

## Joyce Gibson Roach

Class of 1954

Roach, a 1954 Jacksboro High School graduate, is a three-time Golden Spur Award winner from the Western Writers of America for The Cowgirls, best non-fiction book (UNT Press); "A High Toned Woman," best short non-fiction from Hoein' the Short Rows, UNT Press; "Just as I Am," best short fiction (Women of the West, Doubleday).

Roach and co-author Ernestine Sewell Linck, shared the Texas Institute for Letters non-fiction book prize for Eats: A Folk History of Texas Foods. Roach was commissioned in 1985-1986, to develop and design reviews for the writing portion of the Texas Teacher Competency Examinations. In 1988, she developed regional in-service teacher training on teaching Western Literature in Texas high schools.

Roach has papers in the southwestern writers collection, Albert B. Alkek Library, Southwest Texas State University. She had published articles, stories, and dramas and is the author of Texanna!, the musical drama performed at the Fort Richardson State Historical Park during past Mesquiteville Festivals.

The 1995 Jacksboro High School Hall of Fame inductee holds memberships in several professional organizations and has held offices in many of them, including serving as the president of the Texas Folklore Society. She is a consultant to the Institute of Texas Cultures, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Montana PBS, Montana State University, the Center for Woman's Studies in Denver, Colorado and is the editor of the Crosstimbers of Texas Book in Review.