



Babette Donaldson

Babette Donaldson, author of *The Everything Healthy Tea Book* and *The Emma Lea Books* began her adventure with “real” tea as a graduate art student in San Francisco during the 70's with a graduate focus on ceramic art. Studying the history and elegance of ancient teaware inspired curiosity for the beverage and worldwide cultures that celebrate it ceremonially. When artisan teas became more available during the '90s, Donaldson found opportunities to study, teach, write and share her fascination with the leaf. In addition to personal appearances promoting her books, she teaches introductory tea classes both privately and at community colleges and is a frequent speaker for the educational workshops at World Tea Expo -U.S. and World Tea Expo - Korea (2016).



Donna Fellman

Donna’s experience managing tea houses, training staff and talking to customers convinced her that tea education was essential for the future of the specialty tea industry’s growth. To that end, she focused her work on serving the tea industry’s needs by creating educational programs and classes especially for the tea professional through many organizations and company training programs. Donna served as the director of World Tea Academy from its inception in 2013 to 2019.