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Arlene Smith, Southern Stars member, is presented with the IADCCT Cleo Curtis Award at Convention



Arlene (left) with Marty Ferguson last years' Cleo Curtis Award recipient



Arlene accepting award from Trish Gill (right), Charli Brown (center)

This very talented IADCCT member and artist has been “ceramicing” for over 50 years!

Like many of us, her mother got her “hooked”at the ripe old age of nine! She strayed from ceramics for awhile concentrating on her family and her then rapidly rising career in the banking industry. In 1992 she became A CDT and in 1993 joined IADCCT and it's Southern Stars Chapter while also becoming a studio owner...and during all this she still worked at the bank.

In 1995 she became a Duncan Ambassador. In her own words “Being a Duncan Ambassador has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, visit some great places and hopefully leave an everlasting impression of my love for the industry”.

We think the words “everlasting impression” in her case is a real understatement! This member was appointed Convention Registrar in 1997, was then elected to the position of IADCCT Convention Director in 1998. She held that office until being elected to Secretary in 2000 and held that office until 2004. Yes, four years of publishing the IADCCT newsletter-maybe you have even been “bugged” by her for your articles? During many of these years she still worked at the bank and had her own studio, taught Duncan U classes, and also held the office of President of the Southern Stars Chapter. Throw in the fact that this person is a very talented artist and is about the most generous person you know.

Arlene has indeed left an everlasting impression on her love for the ceramic industry on all of us, and her dedication and commitment to IADCCT has been second to none.

Congratulations!