



Diane Smith

Diane is president of Diane Smith Media, providing a range of media services to companies and non-profits throughout the state.

Diane Smith has been on the air in Connecticut since 1982. An Emmy award winning TV journalist, radio talk show host and author, Diane is known as "Connecticut's ambassador". Her books, TV and radio programs celebrate the people and places that give Connecticut its character, heart and tradition.

Diane produces programs for Connecticut Public TV, based on her long running series "Positively Connecticut™". "Positively Connecticut" searches out the inspiring, warm, funny, and sometimes downright strange stories that give Connecticut its character. The Globe Pequot Press has published six books based on the series. *Seasons of Connecticut* was released in June 2010, and *A Connecticut Christmas* was released in November 2010.

As a consultant with CPAN, the Connecticut Public Affairs Network, Diane is producing programs on CT-N, focusing on the network's goals of transparency in government and increasing citizen engagement. Diane produced and anchored the network's coverage of the conventions, primary elections, general election and inauguration of the new governor and is hosting a new daily show on CT-N. Diane was co-host of the Morning Show on WTIC- News Talk 1080 and she was a news anchor for sixteen years at WTNH-TV in New Haven.

In May 2010 Diane Smith Media won an Emmy Award for the documentary *LIVING MODERN IN CONNECTICUT*. In 2010 Diane received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Culture and Tourism for her outstanding lifetime achievements and contributions to the arts and tourism in Connecticut.

Accomplishments

- Moderated numerous congressional and statehouse debates over the years, broadcast live and on tape.
- A town meeting broadcast live throughout New England with President Clinton.
- A series of award winning town meetings on topics like school desegregation and gang violence, broadcast live on location, with over 100 experts in the audience/panel.
- Moderated a panel on behalf of the Small Business Administration for its Northeast Regional Conference on Women in Business.
- Interviews: Conducts approximately 6-8 daily on her live radio talk show. She has interviewed literally hundreds of Hollywood stars, authors, and the like, on TV and radio.
- Speeches: Speaks about 35-50 times a year, including the years she had book tours.
- Featured speaker at a women's health conference along with Anita Hill.