

### 1996 ITAA Fellow – Joann Boles



Joann Boles, Virginia Tech, is considered one of the most creative and visionary leaders in our field. Through her leadership in ITAA, Joann was a significant force in developing the ITAA national newsletter, establishing the Clothing and Textiles Research Journal, restructuring regional associations into an international organization, and creating the Design Competition. Her insight and energy have not been shared with ITAA alone. Joann was a pioneer in industry/academia collaboration, receiving the ATMI Award of Excellence for the Apparel Research and Development Laboratory she established at VPI. Her work as a design consultant at L.L. Bean was among the first cooperative faculty/business experiences. She is a respected mentor to faculty and graduate students and has a fine record of publications in refereed journals and presentations in juried shows. One colleague state, “Joann is genuinely unselfish and with ego in sharing her creativity and ideas. She has accomplished this with wisdom and a wonderful sense of humor. No one deserves the honor of ITAA Fellow more.”