## Biography

## SHERYL BORDEN

For over 40 years, Sheryl Borden has produced and hosted the popular how-to show on PBS called "Creative Living with Sheryl Borden." "Yet," she says, "it seems like just yesterday when we started the show." When Sheryl Borden finished her bachelors and masters degrees in Home Economics and Education (now called Family and Consumer Science), she had no idea she would ever work on a national television production. Today, the Eastern New Mexico University graduate is producer/host of "Creative Living with Sheryl Borden," one of public television's most popular and longest running "how-to" shows. This #7200 series will begin the show's 41st year and is listed on Wikipedia as one of the longest running shows on television!

The series, produced by KENW-TV, the public television station which broadcasts from facilities in Portales, New Mexico, is carried on more than 118 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico. All show segments are produced in high definition, with captioning for the hearing impaired as well as descriptive video. Sheryl, herself, is very creative and has abundant energy. She maintains a beautiful balance of personal and family life, productive professional career and active community service, with more time than most for new ventures.

"Creative Living with Sheryl Borden" continues to attract guests from all walks of life and from all parts of the country. Viewers often comment that "meeting these guests via their television" has opened a new world for them. Besides offering current, informative topics, career opportunities are often featured which appeal to persons interested in changing jobs or to those just entering the job market.

Sheryl is a busy wife, with three grown children and two grandchildren, and she knows the importance of applying to her own life the organizational principles she preaches. She is very involved in several local civic clubs, served as president of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (for two terms), as well as being a past state President of her sorority. Professional associations include membership in Altrusa International where she served as Governor of a 4-state District and General Federation of Women's Clubs. Sheryl has been honored by the New Mexico Family and Consumer Science Association as "Friend of the Family," an award that is presented periodically for outstanding service to the family unit. She also received the "Warm Heart of the Sunbelt" award from the Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her community volunteerism and longevity of service.

She was selected the recipient of the prestigious Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women and was named among the Outstanding Young Women in American Colleges and Universities. She was featured in the New Mexico Business Journal as one of the "10 Best Dressed Businesswomen in New Mexico." She was also nominated as an Outstanding Alumni candidate for her alma mater, Eastern New Mexico University and was selected Home Economist of the Year by her local chapter. In 2007 she received the Spirit of Eastern Award from ENMU, her alma mater.

Borden has served as a spokesperson for several national businesses and regularly presents speeches, seminars and workshops for both adults and youth groups.

The saying: "If you want something done right, ask a busy person to do it," certainly applies to Sheryl Borden. She enjoys the challenge of producing and hosting "Creative Living with Sheryl Borden" and enjoys hearing from viewers about the show. Fan e-mail confirms that "Creative Living with Sheryl Borden" meets the needs of today's active and involved families. Hopefully, it will continue to do so for many years to come.