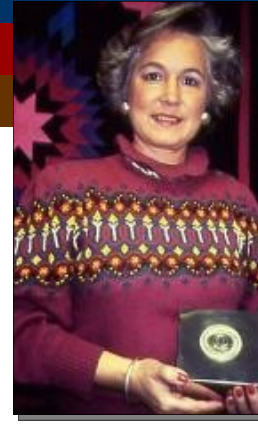


Donna Wilder



*Juror in major quilt shows, merchandiser and promoter of quilting, author
Inducted in 1990 at the Continental Quilting Congress, Falls Church, Virginia
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Donna Wilder is a creator of quilted wearable art and wall hangings, but above all she has inspired and challenged many others through an array of contests, fashion shows and exhibitions sponsored by Fairfield Processing Company. She assisted this company in acquiring an art quilt collection, which includes Honoree Yvonne Porcella's work. As well, Donna has an antique collection of her own, which was featured in the January/February 1993 Quilter's Newsletter Magazine in their column "At Home with Quilts."

From the time she was a young girl, she knew she wanted to be in retail business and found her niche at Fairfield Processing Company. She has been a coordinator of quilt block contests with a theme, such as "The Circus is Coming to Town" and "Quilting Through the Century." These quilts are a part of the Fairfield's Corporate Art Collection. She started the Fairfield Fashion Show in 1979, an invitational for wearable art, showcasing creative and innovative designs in quilted clothing. For the Great American Quilt Festival II in New York City, April 1986, Donna coordinated "Liberty, Freedom and American Heritage," a collection of wall hangings from each state and two territories.

Donna has participated in judging many quilt shows over the years. She joined Honorees Jeffrey Gutcherson, Carter Houck and Bonnie Leman in judging "Memories of Childhood Contest" for the Great American Quilt Festival II. With Bonnie Leman as a guest, she hosted a television series, "Sew Creative."