

2019 National Judge



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Amateur photographer and passionate about horticulture since the 1990s, everything started when a beautification committee in my community was set-up. Involved voluntarily for 20 years, from 1999 to 2017, I was in charge of green spaces and municipal amenities in my community. Participating for several years in the green workshops of the *Fleurons du Québec* and the workshops offered by the FSHEQ, the implementation of horticultural projects: organization, judging competitions for embellishment and exchange of perennials, allowed me to perfect my knowledge and at the same time satisfy my passion for beautiful gardens and landscaping both at the private and community level. 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 and achieve our objectives of our horticultural society by obtaining, in 2017, 4 blooms in the provincial program *Fleurons du Québec*.

Above all, curious, determined, with a keen eye on community efforts, I am a passionate volunteer who wants to share her expertise and continue to learn and perfect my interests. Enriched and proud of my experience as a judge in 2017 for the CiB program, I restart the challenge for the next season with great enthusiasm and pleasure to discover different communities.

Living in flowers means simply living. Gardening costs less than therapy and you have tomatoes.