

HISTORY OF THE SIS WALLACE AWARD

Sara “Sis” Wallace preceded Beryl in her passing on April 7, 1984. She was Beryl’s inseparable partner. The pair became a Colorado Chapter Institution by serving together on numerous projects. The most notable was their involvement in the First Timer function at ICBO annual business meetings. She was a lovely woman of unsurpassed spirit and humor. Her sparkle and warmth was particularly demonstrated to first time attendees at ICBO national meetings. They attended their first ABM in Phoenix in the mid – 1960’s and she was “so impressed by the friendly helpful attitude of the attendees,” that she wanted to do something for them. In 1964 or 1965, she started the tradition, still being carried today by the Chapter, of giving a Carnation to the first time ladies in attendance at the annual business meetings.

In honor of “Sis” Wallace, the Chapter created the Sis Wallace Award to recognize the “over and above” efforts of deserving spouses and friends of the Chapter in supporting and promoting the Chapter’s goals.

The first Sis Wallace Award was bestowed upon Beverly Eicholtz, ICBO Building Standards Magazine Editor in 1986 at the Point at Tapito Cliffs, Phoenix, Arizona. Bev supported the Chapter’s innovative “Educational Institute” idea from it’s start in 1985. She helped insure our national success by allowing our brochures to be sent out with Building Standards magazines. She also supported and was the ICBO staff liaison for Sis’s First Timer activities.

The second time the award was given it was bestowed upon Jean Fischer on December 7, 1995, at the same time Marv Fischer was presented the Beryl Wallace Award. Jean was recognized for her support and assistance to Marv and the Colorado Chapter in many Chapter activities. In particular, she took it upon herself to insure the First Timer corsage tradition was maintained after Sis’s passing. She always traveled to Chapter meetings with Marv and was always helpful and available to provide advice whenever it came to companion issues. Her insightful perspective was always welcome and her gentle demeanor oftentimes prompted Chapter members to see her advice on personal issues.

The third time the award was given it was bestowed upon Glea Nickle in December of 2005 for her unswerving dedication to the Chapter over a number of years. She had spent hundreds of hours of volunteered time assisting the Education Institute in insuring the continued success of the Educational Institute. These efforts included preparing mailing labels, data input, data management, preparing mailers, stuffing envelopes, and always being available for those last minute details.