



GALEN ROWELL

In 1972, at age 32, Galen dedicated his life to photography and wilderness exploration, working on many assignments for *National Geographic* and other publications. He went to the Himalayas more than 25 times and was one of the first Americans allowed into Tibet in the early 1980s, resulting in a highly acclaimed book, *Mountains of the Middle Kingdom: Exploring the High Peaks of China and Tibet* (1983).

Galen returned to Tibet in 1987 and 1988 and produced the book *My Tibet* with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 1990. Galen's last expedition, in the summer of 2002, was back to Tibet with Conrad Anker, Rick Ridgeway and Jimmy Chin to document the birthing ground of the endangered Tibetan antelope. Galen produced 18 books and in 1984 received the Ansel Adams Award for his contribution to the art of wilderness photography.



BARBARA CUSHMAN ROWELL



Barbara Cushman Rowell was the guiding force behind the Mountain Light business from its inception and was the president of Mountain Light Photography.

Barbara studied textiles and business and graduated in 1978 from the University of California at Davis with Highest Honors.

In 1981 she met Galen while working for The North Face as Director of Public Relations. Barbara was also the company pilot for Mountain Light and flew Galen while he took aerial photographs.

Barbara traveled to Tibet numerous times and developed a passion for the country that continued throughout her life. Her photographs have been published in *National Geographic* and on book and magazine covers. She recently completed a book, *Flying South: A Pilot's Inner Journey*.



Tibetan photography by Galen and Barbara Rowell / Mountain Light Photography



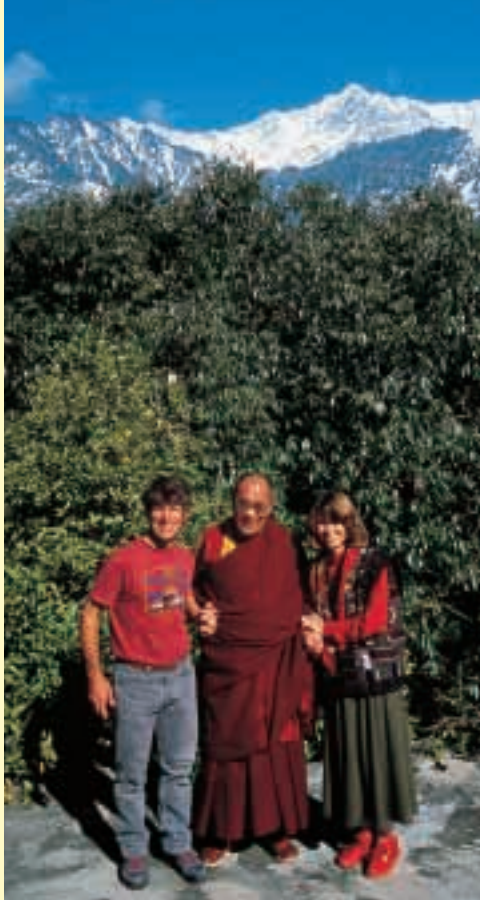
is a non-profit membership organization which monitors and promotes internationally recognized human rights in Tibet. ICT was founded in 1988 and has offices in Washington DC, Amsterdam and Berlin.

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was established to honor Galen and Barbara Rowell's legacy within the Tibetan community and to support Tibetan photographers, filmmakers and writers. The Fund grew out of discussions between the International Campaign for Tibet and family and friends of Galen and Barbara and will award its first grants in December 2003.

Galen and Barbara perished in an August 2002 light plane crash near their home in Bishop, California, along with the pilot and another passenger. They left an incredible legacy of activism for many remote and wild places, and they both had a passion for Tibet. They produced the book *My Tibet*, with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and introduced Tibet to countless people around the world. Through photographs and writing they documented the raw beauty and destruction of a civilization that few westerners knew of when Galen first traveled there in 1981.

Message FROM His Holiness THE Dalai Lama

Galen Rowell was a kind and generous friend to the Tibetan people. His beautiful book, *My Tibet*, inspired many other photographers and filmmakers to contribute their talents to helping the Tibetan cause. Galen's enthusiasm was catching. His work and the work of others inspired by him brought the beauty of Tibet and the challenges faced by the Tibetan people to the eyes of the world. We will always be grateful for his friendship and his tireless efforts on our behalf.

May 20, 2003

PURPOSE

To encourage and support the work of Tibetans in the language and visual arts who can make significant contributions to society. The Fund will support established or aspiring and talented Tibetan photographers, filmmakers, writers and journalists. Examples of projects: photography, photo exhibitions, educational pamphlets, newsletters, book projects, translation projects, public speaking tours, video library, women's issues and environmental awareness.

ELIGIBILITY

Tibetans from any country are eligible to apply. Tibetans working for organizations can apply on behalf of an organization as long as they are central to the implementation of its work.

APPLICATIONS

To apply, send (1) a cover letter, (2) description of the project (no more than 3-5 pages), (3) a budget proposal (maximum US\$5,000) and (4) names and contact information for two references. Applications will only be accepted from Sept. 1 to Sept. 30. Applications can be sent by mail or e-mail. Send to: Rowell Fund for Tibet, International Campaign for Tibet, 1825 K St., NW, Suite 520, Washington DC, 20006. Or, e-mail to: RowellFund@savetibet.org



GRANT SELECTION

Grant applications will be received and compiled by ICT staff and sent to the Advisory Board of the Rowell Fund for Tibet in late October. The Advisory Board will select grantees in November. Applicants will be notified in early December and funds will be distributed in mid-December.

ADVISORY BOARD

The advisory board, made up of friends and family of Galen and Barbara, currently consists of: John Ackerly, Conrad Anker, Justin Black, David Breashears, Jimmy Chin, Bob and Beth Cushman, Bob Palais and Ray and Nicole Rowell Ryan.

ROWELL FUND/ICT PLEDGE

ICT pledges that 85% of all donations to the Rowell Fund for Tibet will be distributed as grants in Tibet, India, Nepal and elsewhere. 15% of donations will cover administrative expenses of the International Campaign for Tibet, which runs the Fund.

TO DONATE to the ROWELL FUND

Make checks payable to the Rowell Fund for Tibet/ICT and send to ICT, 1825 K St., NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20006. All donations to the Fund are tax-deductible.

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