Amy Martin — 300 words bio

Amy Martin (Moonlady.com), a life-long Texan, has forged a varied career in journalism, laced with activism and leadership, and infused with a deep spirituality. A journalist and writer for over 40 years, she is author of *Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature Around Dallas-Fort Worth* (Wild-DFW.com) for Timber Press. Currently senior features writer for Green Source DFW (GreenSourceDFW.org), she is also writing the biography of Ned Fritz (NedFritz.com), Texas’ most important environmentalist. Her other books include *Itchy Business: How to Treat the Poison Ivy and Poison Oak Rash, Prevent Exposure, and Eradicate the Plant* (Itchy.Biz), *Holy Smoke: Loose Herbs & Hot Embers for Intense Group Smudges & Smoke Prayers*, and co-author of *Speaking of Mother Earth*.

In prior years, she was contributing editor and Dear Garbage columnist for the national magazine *Garbage* (recycling and features), and has written for *Dallas Morning News* (recycling), *Dallas Observer* (music and comedy), TheaterJones (comedy, magic, and cirque), and *D Magazine* and *Dallas Times Herald* (performing arts).

Martin sits on the Trails and Preserves Program board of Dallas County Open Space (DallasCounty.org/parks) and is the state social media director for Native Prairies Association of Texas (TexasPrairie.org). She assists a number of nonprofit groups and is a popular speaker.

Martin managed a private nature preserve in Northeast Texas for 12 years, where she converted 15 acres into tallgrass prairie and rehabilitated wildlife habitat. She now volunteers in the Dixon Branch Greenbelt of her Eastwood neighborhood and for North Texas Master Naturalists (NTMN.org) and other groups.

For 15 years, Martin operated an alternative news service called Moonlady News, titled after her nickname. A leader in Earth-centered and unaffiliated spirituality, Martin was director of Earth Rhythms and creator of acclaimed Summer and Winter SolstiCelebrations for 20 years.

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