

2017 National Judge



Berta Briggs

Greenhouse Owner/Manager

Wetaskiwin, AB

Berta Briggs believes that serving her community is a privilege and has always enjoyed participating in and contributing to activities and organizations to improve and celebrate quality of life. Since 2000 Berta has been privileged to judge for Communities in Bloom at the provincial, national and international levels. Berta never ceases to be inspired and amazed at the growth of communities as they pay attention to the criteria under evaluation in the Communities in Bloom program.

Following graduation from the University of Alberta Berta lived and worked outside Canada for over 5 years. The first winter back in Alberta she realized that she had to be in green - this led to a passion for growing plants. In 1981 she founded Arber Greenhouses near Wetaskiwin and now considers herself semi-retired since her daughter and son-in-law have taken over the business. Berta's best crop, by far, has been her three amazing daughters!

Besides Communities in Bloom, most of Berta's volunteer time has been dedicated to Rotary. She continues to conduct workshops through the greenhouse as well as in the community. With such wonderful pride in community and country Berta is excited to see how communities celebrate Canada 150.