



AATCC HONORS KERRY MAGUIRE KING WITH CHAPIN AWARD

In recognition of her outstanding service to the Association, AATCC has named **Kerry Maguire King** as recipient of the **Harold C. Chapin Award** for her contributions and dedication to the Association and the AATCC Foundation Inc.

AATCC Involvement

King has been a member of the Association since 2003. Since joining AATCC, King has been involved in multiple administrative and research committees and has held several key positions. King served as the Association's 46th President and Chair of the Association's charitable arm from 2019 to 2020. King led the Association through the world-changing pandemic and has been an active member following her term as President.

Since joining in 2003, King became an active and involved member. She joined the Administrative Committee, C15 Textile Education Committee, and in 2004, King helped develop and moderate the AATCC Symposium, Digital Printing of Textiles. She also joined

the Membership Committee and Publications Committee and held positions on those committees for several years. King participated in the initial development of the AATCC Student Design Competition, including drafting the first version of the guidelines, and served as a competition judge for multiple competitions, and reviewed student research grant proposals for the AATCC Foundation. King also joined RA80 Printing Technology in 2006, and she has been an active member of the committee. With her involvement in Textile Education Committee, which later merged with Education Advisory Board, she was a part of multiple steering committees and moderated several conferences, including the 2017 AATCC International Conference, and multiple AATCC Digital Textile Printing Conferences.

In 2019, King became the 46th President of the Association. During her time as President of the Association and Chair of the AATCC Foundation, the Association saw record-high Corporate Memberships, awarded over US\$95,000 in scholarships, grants, and fellowships, launched a campaign to fully endow US\$100,000 in annual undergraduate scholarships and fellowships for the AATCC Foundation, and uncovered the 1964 AATCC time capsule. As President, King encouraged unity and connection during the COVID-19

pandemic. Through her leadership, the Association's staff facilitated communication and provided critical information to support the industry in the evaluation of textile materials and protective properties, medical supply shortages, and the rapid changes in the retail and manufacturing landscape.

After her time as President, King became the chair of the Administrative Committee, Study on Employee Benefits Committee, and is still an active appointed member on the committee. In 2023, King became the chair of Education Advisory Board and RA80 Printing Technology. She was instrumental in the planning for the 2023 AATCC Textile Discovery Summit and the 2025 AATCC Inkspired: Innovations in Textile Printing Conference. Since becoming chair of the Education Advisory Board, King joined the Association's Board of Directors, has been actively involved in the future of AATCC and its involvement in the textile industry. In 2026, King became an appointed member of the Administrative Committee, Appropriations Committee.

King's service to AATCC is based on her passion to improve the Association. She encourages diversity, inclusion, and education in all aspects of the textile industry. King advocates for collaboration through the Association's educational programs, committees, and the Association's leadership.

Career and Accomplishments

King graduated from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, in 1990 with a BS in Home Economics, with a major in Clothing & Textiles. Following graduation, King went on to receive an MA in Clothing & Textiles from the same university in 1995, and in 1997, received an MS in Textile Design from the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, which is now Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia, PA, USA. In 1994, King received the University of Alberta Graduate Student Teaching Award.

After receiving her degrees, King worked for the Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation (TC²) from 1997 to 2013. During her time at TC², King held various positions, including Designer Digital Printing, Manager of Digital Print Services, Manager of Product Development and Sustainability Initiatives, and Director of Product Development and Sustainability Initiatives. At TC² she directed applied research, such as the investigation of emerging technologies and application of systems for sampling, product development, niche products, mass customization, and short-run production, the testing of newly formulated inkjet inks and substrates and development of strategies for optimizing color output, and the investigation of strategies for

print engineering and integration of print design with pattern pieces and markers for single ply cutting methods. Following her time at TC², Kerry began working at Spoonflower Inc. in 2013. At Spoonflower Inc., King started as Director of Research and Development, and in 2016, became Senior Vice President, Research and Development. In 2021, Spoonflower Inc. was acquired by Shutterfly Inc., and King became Senior Director of Process Innovation, Textile & Wallpaper until 2023. In 2024, King began her current position as a consultant for digital textile and wallpaper printing, and is enrolled at North Carolina State University as a doctoral candidate in Textile Technology Management.

She is involved in other textile associations, including the Printing United Alliance. Since 2010, King has been involved in the Piedmont Section, and in her local community, with the Girl Scouts of NC Coastal Pines. She has served as troop leader and area coordinator for the Girl Scouts. King has been invited as a keynote session speaker for three conferences, domestically and internationally, has presented research at over twenty conferences, webinars, symposia, and committee meetings, including the 2017 AATCC Managing Today's Textile Coloration Challenges: From Fiber to Fashion Symposium. She has eight refereed presentations, published in five books and peer reviewed journals, has published in several trade publications, and published in the 2006 AATCC Review.

The Chapin Award

The Chapin Award was established in 1958 in honor of Harold C. Chapin, professor of chemistry at Lowell Textile School, who served as national secretary of AATCC for nearly 25 years. The Association will present the Chapin Scroll to King during the Awards Luncheon on October 6, 2026, during the AATCC International Summit, held at the Hotel Ballast Wilmington, in Wilmington, NC, USA.

For a description of the Chapin Award and a list of past Chapin Award recipients, visit www.aatcc.org/chapin.