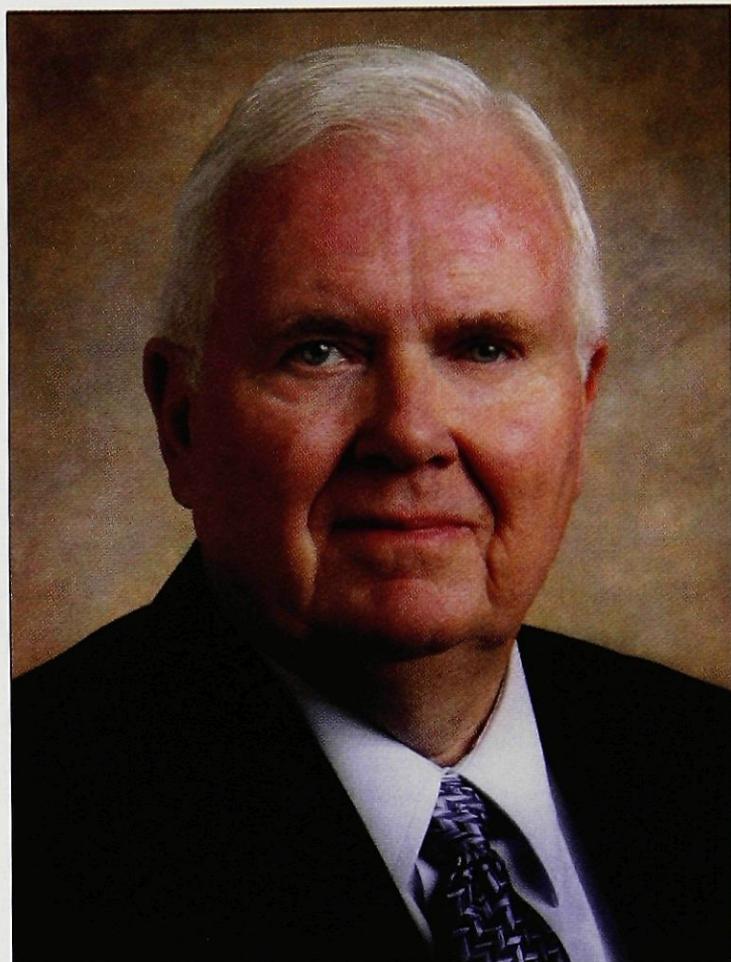


HOWARD L. NEEDLES

to receive

THE OLNEY MEDAL



Howard L. Needles is this year's recipient of The Olney Medal for achievement in textile chemistry. The Olney Medal was established in 1944 to recognize outstanding achievement in textile chemistry, polymer chemistry, or other fields of chemistry of major importance to textile science, including the development of chemical agents or chemical processes used in the manufacture of

textiles or for methods used in their evaluation.

PERSONAL DATA

A native of San Bernardino, Calif., Needles obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of California—Riverside in 1959, and a PhD in chemistry from the University of Missouri—Columbia in 1963. He joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wool and Mohair Laboratory in 1963. He became a professor of textiles and materials science at the University of California—Davis in 1969 and remained in that

position until 1994. Currently, he works as a consultant.

Needles and his wife, the former Deanna Lee Grand, reside in Pebble Beach, Calif. They have five children, Aaron Needles of Davis, Calif.; Andrew Needles of Atascadero, Calif.; Daniel Needles of Folsom, Calif.; Rebecca Marigo of Davis, Calif.; and Ava Daniels

of Folsom, Calif. Needles is a member of The Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach, Calif. He also enjoys fishing, reading, and forensic studies involving textiles.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Needles is the author of approximately 117 publications and 10 U.S. Patents. He joined AATCC in 1969, and is also a member of the American Chemical Society, the Fiber Society, and the Society of Forensic Engineers and Scientists. He was named a Division Fellow of the Cellulose, Paper, and Textile Division of the American Chemical Society in 1994.

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Established in 1944 in honor of Louis Atwell Olney, the founder and first president of AATCC, The Olney Medal recognizes outstanding achievement in textile or polymer chemistry or other fields of chemistry of major importance to textile science. The award consists of a gold medal, a scroll, and an honorarium.

Presentation of the medal each year is a highlight of AATCC's IC&E. This year the Association will present The Olney Medal at the conference awards banquet on Thursday, September 11, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Greenville, S.C. Needles will deliver the traditional Olney Medal Address on Thursday, September 11, at 8:15 a.m. at the Palmetto Expo Center. His topic will be "A Random Walk Through Textile Chemistry."

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