

2019 National Judge



Colleen Stockford

Business Owner and
 Full-time Gardener

Sussex, NB

Colleen Stockford is from Sussex New Brunswick where she has been an enthusiastic and active member of the Communities in Bloom team for the past 10 years. She is also a member of Fundy Gardner's where she enjoys expanding her knowledge and passion for all things that grow.

Colleen has been a judge for Communities in Bloom since 2016 and she not only enjoys travelling the country getting to see some wonderful municipalities, but also finds the experience of connecting with other communities an enriching one.

She has also been an avid home gardener for 25 years, during which she taught herself the fundamentals of landscaping and horticulture. Colleen's gardening interests are vast, from community vegetable gardens and town beautification projects to her own personal garden and greenhouse, she puts her heart and soul into every vegetable, shrub and flower.

She also puts her all into every project she takes on, particularly those that involve town beautification and community spirit. Including being active with the community garden in her home town and the winter lights contest.

When she's not up to her elbows in dirt, Colleen is a wife and proud mother of two grown children and a grandmother to a new granddaughter. When her children were younger and living at home, she made sure gardening became a family affair, often enlisting their help and teaching them the importance of nature and taking care of it.

Through her personal experience, Colleen has learned that gardening can have a powerful impact on those willing to get in touch with their green thumbs. With this in mind she wholeheartedly took on the challenge of educating at risk youth about gardening by getting them to help with a town beautification project where they revamped the garden surrounding a town monument.

Colleen is an experienced traveler whose education spans from a travel and tourism degree, to real-estate and even a course in interior decorating. Her experience and education has given her a keen eye for aesthetics which has proven to be an asset for her personal garden and her CiB team. She has immersed herself in the colourful and uplifting world of gardening, where she has become self-taught expert who is always itching to see and learn more. For Colleen gardening is not just a hobby or a simple activity, it's a way of life, a reason for being.