



## *Honorary Life Member 2017*

*Barb Stephanyszyn -Coté,*

*MSc, NSch*

Barb met John in the College of Agriculture where Barb obtained both her Bachelors and Masters degrees. They started grain farming near Leask, Sk in the late 1980's, became partners in a fuel and fertilizer dealership and Barb operated a livestock nutrition consulting service designing and promoting feed ingredients worldwide.

They have 4 children, Josh, Erin, Morgan and Lyndon. In 2006, the family took a sabbatical from farming, traveled and lived in Mexico and Chile for two years. In 2010, they sold the family farm and established a new agritourism location, Black Fox Farm and Distillery near Saskatoon, which produces over 7 acres of fresh cut flowers for upick, the farmers market, events and weddings.

They have over 10 acres in raspberry and haskap orchards to supply their boutique distillery where they handcraft vodkas, gins, liqueurs and whiskies. They offer tours, tastings and several festivals throughout the year including a pumpkin festival which attracted nearly 10,000 visitors last September.

Barb is a past member of various community and industry boards, Barb currently lectures in the college, she is a Nuffield Scholar and she and John are alumni of the Outstanding Young Farmers program where Barb recently was 1 of 3 national judges.

