



Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present



HELEN HAYES
ACTRESS
FIRST LADY OF
AMERICAN THEATRE
10/10/1900 - 3/17/1993

Helen Hayes MacArthur was an American actress whose career spanned 80 years. She eventually received the nickname "First Lady of American Theatre" and was one of 16 people who have won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony Award (an EGOT). She was also the first woman and first person to win the Triple Crown of Acting. Hayes also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor from President Ronald Reagan in 1986. In 1988, she was awarded the National Medal of Arts. Her house in Nyack - 235 North Broadway, was called "Pretty Penny, because that's what it cost." Helen Hays, the First Lady of American Theatre, called that house home for 60 years.