



Sya VanGeest

Canadian and African Grandmothers: Together Big Things Are Happening!

Sya is a veteran storyteller, a teacher of the craft of storytelling, and an active member of the Guelph Guild of Storytellers.

She is an experienced educator with more than thirty years as a classroom teacher, consultant, author, and a teaching school librarian in both high schools and elementary schools.

Sya is a founding member of the Guelph GoGo Grandmothers, established in 2006. The organization is part of a global grandmother movement supporting the African Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation

Sya was the recipient of the Ontario Library Association Distinguished Service Award in 2004, the Guelph Women of Distinction for Voluntary Community in 2010, and the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow in 2021.

Life is good with sixty-plus years of marriage to late husband Lane, and sharing the joy of three daughters and four amazing grandchildren.