

## **2010 DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S SCHOOL**

**Program Title:** "EARTH-KIND<sup>®</sup> and WaterWise Landscape Color" (1:00pm-4:00pm)  
**Presented By:** Judy Fender, Certified Dallas County Master Gardener; American Rose Society certified Consulting Rosarian; Artist, Photographer, Lecturer, Garden Consultant/Designer

### **About Judy Fender:**

Judy's gardening experiences took root during her childhood in New Jersey, the "Garden State." In 1977, she became a Texas resident, learning all she could about Texas landscape plants and water-conserving landscape design. Today, she is a highly sought expert on countless aspects of gardening in Texas, sharing her vast fund of knowledge as a writer, consultant, lecturer, artist, and photographer, and active in many garden organizations.

Judy's current "yard," featured in numerous local garden tours (rose, organic and ponds), is the perfect showplace for her skills and features only gardens, paths, ponds and whimsy – no grass! Designed to provide year-round interest and enjoyment, it is a certified Butterfly Habitat and a Wildlife Habitat, a 2001 Dallas Water Utilities' Xeriscape Garden winner, and has been open for The Garden Conservancy's 'Open Days' tours from 2001 through 2005. The gardens include many different varieties of roses, herbs, perennials, native plants, ponds, stream, and water-garden and bog plants. She has a treasure trove of information on full-sun and hot-locations gardens to share with this year's Master Gardener class!

Now working as a Garden Consultant/Designer, Judy spent the prior 7-1/2 years at North Haven Gardens as a Garden Consultant/Education Advisor. She was the Coordinator of Hope Community Garden, which donated approximately 2,000 pounds of vegetables to local food pantries/banks and homeless shelters. Judy is also a regular lecturer at the Dallas Arboretum and presents programs and seminars on a wide variety of garden topics throughout the Metroplex and Texas. She has shared her gardening expertise as editor of four major garden (*pond, fern, rose and organic*) club newsletters. Through her talents as an artist and photographer, Judy's love of gardening extends further to the garden murals she paints for those who want to bring the outdoors inside.

Certified as an American Rose Society (ARS) "Consulting Rosarian" in 2004, Judy is active in the Dallas Rose Society, was president of the Collin County Rose Society (2004 and 2005), and received the Bronze Honor Medal for work done for the Society and ARS. She is past president of the Koi & Water Garden Club of North Texas and was named 'Koi Person of the Year' in 2001 by the Associated Koi Clubs of America. Her involvement in numerous other gardening organizations has included officer posts in the North Texas Water Garden Society, the Dallas Organic Garden Club, and the Southwestern Fern Society. As a Certified Decorative Artist, Judy paints and teaches in oils, acrylics, watercolors and pencil and currently paints china using garden-inspired themes. In 1982 she founded the Yellow Rose Chapter (*under the Society of Decorative Painters*) and has traveled throughout the U.S. teaching seminars at public art shows and conventions as well as for private clients. She also does commissioned animal and people portraits and garden murals.

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