



Helen O'Donnell

HELEN K. O'DONNELL SHINING STAR AWARD

The Helen K. O'Donnell Shining Star Award is the highest award given by our Southern Stars Chapter.

It is awarded for "unending inspiration and everlasting dedication to the Southern Stars Chapter". Helen was presented with the very first "Shining Star Award" on December 7th, 1997.

This Award is named in the honor of Helen O'Donnell. Helen was instrumental in the organizational aspects of starting our Southern Stars chapter and consequently became a charter member when the Chapter received its very first charter from International in 1991. She was our chapter Treasurer from 1991 until her death in 1998. As a firm believer in ceramic education she set a precedent for the quality of educational programs while chairing our chapters' regional programs and subsequently became IADCCT Educational Director in 1996. Helen was also on the IADCCT International Nominating Committee in 1993/1994, and she became the first chairperson for the newly created IADCCT Educational Showcase Programs.

The following Southern Star members have received it since then:

Helen Castaneda

Kathy Gabrisch

Dean Saethe

Norrah Andersen

Jeannie Davis

Dru Woodward

Arlene Smith