

2021 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. From 2004 to 2014, Lucy led garden/ botanical tours to various parts of the world and in between travels, she wrote about plants and gardens and presented flora travelogues upon request. Upon retirement in 2014, Lucy and her husband moved to Ottawa to be closer to their newly arrived twin grandchildren.

Since then, continuing involvement in the activities of the Mediterranean Garden Society, North American Rock Garden Society and the Royal Horticultural Society (England) helps to keep Lucy abreast of trends in gardening practices. However, over the past sixteen months of COVID restrictions, such activities have been put on hold and Lucy and her husband have taken on added grandparenting responsibilities - helping their seven-year old grandchildren not only with virtual schooling, but also with outdoor schooling that included the planting of an edible garden (so they know that peas, beans, tomatoes and berries do not originate on store shelves), learning about pollinating insects and the identification of the fauna and flora in the urban green space adjoining our neighbourhood.

Lucy looks forward to the challenge of contributing her green expertise in adaptive ways to the Communities in Bloom families in these difficult times.