



JANET D. SMITH

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SPEAKERS BUREAU
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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Janet's introduction to gardening came out of necessity; there were drainage problems with her yard, and she hated the west-facing front lawn. Her gardening adventure began in 2003 and her home lawn has evolved into a wonderful WaterWise Gardening attracting butterflies and birds each year.

She began as a DCMG volunteer speaker in 2006 and fast become one of the most in popular in our Speakers Bureau. She brings a breath of fresh air and wonderful sense of humor to her talks. Janet is an avid photographer of flowers and butterflies and has created new programs using her photos. Her presentations include: [Waterwise Gardening](#), [Sex in the Garden \(Pollination\)](#), [Miracle of the Monarchs](#), and [Butterfly Gardening](#). Janet is currently serving the Dallas County Master Gardener Association as Chair of Speakers Bureau.

CERTIFICATIONS

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER, Dallas County, 1000-hour volunteer
Speakers Bureau Chairperson
White Rock Demonstration Gardens, DCMG – Project Coordinator
Water tester for Texas Watch

RECOGNITION & AWARDS for volunteer work:

Volunteer Center of Dallas' Hearts of Hope Award, 2005

EDUCATION:

BA in Russian and Spanish, University of Arizona, 1968
Retired from a long career in information technology

INTRODUCTION – JANET D. SMITH

Janet is a recovering plantaholic who considers the Master Gardening training as her 12-step program. She now restricts her plant selections to heat and drought tolerant plants and those that attract pollinators like butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. Janet enjoys using her photography as an educational tool to provide herself and others with a close-up view of plants and butterflies.