

2019 National Judge



Berta Briggs

Greenhouse Owner/Manager

Wetaskiwin, AB

Berta Briggs believes that serving the community is a privilege and has always enjoyed participating in and contributing to organizations that improve the quality of life. Since 2000 Berta has been honored to judge Communities in Bloom at the provincial, national and international levels. Berta finds that judging is a wonderful learning experience and a great inspiration to see the growth in communities as they set and achieve goals. Berta's background in the greenhouse industry and years of active involvement in community organizations has given her the skills to evaluate and to share suggestions and ideas with participating communities.

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

Berta continues to conduct workshops through the greenhouse and in the community. She has received recognition for entrepreneurship, land stewardship, contributions to the greenhouse industry and youth leadership. Other pastimes include curling and travel.