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Former Florida resident and FAFCS member, Joyce Beery Miles and Bob Miles, recently returned from Wild Horse Pass Resort in Phoenix, Arizona where Joyce was twice honored for her volunteer work for her national professional organization, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Joyce was awarded one of four prestigious **Distinguished Service Awards** as well as the **Wiley-Berger Award** for volunteerism. She is best known for her extensive research and portrayal of the founder of Home Economics, Ellen Swallow Richards. She wrote and produced two videos depicting this historic woman's life, produced a one woman show, and traveled over 50,000 miles, bringing to life the history of this remarkable 19th Century woman. Her audiences totaled over 5,000 and she raised in excess of \$40,000 for the Centennial Challenge Endowment Fund for AAFCS. She was a former supervisor for the Duval County Public Schools in Jacksonville, Florida for over 30 years as well as a graduate of Purdue University and The Florida State University. She has been instrumental in launching and supporting Women and Philanthropy initiatives for both universities. She is a trustee for the Florida State University Foundation. Joyce and Bob now live in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Visit her website to see more of her work. Ellenswallowrichards.com or contact her at joycemiles@aol.com

DSA AWARD: Left to Right: Susan Shockey, CFCS, President-Elect , AAFCS, Joyce, Sue Byrd, CFCS, President , AAFCS

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