

Newcomer Entrepreneurship Series

Thanushi Eagalle - Wild Bee Florals

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The IWC's Welcoming Communities Coalition is a local immigration partnership that strives to make our communities in Campbell River, Comox Valley, and northern Vancouver Island more welcoming to newcomers.



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The Comox Valley Record is a popular and local news publication in the Valley - serving the community for over 35 years since 1986.

The goal of this series aims to learn about & amplify voices of newcomers in the Comox Valley who own businesses in the community. We explore their stories, successes and challenges—to help dispel negative misconceptions about the impact of newcomers & to encourage and welcome diversity in our communities.



Thanushi Eagalle - Photo By Alana Peterson

Thanu Eagalle - Wild Bee Florals

Thanu (short for Thanushi) immigrated from Sri Lanka alongside her parents and younger sister in 1999 at the age of 9 during the country's decades long civil war - settling and building their lives in Ontario.

After working diligently towards acquiring her undergraduate degree as well as 2 graduate programs, Thanu's love for flower farming began to fully blossom into her current business, Wild Bee Florals:

Thanu's creative pursuit in connecting science, art and culture together as an offering to her community. With regenerative farming guiding our growing principles, [they] aim to be an ethical brand that doesn't compromise on style and focuses solely on flowers grown in BC.

Today, Thanu's flower farming journey is thriving in the Comox Valley!

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Thanushi Eagalle - Photo By Melanie Orr Photography.

Delivering Messages of Love

Since immigrating to Canada from Sri Lanka, Thanu and her family have continued to keep strong ties to their Sri Lankan roots and country.

Thanu recently visited Sri Lanka to connect with local farmers and learn more about Sri Lanka through more of her agricultural perspectives.

One of her most memorable takeaways from her trip was the incredibly giving nature of farmers to their communities. She says that throughout growing up, the importance of giving selflessly and genuinely has been something that her parents and family made sure to instill in both her and her sister. This has become a main value that she keeps at the centre of Wild Bee Florals to this day - delivering messages of love through flowers, as genuinely has she possibly can.

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“I think you have to really figure out who you are, and that’s a constant thing, but really pay attention to what makes you feel alive and empowers you!”

Floral farm blooms with creativity, science, and community

Written by Kristine Salzmann

To find one’s passions and align them with your day-to-day work is a lifelong dream for many. A few years ago, Thanu Eagalle took a bold leap and combined her passions to create the business Wild Bee Florals, intersecting her interests in community, collaboration, art, regenerative agriculture, and even insect diversity.

Eagalle grows seasonal flowers in Courtenay that she sells in bouquets and arrangements through floral subscriptions, events, and community partnerships.



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