

Forward to: **Broward County Historic Preservation Board** (Email: hpb@broward.org)
or C/O Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer
Broward County, Urban Planning Division
1 North University Drive, Box 102, Plantation, FL 33324

2023 PIONEER DAY NOMINATION AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FORM

In selecting a nominee for Broward County Pioneer, please include as a primary consideration the individual's contribution to his/her community. Length of residence in Broward County should not be the basis for selection. Please include sufficient biographical information of your nominee. One (1) high resolution photograph and one (1) historical photograph of the nominee is requested for inclusion.

Nominating Entity:

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, INC.

Pioneer's Name:

888 E. Las Olas Blvd, Ste 200
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

JOANN Walker Smith (Deceased)

Mailing Address (Including city, state, zip):

620 Tennis Club Drive #110
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Telephone and Email:

Place and Date of Birth:

March 4, 1949

Date of arrival in Broward County; if born elsewhere:

1973 (Born in Champagne, Ill)

Spouse/Domestic Partner Name:

GEORGE A. Smith

Child(rens) Name(s):

Stephanie Fenton Tina Smith

Mother's and Father's Names:

Eula + Joseph Walker

Education:

Centinel High School - Illinois
Urbana

Memberships/Hobbies/Volunteerism:

Master Gardener
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale
City of Fort Lauderdale
County of Broward
History Fort Lauderdale
Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club
Strawahan House

Reminiscences of the Pioneer's Life in Broward County (please provide 1 early and 1 current photo for publication)

John arrived as a young woman as a dedicated public servant. She valued History and gardening above all else. Using her skills she created the only botanical garden in Broward County assuring that local and historical plantings were used next to the historic Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club.

Annually John was called on to decorate the following facilities for holidays using ornaments, garland & ribbons of the times to provide the appropriate look for these facilities - Historic research, design materials, indigenous materials were key to the magic she performed & presented

John performed construction oversight for renovations to two historical properties - The Shipping House and the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club.