



JUDY FENDER

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CERTIFICATION

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER, Dallas County
CONSULTING ROSARIAN, certified by the American Rose Society

Born in the Garden State (New Jersey), Judy Fender began her gardening experiences in the 1950s. Moving to Texas in 1977, she learned everything she could about plants in the Texas landscape, landscaping all the homes in which she has lived since. Her current residence is a certified Butterfly Habitat and Wildlife Habitat. She has 3 ponds and a 46-foot stream in her gardens, which she built herself. Her yard was a Dallas Water Utilities' Xeriscape Garden winner in 2001. Her gardens and ponds have been on many garden tours, including the prestigious Garden Conservancy 'Open Days' tour of selected Dallas gardens (2002 through 2005). Judy's drought-tolerant landscaping includes over 100 roses, various herbs, perennials, native plants, and water garden and bog plants.

Judy's expertise comes from active participation in many garden-related clubs/organizations and personal experience. She joined the Master Gardener program in 2000 and is a member of their Speakers Bureau. She has been editor for 4 garden club newsletters as well as the North Haven Gardens newsletter. She has held officer positions in many of the clubs in which she participates. Judy is a garden consultant/designer.

A garden enthusiast since age 5, her current gardens and ponds are blended to create a wildscape. She has logged over 84 different birds in her gardens and many varieties of butterflies. An artist and photographer, she paints garden murals, animal portraits, flowers and landscapes in all media. A member of several art associations, she teaches art classes, too. Judy is a frequent and popular garden lecturer at The Dallas Arboretum, throughout the Metroplex, and outlying areas (Waco, Tyler, Kaufman, Ennis, Houston, etc), speaking at conferences, the Neil Sperry Show, to clubs, and private groups.

Member of and/or works with following horticulture organizations:

Master Gardeners Association – *Dallas County (Class of 2000) - Speakers Bureau (2000 – 2008)*

Koi & Water Garden Club of North Texas – *President (2002);*

Newsletter Editor (1999 – 2005); AKCA recipient award "Koi Person of the Year" (2001);

September Pond Tour Chairman (2000, 2001, 2002)

North Texas Water Garden Society – *Secretary (2000); newsletter contributor*

Dallas Organic Garden Club - *Newsletter Editor (1999 – 2001)*

Southwestern Fern Society - *Newsletter Editor (1999 – 2000)*

Collin County Rose Society - *President (2003-2005); Newsletter Editor (2002-2004);*

ARS Bronze Medal Honor recipient (2004); Garden Tour Chairman (2002, 2003, 2004)

Dallas Area Historical Rose Society – *Member, speaker*

Dallas Rose Society – *Member, speaker*

Heritage Herb Society - *Member, speaker*

National Audubon Society – *Dallas Chapter*

Native Plant Society of Texas – *Dallas Branch*

Texas Women's Garden Clubs: *Gaston Park, Meadow Gate, Woodland – held Horticulture Chairman position for each*

Texas Discovery Gardens and The Dallas Arboretum -- Volunteer and Speaker