

2024 Helen Barrett Service Award Karen Harmin

Since joining the Guild in 2016, Karen's contributions exemplify the award description: she goes "beyond usual service in a single job or serving in multiple positions."

Shortly after retiring, she immediately answered the call to help and immersed herself in the Morning Workshop group and sought a way to share her innate skills. She volunteered to run the 2023 Summer Replay Series for the Morning Workshop Committee, successfully contracting with instructors to offer two weekly workshops for nine weeks.

In the fall Karen enthusiastically joined the Sales Committee, one of the more demanding volunteer positions a new Guild member can take on. In that position, she demonstrated confidence and leadership. Her friendly demeanor, the quickness to grasp issues that needed resolution, and the initiative to solve problems instantly made her a valuable member. She found new avenues for free advertising for the sale, enlisted members to help break the show down and significantly found ways to get more members involved throughout the Sale weekend. This coming year she will be the Sale Chair.

Karen brings many personal abilities and administrative skills to the Guild; we are fortunate that she shares her multi-faceted volunteering with us.

