

2014 SHERPA AWARD WINNERS

DINNY FORBES

This Sherpa has been involved with Piedmont Craftsmen since she was introduced by her parents when she moved to Winston-Salem more than 20 years ago. She served on the Board of Trustees in the late 90s and was our Treasurer for two years overseeing our transition from paper and pencils to computer accountability. Over the years, she has volunteered for the Craftsmen's Fair by organizing fashion shows on Preview night, assisting with the Renaissance Pre-party, and booth sitting for artists. She will even take the video camera and records the artists' demonstrations for our records. She receives the highest marks from the PCI staff for her assistance with breakdown at the end of the Fair.

She has worked on many special events. Most recently, with 50th Anniversary Gala and in October, she co-chaired the Blue Jeans Ball. Her duties included arranging for the facilities for the event and researching caterers and their menus. Thanks to her efforts and those of her co-chair, the event was a success.

It is with great pleasure we honor Dinny Forbes with a 2014 Sherpa Award.

PAM PRYOR GRACE

This Sherpa Award winner has been volunteering for the last 8 years. In 2009, she chaired the Lofty Ideas Tour Committee which showcased downtown living spaces. This event required wrangling about 70 volunteers in 8 or 9 living spaces, coordinating the event with owners, and organizing the dozens of details involved in touring multiple locations. She served on the executive committee for 5 years, from 2010 to 2014, serving as First Vice Chair for 2 years, Chair for 1 year, and Immediate Past Chair for 2 years. Additionally, she served on numerous committees, namely Governance/ Bylaws, finance, personnel, development and fundraising, shop task force, 50th Anniversary, and 50th Anniversary Gala Committee. It would be easier to list those she didn't work on. She accomplished all of this while managing a busy career over the last few years. (As a matter of fact she has just returned from Poland where she has been working for Ariba, Inc. a SAP Company) She is also one of our favorite hat models and can often be seen sporting a beautiful handmade hat from PCI. Very aptly named, Pam Grace is an example to all of us and a personification of the surname which describes her so well. Thank you Pam for your excellence and dedication to PCI.

KAREN MORGAN

This Sherpa Award winner has been a board member for 3 years. During that time she has served on the Membership Committee and the Development and Fundraising committee. She chaired the 50th Anniversary Development and Fundraising committee, which has been no small task as we have celebrated this anniversary for the past year with special events, exhibitions, and fundraisers. Indeed she has been there for every fundraiser, setting up beforehand, working the event, and cleaning up afterward. She often will help the staff clean up after board meetings. It seems there is no task she won't tackle and whatever she does, she thoroughly and well. She has also served as our treasurer for the past 2 years. She accomplished all of this while managing a busy career at Allegacy Wealth Management. When we look for examples of leadership and responsibility we need look no further than Karen Morgan. Thank you Karen on behalf of everyone at PCI for all your hard work and dedication to this organization.

ANNE HOWARD SHELBURNE

Her leadership, dedication, tenacity, and professionalism have most notably resulted in two successful and commemorative years for Piedmont Craftsmen. Anne has served as both guide and mentor to PCI's exhibiting artists, to its staff, members, to the Board of trustees and to our community.

During her 6 years on the Board, Anne has served as Board Chair for 2 consecutive terms, 2013 & 2014. She also served on the Governance / Bylaws – 2009 – 2014, 50th Anniversary Committee 2012 – 2014, Development and Fundraising Committee 2012 – 2014, chaired the Unexpected Art Events 2014, Education Committee 2009 – 2012, and has been a Fair Volunteer. Her love of crafts drives her to give Piedmont Craftsmen 100% of volunteer time.

Several newspaper articles have chronicled PCI's history, events and its vital presence in our community during the time Anne has been our Sherpa. Anne has most definitely led the charge to the summit of our 50th anniversary!

It is with great pleasure I award Anne Shelburne, President of Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc's Board of Trustees the 2014 SHERPA award.

PAT TAYLOR

When this Sherpa became an exhibiting member in 1992, she also became a volunteer and leader for Piedmont Craftsmen. She has taken on big responsibilities for us over the years. She is a past Standards Committee Chair and served on a task force in the 90s to review and revamp our standards procedures. She served on the board during the years the board decided to buy the Trade Street location for the gallery and serving as Board Chair during the renovation of gallery.

Over the decades, this member has worked with our education program, assisted with offsite exhibitions and in the shop, and most recently served on a committee that worked on creating and defining a new Emeritus Exhibiting Membership status for long time members who are no longer producing work. She has never been afraid to tackle thorny issues and standup for what she feels is best for our Exhibiting Membership.

That's why Pat Taylor is one of our favorite fiberartists.