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**Founder of Interweave Press Honored for
Contributions to Book Community of the West**

(Denver, CO)— It was announced today that Linda Ligon, founder and creative director of Interweave Press in Loveland, Colorado, has been selected as the recipient of the 2006 Jack D. Rittenhouse Award by Publishers Association of the West. The PubWest Board of Directors was pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Ligon, as this award honors those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the book community in the West. Ms. Ligon was selected from a slate of nominees for having established a vibrant and profitable publishing house that serves as a model to her colleagues.

Board president Sam Scinta of Fulcrum Publishing said of Ms. Ligon, “For many years, Linda Ligon has been a true visionary, instilling her entrepreneurial spirit into her staff and her business. Her legacy as a great businesswomen and a contributor to the community of the book is an inspiration” and president emeritus Rick Rinehart of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers commented, “Linda managed to achieve two remarkable things at Interweave Press: she created a specialty press which is second to none; and elevated the Interweave imprint to prominence within the general book trade in the U.S. and abroad. That she has managed to do all this without betraying her primary audience is something all of us can take a lesson from.”

In business since 1975, Interweave Press publishes magazines and books related to fiber, thread, needlework, and beads. Under Ms. Ligon’s leadership, Interweave evolved into a multiplatform media company, including six craft magazines and an extensive list of how-to books for crafters. *Folio: The Magazine for Magazine Management* recently recognized Ms. Ligon as a top innovator and influencer in the publishing industry “whose ideas and creativity, along with successful implementation, have driven business in new directions.”

Presentation of the award will take place at PubWest’s annual National Publishing Conference and Book Industry Trade Show in Denver, CO on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Contact the PubWest office for details. Information on Interweave Press, Inc. may be found at www.interweave.com.

The Rittenhouse Award is given annually in memory of Jack D. Rittenhouse, the West's consummate bookman. During his long career, Rittenhouse was a writer, bookseller, publisher, lecturer and mentor. He left a lasting mark on the book community, both in his work and with the people who followed him and this award was established as a way to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the book community in the West. Prior winners of the Rittenhouse Award are Jean and Jetta Lyons (1991), Fred Pruett (1992), David Flaccus (1993), Dwight and Carol Myers (1994), Gordon Saul (posthumously in 1995), Tom Auer (1996), Joyce Meskis (1997), Tony Hillerman (1998), Katharine J. McCanna (1999), Lisa Knudsen (2000), Robert C. Baron (2001), Mary Powell (2002), Fredrick A. Praeger (posthumously in 2003), Dick and Judy Noyes (2004), and Elizabeth A. Geiser (2005).

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