



## 2022 CiB Ontario Judge



Kathy owns and runs a Bed and Breakfast ,which she and her husband have had for twenty-five years. Upon retirement from a career in Medical Laboratory Technology, Kathy became involved in her community by joining the Chamber of Commerce and BIA and was treasurer for six years. She was chair of the OMAFRA First Impressions and treasurer of the Tilbury Revitalization committee. At the same time her sister got her involved with the local Horticultural Society to which she is a current member, past society president, past director of District 11 and President (2018 – 2021) and past president of the Ontario Horticultural Association. She is now the secretary of District 11 of the OHA.

In her “spare” time she is an active volunteer as a member the Chatham-Kent Heritage committee. She is a member of the Chatham-Kent Tourism Advisory Council and Southwest Tourism. Kathy became a member of Beta Sigma Phi in 1965 and has held many executive positions in this cultural, service and social group.

She has gardened ever since she can remember, having been raised on a farm in Chatham-Kent with vegetable, fruit and flower gardens covering two acres.

She is a passionate gardener and enjoys an extensive plant and tree collection and renews her judging certificate as an Ontario Horticultural Association Floral Judge. She has also trained as a culinary judge and judges at many local fairs.

Kathy pursues a wide range of interests; her bed and breakfast, preserving and canning, gardening, grandchildren, birding, photography, travelling, reading and baking and decorating special occasion cakes for family and friends.

Kathy has worked with her community as member of the Chatham-Kent Communities in Bloom Committee since 2008 and has first-hand experience earning the coveted 5 Bloom award as winner in provincial, national and international categories and as the National winner in 2010. Kathy is looking forward to judging and seeing new communities become involved in Communities in Bloom.