

## 2018 National Judge



**Lorna McIlroy**  
Retired Teacher &  
Horticulturist

Grande Prairie, AB

Lorna is a lifelong gardener and a lifelong learner. Over the years, she obtained her B.Ed. and M.Ed. from the U of A in Edmonton and enjoyed twenty-five years in the classroom. Recently, she completed the Prairie Horticulture Certificate program.

Taking early retirement has enabled her to pursue her interests in traveling, gardening and volunteering locally with the city museum, garden club and highland games; provincially as past-president of the Alberta Horticultural Association (AHA) and as vice president of the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) and particularly with the provincial and national Communities in Bloom programs.

As a trained horticultural judge, Lorna has enjoyed judging at flower shows and fairs throughout Alberta and northern British Columbia for thirty years. In addition, for the past twenty-five years, she has instructed judging courses for the AHA in Alberta, British Columbia and Northwest Territories.

Having been a provincial, national and international judge with Communities in Bloom over the past fourteen years, Lorna takes great pleasure in seeing 'People, Plants and Pride - Growing Together'.