



## 2011 National Judge



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Evelyn is a self-employed writer, web site designer, award winning gardener and artist.

Evelyn has judged for the America in Bloom program since 2002 and has also served as an international judge for the Communities in Bloom program since 2005; experiences which Evelyn says has given her the opportunity to share

wonderful ideas and inspirations with communities in many countries, and to build networks of people committed to improving their hometowns.

She is a member of the board of directors of America in Bloom. In addition, she serves as an international judge for the LivCom awards.

In 2001, Good Morning America named Evelyn's garden one of the five best in the U.S. San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles has twice named it one of its gardens of the year. Garden Ideas and Outdoor Living featured it on its cover. It has also been in *Garden Shed*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Gardens*, *Decks and Landscapes* and many other garden-related magazines.

Although providing technical writing services for high tech companies is the main focus of her business, Evelyn's garden writing has appeared monthly in Southern California Home & Outdoor magazine and has appeared in San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles, Garden Compass, Pacific Horticulture, Planting Pride, Southern California Home & Outdoor, the San Diego Union and other publications. She is a popular speaker at local garden clubs and has appeared on many local radio and television programs. She is also the author/designer of America in Bloom's Best Ideas book which features more than 2000 ideas from participating America in Bloom towns and was nominated for the American Horticultural Society national book award.

In addition to her gardening obsession, Evelyn has served on the Elfin Forest Town Council for 12 years, has been citizen of the year, and has co-chaired Elfin Forest's two entries in the America in Bloom contest. She is also the founder of the Elfin Forest Garden Festival, when some of Elfin Forest's finest gardens are open to the public. Evelyn also served on the board of directors of San Diego Botanical Garden.



Evelyn lives with her husband, one elderly basset hound, and two incorrigible Westies in a near perfect zone 9.5 in Elfin Forest, California and gardens on 5.5 acres.

You can take a virtual tour of Evelyn's garden at [www.allea.com/gardening-ea.htm](http://www.allea.com/gardening-ea.htm).