

# **Johanna Roman**

## *Horticulture Specialist*

Johanna Roman has over twenty years of experience managing international agricultural development programs focusing on education and horticulture. Johanna was born and raised in Guatemala and comes from a family of coffee and vegetable farmers, so she has been involved in production horticulture most of her life. She speaks English and Spanish fluently. Johanna moved to Texas in 1985 to pursue her educational dreams and obtained a B.S. and a Master's degree in Horticultural Sciences from Texas A&M University. Johanna also has a Master's degree in Education focusing on Leadership and Organizational Management. Her studies focused on tropical and temperate crop production with an emphasis in agricultural development and farmer training programs.

Johanna has worked for the Texas A&M University System for most of her professional career and is now working for a private development foundation that promotes food security programs around the world. She has led horticultural projects in Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama and several other Latin American countries that have benefitted thousands of small-scale farmers. She has also led many horticulture training programs for women and kids and is a certified Junior Master Gardener trainer. Johanna was honored with the 2017 Great American Gardener Award for Teaching by the American Horticulture Society. Johanna is a very active member of the A&M Garden Club and Texas Garden Clubs, Inc and chairs/participates in many of their community and global programs. Johanna also coordinates international trips for garden enthusiasts and internships for students. She enjoys traveling, reading, gardening, and writing books and activity guides to teach children about the wonderful world of plants. Johanna is married and has three sons.