

National Judge 2017



**Odette
Sabourin-Dumais**
Horticulturist

Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC

Recently retired from the City of Montreal, after thirty years of services, she worked for the Parks Division as horticulturist and as technician in horticulture and arboriculture. She was trained in Agricultural Technology at the 'Institut de Technologie Agricole' of La Pocatière, Quebec. Her duties included the programming of tree planting and maintenance of the urban forestry, supply coordination of plant material for landscaping projects, design of floral displays and mosaïcultures, consultation on plant selection by landscape architects, as well as writing technical materials and general policies.

From 1988 to 1994, she was invited to be a member of the Jury for the provincial contest «Villes, Villages et Campagnes Fleuris». In 2007, she sat on the Board of the Corporation des Fleurons du Québec. From 2013 to 2015, she acted as a judge for Sullivan Renaissance in the State of New York.

Involved in many horticultural societies over the past 35 years, she acted as chairman of the Friends of the Montreal Botanical Garden, as Board member of the Montreal Chinese Garden Society and President of the Saint Bruno Horticultural and Ecology Society.

In 1995, she was nominated by the Association des Responsables d'Espaces Verts du Québec, a park managers association, to act as a national judge for the Communities in Bloom program. Since 1995 and every year, she has evaluated nearly 200 communities throughout Canada, United Kingdom, France, United-States of America and Japan. She also acted as a judge for the winter program of Communities in Bloom «Winter Lights Celebrations» for five years.

She is currently member of the Communities in bloom Executive Committee as secretary-treasurer and responsible for the Committee for the Symposium and award ceremonies. Recently, she received the Medal of the Sovereign for volunteers.