

2017 National Judge



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Passionate about horticulture since the 1990s, everything started when I set up a beautification committee in my community. For 17 years now, I have been in charge of the green spaces and municipal amenities of my locality. Participant for several years in the green workshops of the *Fleurons du Québec* and by the implementation of horticultural projects: organization, judging competitions for embellishment and exchange of perennials, I constantly perfect my knowledge and at the same time satisfy my passion for beautiful gardens and development both at the private and municipal levels. As a teacher by training, my goal is to raise awareness of my environment by involving my community and youth through various horticultural projects. The active involvement of our committee has earned us a place as a national finalist in the contest: *Fleurir le Québec* in 2002 and a first place in 2003 as a national winner as a horticulture volunteer for the Beautification Committee and Horticulture Society of Saint-Marc-sur-Richelieu. Since then, everything has been done to maintain the achievements and to surpass year after year, with the collaboration of a few volunteers and the support of the municipality.

Above all, I am a passionate volunteer who wants to share her know-how and continue to learn and perfect my interests.

Living in flowers means simply living.