



2022 International Judge



Tina Liu

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at the National Capital
Commission in Ottawa
Ottawa, Canada

Tina is a landscape architect at the National Capital Commission (NCC). She leads the design of year-round floral displays in the nation's capital, including the Canadian Tulip Festival in the spring, annual and perennial displays for the rest of the year. The floral program plays an important role in showcasing national pride and Canadian values to fellow Canadians as well as international visitors to Ottawa. Tina has been exploring innovative design techniques to enhance pollinator and wildlife habitats while adapting to our constantly changing climate patterns. She is also responsible for the Christmas Lights Across Canada program which promotes winter usage of open spaces in the urban areas.

Prior to joining the NCC in Ottawa, Tina worked in a multidisciplinary design firm in Toronto mainly focused on community planning, natural resource management, and ecological conservation landscape projects. Tina is also a certified LEED® accredited professional, a firm believer in the benefit of green construction and environmentally sustainable design.

Becoming a National Judge for Communities in Bloom (CiB) in 2016 has allowed Tina to combine her expertise in environmental design with community development. As a Judge for the competitive CiB program she has mentored communities from coast to coast, encouraging them to enhance their quality of life by recognizing their existing resources and exploring new opportunities to build sustainable and healthy places together where all residents feel safe, respected, and welcomed.

In her leisure time, Tina loves to work in her own garden. She appreciates plants for their natural shapes, textures and other beneficial properties, not just for the colours of their blooms. As an advocate of productive landscaping, Tina likes to use herbs, vegetables and medicinal plants as important design elements. She often experiments with new cultivars, hybrids and combinations in her own garden before introducing them to federal parklands.

Tina enjoys sharing her passion and experience as a public speaker at TEDx, conferences, horticultural societies, and other institutions. She is often found volunteering as a horticultural guide, as a jury in community garden contests, or as a school council member creating outdoor learning spaces for children.

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