupal.

Part of the signage was to incorporate both Indigenous art and “Welcome” in Indigenous languages (at the top). The Sinixt, Ktunaxa and the Okanagan Nation Alliance were approached and asked to recommend an artist (there are three signs altogether). This sign is the one by Sinixt artist Louis Boyd.

Ambassador Darlene sent in the info.

City of Kelowna Sculpture and Garden at east end of the W.R. Bennett Bridge.

It provides a beautiful welcome to Kelowna to those entering the city. The 25’ tall stainless-steel sculpture is called ‘Zephyr’ meaning gentle breeze. It is located near paved pathways for pedestrians and cyclists. This Looking Good shout out is from Ambassador Heather.





Great Places Community Showcase – Vernon and District Garden Club North Okanagan Hospice House Rose Garden

North Okanagan Hospice House in Vernon has beautiful gardens including a large Rose Bed. It is all maintained by volunteers, most are garden club members, but the upkeep of the 87 roses is the sole responsibility of the Vernon and District Garden Club. In the spring, our coordinator checks for winter damage, arranges to replace dead roses, then organizes the spring clean-up work crew. Volunteers arrive with loppers, gloves and buckets and lots of lively camaraderie! They pull away winter protection, cut back the bushes severely and once beds are clean, apply seaweed fertilizer and Epsom salts. A schedule is drawn up for deadheading the bushes every week throughout the season. Then a work party returns for winter preparation: all leaves are removed after cutting back bushes to knee height, beds are cleared of debris and each rosebush is mounded with mulch.

The results are truly amazing. Residents and their families visit in the gardens or view the roses from their rooms. Hospice staff comment on the joy they take from this peaceful garden. Some choose it to hold their Celebration of Life for their loved ones. A donated rose, in memory of a family member, was planted this spring. The coordinator is the one who monitors the health and needs of the roses, buys supplies, organizes volunteers. He puts in countless hours of dedicated work.

The care of this garden is a truly rewarding volunteer opportunity for Garden Club members, helping the community for close to 25 years. RosemaryBotner@gmail.com

