

## **2007 Spirit Award Recipient: Dodi Walch, CCA, CIT, CDT**

**Presented by: Diane M. Watson, CCA, CIT**

It is a pleasure, as last year's recipient of the Colorado Springs Chapter 356 NAWIC Spirit Award, to present this award to this year's recipient.

In many ways, the name of this year's award winner is synonymous with NAWIC. She is a great believer in the purpose of NAWIC and has spent her entire ten years as a member of NAWIC promoting its causes and participating fully not only the chapter level, but also at the regional and national levels. It is only fitting that the actual award be presented this weekend at the Annual Planning Conference in El Paso, Texas. She is a hard woman to pin down – and this seemed to be the only way to get the award into her hands in a timely fashion!

Dodi Walch, CCA, CIT, CDT, is a charter member of the Colorado Springs Chapter 356 and has served as president of our chapter for two terms during its ten year existence. In addition, she has chaired or served on just about every committee there is, including being resident parliamentarian and the expert in strategic planning. In addition, she has supported and promoted the mission of the NAWIC Education Foundation not only within the chapter and the region as liaison, but also currently serves as the national NEF treasurer.

Dodi has actively sought to improve her knowledge of the construction industry through her diligent study and completion of her CIT and CCA certifications. As a member of The Construction Specifications Institute, she also obtained her CDT certification. Dodi has represented our chapter well at regional and national functions, attending virtually all forums and conferences during her time as a NAWIC member. Not only has she brought back valuable information from these events to our chapter members, but she has also provided us with such memorable events as train-hopping, pavement diving, and too - numerous-to-mention road trip adventures. Dodi – thanks for the memories!

Seriously, Dodi has been an inspiration to many Colorado Springs chapter members. She is loyal and hard working – and shows an incredible knowledge, strength and integrity in everything she undertakes – her work, her NAWIC responsibilities, and her friendships. She encourages members, both old and new, to get involved in NAWIC – because she knows the benefits that she has gained from her membership with NAWIC. She has been a role model for me, and a true friend – and for that I will be eternally grateful.

I present the 2007 NAWIC Spirit Award for the Colorado Springs Chapter 356 to Dodi Walch, CCA, CIT, CDT.