



SHINING STAR AWARD

We presented a member of our chapter with the Shining Star Award at our luncheon in Laughlin during our Roaring 20's on the River Retreat.

The Helen 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 O'Donnell was presented with the very first "Shining Star" Award on December 7th, 1997 shortly before she passed away. This Award is named in her honor.

Helen O'Donnell 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 ceramics 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.

This award is not given every year, only when one of our members is nominated by fellow chapter members, as deserving.. This year Helen Castaneda received the award and it was well deserved.

Congratulations!!!!



Surprise!!!!



Helen Castaneda — 2014 Shining Star Award recipient