



2022 CIB Ontario Judge



Barb is a retired elementary school teacher and avid volunteer. Her teaching career spanned 34 years, most in a small rural school teaching kindergarten to grade eight, library science and special education. Her volunteer “career” includes sitting on the boards of a not-for-profit day care centre, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Huron, and the Huron County Christmas Bureau.

Always an organizer, Barb has coordinated the volunteers for many local events and festivals – The Celtic Roots Festival, Out of the Storm – a celebration for Goderich residents after the 2011 tornado and the Huron County Christmas Bureau. Currently Barb is the volunteer coordinator for Race Huron, a dedicated local group who put on three incredible and sold out race events. These running events require well over 200 volunteers. In 2021 Barb became part of a committee who have started a very successful community garden in one of the once underused town parks.

In 2016 Barb was honoured to be one of the recipients of the Sovereign’s Award for Volunteerism. That same year she was nominated to receive an award at the Inspiring Women of Huron event.

Barb has been involved in Communities in Bloom for 28+ years in Goderich. She started by looking after several gardens with her mother who was also a passionate gardener. She was chair of CIB Goderich for 8 years and still plants and looks after a town flowerbed. Goderich has been very successful in the Communities in Bloom program, provincially, nationally and internationally and was the first North American community to be awarded Five Blooms Gold.

Always on the “being judged” side of Communities in Bloom, Barb is very much looking forward to experiencing CIB from a judge’s perspective and is excited to see what amazing things the different communities have to offer.