



2011 National Judge



DIANE CLASEN
Retired Business Owner
Raleigh, North Carolina

Diane Clasen has been a judge for America in Bloom (www.americainbloom.org) and Canada's 'Communities in Bloom' (www.communitiesinbloom.ca) since 2002 judging in nearly 100 towns and cities throughout North America and the United Kingdom. She has also been a member of America in Bloom's External Relations, Judges Training, and Contest Committees.

Diane has been a business owner for 30 years and a leader in numerous organizations, as well as being an avid volunteer and community activist. She served on the Mason in Bloom Committee and in local Master Gardener Associations. She founded the Mason Tree Committee and acted as its Chairman for six years. She has been a long term member of the Greater Cincinnati Herb Society and served as its President.

Diane's yard has been on numerous garden tours and was selected as one of the top ten amateur gardens in Cincinnati, Ohio by the Cincinnati Horticultural Society. Her yard has also been recognized by the Ohio and National "Backyards for Wildlife" programs, scouted by editors from Better Homes & Gardens magazine, and filmed for HGTV's Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Network. Diane has won numerous horticultural ribbons in the Cincinnati Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show (the only flower and garden show in North America endorsed by Britain's Royal Horticultural Society) and her garden was featured in the October 2007 issue of Cincinnati Magazine.