

2019 National Judge



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A Librarian by training (MLIS, U of Alberta) with many years as Head of the Government of Alberta's Environmental Protection Library (subject specialties: Environmental Degradation, Climate Change, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Green Spaces), Lucy changed career to further develop her global interests in the plant world.

In 2004, Lucy was recruited into the Communities in Bloom program while studying for her Master Gardener's Certificate, and has judged at the provincial and national level over the ensuing years.

Lucy was Past President of the Edmonton Horticultural Society (EHS) and former Chair of the EHS City Gardeners. Her green pursuits included horticultural talks and gardening workshops for various societies and related groups. Since 2004, Lucy has led garden or botanical tours to various parts of the world and in between travels, she wrote about plants and gardens and presented flora travelogues upon request. But this year, she has decided to retire from leading tours and focus on establishing a new garden in Ottawa to where she and her husband have moved.

Continuing involvement in the activities of the Mediterranean Garden Society, North American Rock Garden Society, the Royal Horticultural Society (England) and Edmonton Horticultural Society helps to keep Lucy abreast of trends in gardening practices. Maintaining an ornamental and edible garden in a sustainable manner is a current global preoccupation.

Lucy enjoys contributing her green expertise to Communities in Bloom where "People, Plants and Pride" bloom in tandem.