

# The Bea Roeder Fund

## For the Future of Public Folklore in the West

This fund, named in honor of western folklorist Bea Roeder, provides support for graduate and undergraduate students and community scholars with demonstrated interest in a career in public folklore, to attend the annual Association of Western States Folklorists (AWSF) meeting. AWSF has established this Fund as a way to celebrate Bea's life and work and to create opportunities for networking and professional development for a new generation of public folklorists and cultural workers. The fund is administered by the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) on behalf of AWSF.

### General Guidelines

The Bea Roeder Fund will be awarded to graduate and undergraduate students or community scholars who show a demonstrated interest in public sector folklore. The fund will provide the recipient(s) up to \$400 to be used to attend the annual Association of Western States' Folklorists meeting. For more information about AWSF, visit the website at [www.westernfolklife.org/awsf](http://www.westernfolklife.org/awsf).

Applications are available on the ACTA website at [www.actaonline.org/roeder](http://www.actaonline.org/roeder). Applications need to be postmarked or emailed by February 16, 2009. The award announcement(s) will be made by March 2, 2009. The recipient(s) will receive notification of the stipend amount at that time. The recipient(s) of this award agree(s) to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Western States' Folklorists in Port Townsend, Washington, April 4-9, 2009. Funding will be used to cover, in part, travel to and from the conference, meals and accommodation.

### For more information, contact:

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### About Bea

Bea Roeder passed away suddenly on June 12, 2003. She was known to her friends, family and colleagues as warm, caring and involved. She was married to Dave Roeder and had two sons, Mark and Bryan. Bea loved to travel, and enjoyed people, culture and ecology everywhere. Bea worked as a Colorado State Folklorist for the Colorado Council on the Arts (CCA) since 1988. During that time she was involved in both statewide and local folklore, historical projects, archiving and oral history collections. In 1990 at the Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities Bea organized the first Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering, an event which is still going strong after fifteen annual gatherings. She was a force behind the CCA/National Endowment for the Arts project "Ties That Bind," a folklore education multimedia kit for teachers, and she deeply enjoyed conducting education workshops and partnerships. She organized the Colorado Folk Arts Festival at Four Mile Historic Park. She was deeply involved with Native American culture and spirituality, and a student of the Lakota language.



Bea Roeder in Tonga  
Photo by Marilyn Reilly  
Courtesy of Dave Roeder

Profile by Dave Roeder

## Join us in supporting this worthy cause!

*This fund is offered in memory of folklorist Bea Roeder whose vision, humanity and passion for the field inspired and impacted folklorists, students, community scholars and people from many cultures around the world.*

To make a tax-deductible donation using a credit card online through Paypal, go to the ACTA website at [www.actaonline.org/roeder](http://www.actaonline.org/roeder). To send a check, complete the attached contribution form, and send to Prudy Kohler, Acting Director, ATTN: Amy Kitchener, ACTA, 1245 Van Ness, Fresno, CA, 93721.

Please help us support the professional development of students, young professionals and community scholars interested in public folklore.

**Complete the following form and mail, along with your contribution, to:**

**Bea Roeder Fund  
C/O ACTA  
1245 Van Ness Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93721**

**Make checks payable to ACTA**

Once received, you will be sent a statement of your donation (for tax purposes).

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### Contribution Level

- \$35
- \$60
- \$100
- \$250
- Other:

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- Please include my name in public recognitions of this fund
- Please keep my identity anonymous and do not recognize my contribution publicly

