



**NAME:** Marion Marshall

**TITLE:** Creative Director

**BUSINESS:** AbsolutelyBlooming!

**STUDENT:** Chantal Mazimpaka

At almost 50, Marion has had the pleasure and benefit of experiencing several corporate, educational and business opportunities - from the accounting world, to college professor, to owner of an apparel company, to her business today, event planning.

For the past 20 years, she has worked as a part-time employee for American Airlines giving her the opportunity to see the world through travel. Prior to opening AbsolutelyBlooming!, Marion dedicated 13 years as a college professor teaching fashion design, fashion marketing and fashion business at the University of North Texas, Brookhaven College and Prairie A & M.

AbsolutelyBlooming! began as a retail flower shop, but quickly grew into a wedding and social event planning business, with the floral aspect being just one of the many services the company provides.

Marion's immediate group of friends includes business owners who have been and continue to mentor her and her business continues to grow mainly from referrals.