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**MEMBER PROFILE - JULY 2000**

## **Anne Sanderoff-Walker**

Anne Sanderoff-Walker's career is a sort of odyssey, progressing from her original training as an x-ray technologist to a number of creative endeavors, each better than the one before. In the 1980s, Anne's business was called "Satin & Laces." This special occasion and bridal gown boutique which enabled her to design and sew beautiful clothes eventually evolved into "Anne's Curtain Calls," a drapery business, open to the trade and owned by Anne and a partner in the 1990s. In 1998, when Anne's partner bought her out, Anne established "Designer Fabrications," a home-based business with one full time employee. Designer Fabrications includes custom window treatments as well as Anne's beautiful hand-woven fabric with which she creates one-of-a-kind jackets and scarves.

The drapery part of Designer Fabrications is strictly to the trade and includes window treatments (draperies, Roman shades, balloon shades, valances, cornice-board and other fabric home accessories such as pillows, cushions, and whatever the designer needs). Today, Anne's wedding gowns are only for friends and family. "Windows don't gain or lose weight as the wedding date gets closer," says Anne, who loves working with beautiful fabrics and enjoys seeing her projects come together. She now does all her own measuring and most of her own installing, enjoying being able to see the finished product in the house.

Crediting WBO with developing her interest in civic work, Anne notes that her term as WBO's president (1994-95) led her to begin training through the Leadership Montgomery Program. This gave her the confidence and County contacts which she later developed in conjunction with her interest in the Montgomery County Commission for Women, to which she was appointed in 1997. Since July, 1999, Anne has served as the President of the Commission. She has also chaired the Women's Legislative Briefing Planning Committee and the Women's History Quilt Project. Currently vice-president for membership of Leadership Montgomery, Anne is still involved in planning for the Montgomery County Women's Fair and has been an active member of WBO for about 15 years. In fact, she was recently honored by WBO for her work as a community leader and for her outstanding contribution to the support and furtherance of women business owners.

Anne Sanderoff-Walker loves her work and enjoys the flexibility of having a home-based business which enables her to pursue her civic responsibilities.