



2011 National Judge



HUGH SKINNER

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Hugh Skinner graduated with an Agriculture degree specializing in Horticulture in 1972 and has worked in a nursery business since that time. He has grown a wide variety of trees, shrubs and perennial flowers. He now grows martagon lilies for a wholesale market.

He has judged in the Manitoba Communities in Bloom program since 2004, recognizes the benefits of the program to communities and enjoys seeing the best that participating communities have to offer.

In 2004 he collaborated with Sara Williams of Saskatoon to publish Best Trees and Shrubs for the Prairies. In 2007 they published Best Ground Covers and Vines for the Prairies. In the spring of 2011 Hugh and Sara released their latest book, Gardening Naturally, A chemical-free handbook for the Prairies.

Hugh has done course development for Assiniboine Community College and is currently working on a revision of their Integrated Pest Management course for golf courses and landscape pesticide applicators. He is engaged in teaching a course on Nursery Crop Production in the Prairie Horticulture Certificate Program and MarketSafe, a food safety program for farmer's market operators and vendors.