

# Barb Hudson



**What year did you start volunteering at The Pencil Patch?** Fall of 2015.

**What motivated you to volunteer with The Pencil Patch?** I had just retired and wanted to do some volunteering, especially with children.

**Have you volunteered with any other BCAITC programs?** I have helped with the Spuds in Tubs program over the years.

**What positive impacts have The Pencil Patch had on students?** Students gain hands-on knowledge of agriculture in a beautiful outdoor setting.

**What positive impacts have The Pencil Patch had on teachers?** Teachers gain knowledge too and many have indicated how much they learned and appreciate the outdoor experience with their students.

**What have teachers said about great curriculum connections in The Pencil Patch?** Teachers have made many comments about the learning booklets provided for the students at The Pencil Patch for the self-guided tours and the other resources given to them. They have also made many positive comments about the group lessons and how informative they are.

**What is the most amazing thing you have experienced at The Pencil Patch?** I always enjoy working with the children and seeing how much fun they are having.

**What do students learn about agriculture in the Pencil Patch?** A wide range of valuable learning takes place, from planting to harvesting crops, water conservation, and so much more. All the activities and stations provide so much knowledge about agriculture.

**What benefits have you personally experienced from volunteering at The Pencil Patch?**

- ✓ Provides a connection to others
- ✓ It is good for my mind and body
- ✓ Provides learning opportunities for me
- ✓ Brings a sense of fulfillment to my life
- ✓ I love to see children learning about agriculture
- ✓ It's nice to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors
- ✓ It's fun!

**Would you recommend volunteering in The Pencil Patch?** Yes! For sure!

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

*"Having just retired from teaching kindergarten and grade one for over 30 years, it has been a pleasure to be able to continue to work with young children as a volunteer in such a beautiful setting. I have always felt valued and appreciated by all the people who work at The Pencil Patch."*

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