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SOUTHERN STARS' MEMBER, JOYCE WRIGHT, IS AWARDED THE PRESITGIOUS CLEO CURTIS AWARD

Congratulations Joyce!

Those of you who know Joyce personally, are familiar with her easygoing manner and thoughtful ways. We are very proud and excited that she was presented with the Cleo Curtis Award at convention.

Here is some info about Joyce that you might already know…...
Like many of us in the ceramic industry, she was just looking for a "little hobby", something to do in her spare time. In the beginning it was just a few plaster figurines, but it didn't take long before she got hooked on the "hard stuff". The car ended up in the street to make room for her first kiln. Then came the molds & pouring table. In self-defense, her husband Rich jumped into this "little hobby" and learned how to pour molds and do firings. It was the only way he got to see his busy wife. Well, by this time the writing was on the wall. Joyce had passed the point of no return. Next came her I.A.D.C.C.T. certification, lots of seminars and the infamous trade shows. And if this wasn't enough to keep her busy, she opened a small studio in her home and started teaching ceramics classes. Several of her projects have been featured in the leading publications within the ceramics industry, including the cover of Popular Ceramics.

33 + years later, in addition to teaching classes in her home studio, Joyce also took time to judge at many of the west coast ceramics shows. She is very actively involved in the Southern Stars chapter of I.A.D.C.C.T. She is currently serving as chapter President. She also held the position of IADCCT Educational Showcase Chair for several years and many members received their awards at convention from her.

No matter how busy she is, when there's work to be done, you'll find Joyce right there in the thick of it, ready to jump in and lend a helping hand. Joyce Wright is a talented and generous lady who wears many hats very effectively…Teacher, Author, Judge, Student, Board Member, Worker Bee and Friend.