

2018 International Judge



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Karin Rindal's wide ranging business career in manufacturing and government includes time involved in international trade program evaluation and training in Total Quality Management (TQM). Her business activities include extensive work in identifying sources of local, state, federal and international grant funding and resources for small businesses and trade associations.

In 2004 Karin discovered the New Jersey Master Gardener program which set off a chain of experiences that resulted in an appointment to the Board of Directors at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown, NJ, where she organized annual plant sales and coordinated activities of volunteer committees including donations, raffles. Karin won awards at the New Jersey Home and Garden Show for container design and for horticultural entries at the Newport, RI Flower Show. For two years she wrote a regular weekly garden column for an online community news site. Since 2005 she has taught gardening and cooking classes to adults and children.

Now located outside Washington, DC, Karin currently volunteers at the US Botanic Garden where she assists with a broad variety of educational events, including presenting a class on sustainable container gardening. Through her work at the Botanic Garden on the Sustainable Sites Initiative™ (SITES) she completed the requirements for the New Jersey Environmental Stewardship program. 2018 will mark her fifth year as an America in Bloom national judge.

In addition, for the last three years she has worked to research, design and establish a local memorial garden with historical accurate plant material. She continues to research and visit gardens across the US and Europe for presentations on a wide variety of topics ranging from the 12th century German medieval gardens of Hildegard Von Bingen, to the Svalbard Doomsday seed vault in Norway to Monet's Garden in Giverny, France. A past president of her local garden club, Karin is currently focused on improving the garden club's print material and website with new photography and graphics. She is also searching for a home for a new project... a Civil War medicinal herb garden.

Karin's career began with a degree in Political Science and German, with a minor in French, followed by a Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies that included a year in Bologna, Italy. She is fluent in German and has knowledge of Italian and French.