

2019 National Judge



James Bourgeois
Retired Horticulturist

Rosemère, QC

Born in Quebec on a poultry farm among a big family, James learned to enjoy working with nature, outdoor, and the generosity of the land.

He graduated from MacDonald College of McGill University in Plant Science and has always nurtured his interest in Horticulture. His training and experiences led him to work in garden centers and with growers/distributors in Horticulture. He has traveled extensively to acquire knowledge at trade shows, plant trials and developments at breeders and brokers. He was also responsible for plant purchases from America, Europe, Japan and Australia.

James served on the board of COPF (Canadian Ornamental Plant Foundation) and also judged for the AAS (All America Selections) on vegetative plants. He has been a judge for Rosemère in Bloom for the past 19 years and also maintains close collaboration with the Jardin Botanique de Montréal for novelties and promotions of ornamental plants.

He maintains, with passion, in his backyard, a small garden of vegetables, annuals, perennials and woody plants.