



2011 National Judge



ODETTE SABOURIN-DUMAIS

Retired horticulturist from the City of Montreal
Saint-Bruno, Québec

Recently retired from the City of Montreal, after 30 years of services, she worked for the Parks Division as horticulturist and as technician in horticulture and arboriculture. She was trained in Agricultural Technology at the 'Institut de Technologie Agricole' of La Pocatière, Quebec. Her tasks included the programming of tree planting and maintenance of the urban forestry and green spaces, plant inventory co-ordinator for the municipal nursery, floral displays designer, as well as writing technical materials and general policies.

Involved in many horticultural societies, she acted as chairman of the Friends of Montreal Botanical Garden, and as Board member of the Montreal Chinese Garden Society. Since January 2010, she is President of the Saint-Bruno Horticultural and Ecology Society. She also acts as a consultant for the Association of retired employees of the Montreal Botanical Garden..

From 1988 to 1994, she was invited to be a member of the Jury for the provincial contest «Villes, Villages et Campagnes Fleuris». In 2007, she sat on the Board of the Corporation des Fleurons du Québec.

In 1995, she was nominated by the Association des Responsables d'Espaces Verts du Québec, a park managers association, to act as a national judge for the Communities In Bloom program. As a judge, she has evaluated more than 100 municipalities throughout Quebec, Canada, United Kingdom and France. She also acted as a judge for the winter program of Communities in Bloom «Winter Lights Celebrations» for 5 years. She is currently member of the Communities in bloom Executive Committee and co-chair of the National Symposium on Parks and Grounds and Awards ceremonies.

Her professional skills and professional expertise had let her to become a highly respected and often sought lecturer throughout the province of Quebec and Canada.