

**GEORGE ABBOTT, JR.
RECEIVES DAVID CLARK AWARD**

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Hilton Head Island, SC, June 17 – George Abbott, Jr. of Inman Mills, has been awarded the David Clark Award for distinguished leadership and service to the Southern Textile Association. The presentation was made during the STA Business Breakfast Session of the Joint Meeting of the STA and Fiber Buyers Groups at The Marriott Resort at Palmetto Dunes. The Award was presented by Jim Booterbaugh, STA Past President, National Spinning Co., Inc.

Recipients of the David Clark Award are selected by the Board of Governors from past presidents of the association who have continued to provide leadership and service to the organization and industry for a minimum of ten years after their term has ended. Abbott served as president of the Southern Textile Association 2006-2007 and as chairman 2007-2008.

George Abbott grew up in Vance County, North Carolina. He attended one year at Mars Hill College transferring to North Carolina State University, graduating in 1963 with a degree in Textile Technology. Abbott began his career as a management trainee at Dan River Mills in Danville, Virginia. In 1966 he relocated to Benton, Alabama to help manage the start up at the new and considered most modern sheeting textile plant in the world. Two years later he was named plant manager of the Dan River's Clanton Plant.

He joined The Bibb Company in Macon, Georgia in 1969 as plant manager of the Payne Plant, transferring to the Columbus Plant in Columbus, Georgia in 1974 as manager of all yarn operations. In 1977, he assumed responsibility for the Columbus Division as Vice President and later Senior Vice President.

In 1988 Abbott joined Inman Mills as Vice President of Manufacturing and has enjoyed being part of this tremendously exciting company for the last 29 years.

Abbott's professional and civic activities include: member of Board of Directors of Columbus Junior Achievement; member of Board of Directors of Textile Operating Executives of Georgia and past general chairman; member of Board of SCMA Plant Managers Division and served as chairman two different occasions; member of SCMA Textile Counsel; member of Board of Governors of STA and past president and chairman.

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