



BIOGRAPHY: Judy Alleruzzo, co-host of *Garden Time*

My name is Judy Alleruzzo. I currently work for Al's Garden Centers as the perennial plant buyer and the houseplant buyer. I am also the Co-Host of Garden Time TV show which is in its 8th season!

Fifteen years ago, I arrived to visit friends in Canby on a glorious April day. Wow, it was spectacular.

Everything was in bloom. Having lived in Chicago all my life, I was awed by the colorful landscape in April! Of course, the Oregon Spring turned back to its true self, cool and rainy, but I was smitten.

I returned to Chicago, packed up and returned by September.

Needing a job, I was lucky to walk into Al's Garden Center and get a job as a cashier. I was happy just to be working in a nursery. I have a Horticulture degree but never really used all that knowledge until I began working at Al's. Working for what was a small company at the time, I learned many different jobs and ended up learning to plan and buy perennials for the growing facility and the retail stores. It has been fun and rewarding to be with Al's as we have grown to 3 retail stores and doubled our growing facility.

Three years ago, I said yes to becoming the houseplant buyer. It was a challenging job to learn a whole other palette of plants. Many years ago I worked for a plant rental company in Chicago. I am now on the other end of that business as I order tropical plants from California, Hawaii, British Columbia, and Florida.

Buying perennials and houseplants may seem like an odd mix of a job.

I love all kinds of plants and look forward to combining these two groups of plants more and more in the years to come.

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