

**1989 ITAA Fellow – Joan Laughlin**



Joan Laughlin, Professor Emerita and former Chair of the Textiles, Clothing and Design Department, College of Family Science and Human Resources, and former Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research for college at the University of Nebraska. She has served in almost every office in the Central Region and as National President of ACPTC. Her leadership and decision-making style have been a major force in moving ACPTC to the strong position it has today. Her accomplishments in instruction, research, and service have been recognized by various awards including the Man-made Fiber Award, USDA's Distinguished Service Award, Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit and Research Award, University of Nebraska Distinguished Teaching Award, an Iowa State Professional Achievement Award, and awards of excellence for her technical papers. She received the inaugural Friend of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance award recognizing her contribution in distance education and leadership in founding the organization. Her retirement hobby is volunteering as genealogist for the International Quilt Study Center and Museum, in the Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design Department, Lincoln, Nebraska.