



Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
 THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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In 400 words or less, please describe the contributions that your nominee has made to Fiesta®. Please include:

- 1) Detailed information on the volunteer role that your nominee has played in the Fiesta® celebration. Give specific details on how your nominee's efforts have had an impact on the Fiesta® celebration in a positive and long lasting way. Elaborate on specific volunteer duties and responsibilities nominee has undertaken.
- 2) The length of time that your nominee has been involved in these activities. Give specific years nominee was active in these activities.
- 3) If your nominee served in a specific leadership role during Fiesta®, i.e., Fiesta® royalty, president of a Fiesta® organization, chairman of a Fiesta® event, etc., indicate how their volunteer involvement has gone beyond the normal responsibilities of that role.

Please submit your Nomination Form and essay by 5 p.m. on February 24, 2017 in person or by email to:

Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78215
alexa@fiesta-sa.org

LINDA SKOP

Linda Skop is a graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in Anthropology. She has over forty years' experience as both a volunteer and working professional in community nonprofit service. As a volunteer, she was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for Prince George's County, Maryland Schools..

Since moving to San Antonio in 2012, she has been a member of many non-profit organizations supporting programs that enhance the positive achievements of the city's youth, young adults and people from all backgrounds and ethnic groups. As an employee of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission she created the Fiesta® Cookbooks volumes 1 & 2, the Fiesta® Calendar, and the Fiesta® Coloring book. While working to increase Fiesta membership, she created the non-profit membership category and served as staff liaison for silent auctions, Gala and Casino Night, Pin Pandemonium, Viva Zapata's and Pounds of Pins, which were part of her campaign to increase community participation and awareness.

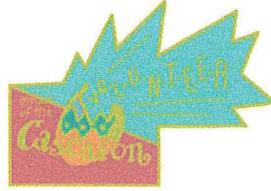
From 2002 through the present, she has served 3 terms as a member of the San Antonio Conservation Society Board of Directors. She chaired a committee that developed and implemented the "Capital Club. She has organized the NIOSA Crafters, which created a new revenue stream for NIOSA. In 2016, the Crafters moved into a shop in La Villita. The store netted \$30,000 in six months.

Linda is currently serving a fifth term as a member of the civilian board of the Military Civilian Club. She has also been a member and frequent volunteer for Preservation of Fort Sam Houston, Downtown Alliance, Tourism Council, San Antonio Sports Foundation, Beethoven Damenchor and Alamo Bowl.

Linda has been a part of the Queen of Soul for fourteen years. During that time, she has participated in the pageant, reception and many other tasks assigned. She received the Robert Washington Jr. Pioneer Award for her support of the organization in 2015.

Linda is currently the Judging Director for the Fiesta Flambeau Parade Association. She worked with others to revive the Association's IRS 501(c)(3) status.. She helped create a coloring book "Torchy Takes Time to Read" and obtained funding to produce 3,000 coloring books to be handed out when Torchy visited schools.

Linda shares the vision of Fiesta San Antonio Commission and the Fiesta celebration. She is an outstanding candidate for the Order of the Cascaron.



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February 23, 2017

Dear Order of the Cascaron selection committee,
It's my honor to nominate for your consideration Ms. Linda Skop.

Linda is currently in her third year serving as an Elected Commissioner for the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission, fourth year member and second year board member of the Fiesta Flambeau® Parade Association, eleventh year as an active member of the SA Conservation Society, fifth year member of the Beethoven Maennerchor and eleventh year as a member of the Military-Civilian Club. She's also been a long time financial contributor of the Queen of Soul Pageant, Miss Fiesta Pageant, Witte Museum, Texas Public Radio and San Antonio Zoological Society.

As a member of the Fiesta Flambeau® Parade Association, Linda has established an admirable platform for the organizations' costumed mascot, Torchy. By distributing books and a creative instructional coloring book, Fiesta Flambeau plans to address the literacy issues of our city. Linda has also been the driving force in elevating the organization's merchandise program and thereby laying the foundation for an additional revenue source. As the current Judging Director, Linda continues bringing credibility and recognition to this directorship by recruiting knowledgeable volunteer personnel in their respective field.

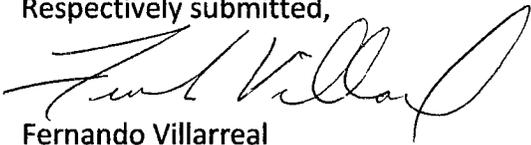
Her imagination & fortitude at the San Antonio Conservation Society has led to the creation of the NIOSA® Crafters Store in Historic La Villita. In past three and a half years, Linda and her small army of talented volunteers have raised over \$50,000 in additional revenue for the society. As a former director of the society in 2008, she was the architect in the creation of the society's Capital Club, a gift giving program that has generated thousands of additional dollars for the organization annually. Linda served as a NIOSA® booth chairman from 2009-2011. In 2015, serving as the Parades committee chairman, her committee won first place for the society's entry in the Battle of Flowers parade.

In 2014 & 2015, Linda has served at the assistant parade director for the U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association. Her participation in this organization provided an influx of new energy and opened doors for additional participants.

As the Receptionist/ Office Manager at the Fiesta SA Commission from 2003-2013, Linda recruited several dedicated volunteers that assisted the Commission with various projects. These projects included the publishing of a commemorative Fiesta® cookbook which generated over \$12,000 for the Fiesta® Store. Linda's committee work at the Fiesta Commission also led to the creation of "Pin Pandemonium" and "Viva Zapatos" for the Commissions' Fiesta-Fiesta® Opening celebration. Linda continues to volunteer her time weekly at the Commission.

It is my opinion that Linda would be a tremendous asset to The Order and help the organization establish new prominence.

Respectively submitted,



Fernando Villarreal