

**Judy Smeiska**, oboist, Oconomowoc

She received her degree in nursing in 1983. Judy worked for 15 years at Froedtert Hospital, then for homecares until 2000. Since 2000 she has been working as an independent RN for the State of Wisconsin in Respiratory Care Services caring for ventilator dependent patients in their homes. Judy studied oboe with Paul Kramer, Linda Strommen, Martin Woltman, and briefly with Ray Still. She received the John Phillip Sousa award for musical excellence in 1976 from Nathan Hale High School. She was principle oboist in the Racine Symphony for a couple of years, played in the Milwaukee Civic Orchestra for many years, principle oboist in Knight Wind Ensemble for 2 years, and had participated in numerous woodwind quintets. She has been a free-lance musician since 1976. In 1983 she auditioned for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra sub-list and was accepted. Judy played as a sub 2nd oboe with the MSO during the entire summer session in 1984. It was a highlight of her life and SO much fun!