

# THE TESORO FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Tesoro Foundation (Tesoro means "Treasure" in Spanish) is committed to protecting and making available to the community the artistic treasures of our American past. All Tesoro events are inspired by Colorado's rich history and shared experiences with Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, Native American, African American and Early European cultures. From art and cuisine to historical re-enactments and music, the Tesoro Foundation's mission is to create community based events and educational programs designed to enrich and celebrate our cultural heritage.

The Foundation offers an educational outreach program that reaches Colorado fourth graders currently studying the Bent's Fort era of early Colorado history. The program is designed to engage students in the living history aspects of this interesting historical period, through trunk shows and field trips.

## HISTORY OF THE TESORO FOUNDATION

In 1962, Sam Arnold built to scale an adobe replica of Bent's Old Fort (1833-1849) in the foothills southwest of Denver, Colorado. Originally this fort was to be his private home. As construction costs mounted, he decided to turn the fort replica into a dining establishment serving foods of the Bent's Fort period. In 1963, to educate the public about the fur trade period and its importance in Colorado history, Arnold created a museum in The Fort with educational displays and dioramas designed by exhibitors from the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The Tesoro Foundation's vision is to use Old Bent's Fort as a model to organize historic and cultural events and re-enactments of the early 19th century. Bent's Old Fort was an international trading center and Tesoro events celebrate this international mix of rich culture from our past.

The Tesoro Trade Lodge, housed in a replica of a 19th century military tent located in the courtyard of The Fort, offers educational books, authentic Native American jewelry and Hispanic art, fur trade replicas, and much more! Be sure to visit the Tesoro Trade Lodge, open most evenings and daytime by appointment only.



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## The Tesoro Foundation

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# THE TESORO FOUNDATION 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\*\*All Events take place at The Fort in Morrison, Colorado

Historic Dinner & Lecture Series  
select Sundays January through September  
6:00 p.m.

“The Spirit of The American West”  
The Visual Documentation of Early Exploration  
Gallery Show featuring the works of Karl Bodmer  
Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24  
5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (both days)

Indian Market and Powwow  
Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (both days)  
“Members Only” Preview Party  
Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous  
Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (both days)  
“Members Only” Preview Party  
Friday, September 23 at 6 p.m.

The Night the Stars Fell  
Thursday, November 17 at 6 p.m.

Farolito Lighting  
Sunday, November 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Las Posadas  
Christmas Eve, December 24 at 5 p.m.

### Artist Sponsorship Program

Many of the artists participating in our Indian and Spanish Markets are from out of town. Oftentimes, they need help with their lodging expenses. In this case, the Foundation will match an artist with a member who will pay for their lodging, and in turn, the artist will give the member a piece of their art. If you would like to sponsor an artist, check the box on the membership form or call 303-839-1671. Each artist sponsorship is \$215.

Member support makes these events possible. Thank you!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

\*\*All of the Memberships below are available on a General Fund Donation basis, meaning the donation is 100% tax deductible and comes without benefits.

All memberships include:

- Advance notice of events
- Placement on the Tesoro Foundation Mailing List

**\$10 FRIEND OF TESORO MEMBER (\$10 tax deductible)**

- ♦ Free admission for two to the Indian Market and Spanish Market & 1830s Rendezvous “Members Only” Preview Parties

**\$35 TRAPPER MEMBER (\$35 tax deductible)**

- ♦ 15% discount on items purchased at the Tesoro Trade Lodge
- ♦ Free admission for one to the Indian Market and Powwow and the Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous
- ♦ Invitations to the Indian Market and Spanish Market “Members Only” Preview Parties

**\$50 TRADER MEMBER (\$50 tax deductible)**

- ♦ All benefits as offered in Trapper membership
- ♦ Free admission for two to the Indian Market and Powwow and the Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous

**\$225 BUSHWA PATRON (\$75 tax deductible)**

- ♦ All benefits as offered in Trader membership
- ♦ Invitations to the fall Bushwa Patron Dinner for two at The Fort, including a historical lecture and entertainment
- ♦ Free admission for four to the Indian Market and Powwow and the Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous

**\$500 TESORO PATRON (\$250 tax deductible)**

- ♦ All benefits as offered in the Bushwa Patron membership
- ♦ “Sissy Bear” stuffed animal and book
- ♦ \$50 Gift Certificate to The Tesoro Trade Lodge
- ♦ Free admission for six to the Indian Market and Powwow and the Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous

**\$1000 WHITE BISON BENEFACTOR (\$500 tax deductible)**

- ♦ All benefits as offered in the Tesoro Patron membership
- ♦ Invitation for six to The Millionaires Dinner, a historically based six course feast at The Fort, complete with interpreters of different colorful characters from history
- ♦ Free admission for eight to the Indian Market and Powwow and the Spanish Market and 1830s Rendezvous

## THE TESORO FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- \$10 Friend Member     \$225 Bushwa Patron  
 \$35 Trapper Member     \$500 Tesoro Patron  
 \$50 Trader Member     \$1000 Bison Benef.  
 Renewal Membership     \$215 Sponsor an Artist

- General Fund Donation Only  
 Artist Sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Indian Market Artist Sponsorship  
     Spanish Market Artist Sponsorship  
 Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Cash (Please do not send cash through the mail)  
 My check is enclosed  
 Please charge my     VISA     MC     AMEX

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_  
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