

## Special Recognition Award



Dr. David Peterson, retired professor of mathematics at the University of Central Arkansas, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Governor Mike Beebe at the Governor's Arts Awards luncheon and ceremony on November 10, 2010, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. The Governor's Arts Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the arts in Arkansas.

Dr. David Peterson taught mathematics at UCA from 1976 to 2009. Dr. Peterson founded the Arkansas Country Dance Society (ACDS) in 1978, an organization created to preserve and promote traditional music and folk dance. The ACDS holds public events in which country dance is taught with live music. With help from a grant, Peterson and a colleague created, directed, and produced a documentary video (Arkansas Historical Dance Series), which highlights traditional dance, music, and culture from territorial times to the present. Peterson also wrote the accompanying book, which includes historical photos and a brief description of dance activity and its place in Arkansas history.