

Patsy Andrews-Vert (Starbuck, MB)

Patsy Andrews-Vert, originally from Souris, MB, received a Bachelor of Music Education from Brandon University (Brandon MB) in 1984. She also holds an Associate in Flute Performance from the Western Board of Music (1986).

Patsy has taught students of all instrumental music levels in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba. She recently retired from teaching in the Prairie Rose School Division and the Red River Valley School Division in South-Central Manitoba. She is an active clinician, adjudicator and conductor in handbells and band. Patsy is currently the Chair of the Handbell Guilds of Canada, and President of the Manitoba Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

In 2009 she was the Massed Ringing and Level 3 conductor for the BCGEHR Spring Ring. In 2012 she adjudicated handbells at the Calgary Kiwanis Music Festival and in 2014 she adjudicated handbells at the Oilsands Rotary Music Festival in Fort McMurray AB.

Patsy is also the coordinator of the Meridian Arts Festival in Starbuck, past Secretary for the Handbell Guilds of Canada, past president of the Manitoba Band Association, and a member of the Canadian Band Association.

During the 2008-09 and 2013-14 school years, Patsy was fortunate to have a 3-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells, on loan from the Area VII of the Handbell Musicians of America, at St. Paul's Collegiate where she taught. This was the only set of handbells, in a high school setting, in Manitoba.

In her spare time, Patsy enjoys conducting the Trinity Lutheran Church Choir, the Trinity Lutheran Handbell choir, playing in Ring Out! Handbell quartet, playing trombone in the Westwood Community Band in Winnipeg, mowing their 17acre acreage, and volunteering in the community.