



Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN 2020 NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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On a separate sheet:

In 400 words or less, please describe the volunteer 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 volunteer 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 noon on February 13, 2020 in person or by email to:

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I whole-heartedly nominate Rhonda Kolm Calvert for the selfless award of Fiesta Commission
"Order of the Cascarón". She brings awareness to our rich San Antonio Fiesta history while
working to preserve it for our community and worldwide visitors. Not only does she serve as
Immediate

Past President of the Battle of Flowers® Association, the founding organization of Fiesta, but she has also been a member since 2005 serving on its board of directors. The Battle of Flowers Association is over 600 members strong and teaches the history of the state of Texas and keeps alive the patriotic traditions of Texas through production of the oldest and largest Parade in the nation produced entirely by women. Rhonda served as Battle of Flowers Parade Chair in 2011-2012. In 2011 she served as the "Entries Chair" to the Parade and coordinated over 200 entries. Rhonda has graciously served as an Elected Fiesta Commissioner from 2014-2018 and was also the Presidential Appointee to the Executive Committee which helped to revamp the Miss Fiesta Selection. In 2011-2012 Rhonda was a PMO Commissioner and in 2009-2011 she served as an Elected Commissioner. Rhonda has served on the Executive Committee of the Fiesta Commission for a number of years and held the office of Fiesta Commission Treasurer in 2018-2019.

The Battle of Flowers also produces the Band Festival during fiesta which involves over 35 participating High School Bands for a crowd of approximately 12,000. Rhonda was the Band Festival Chair and Chair-Elect in 2006-2008 and led a committee of over 50 women to successfully produce a musical show televised by Paragon Cable. She worked closely with over 10 high school band directors and was the liaison for the volunteers and the schools.

Rhonda is currently serving her seventh year on the Battle of Flowers® Parade Board. Her wealth of fiesta history is invaluable as we continue to produce a "bigger and better" Parade every year.

These are her other outstanding accomplishments in the Battle of Flowers® Association:

- *2015-2016 Vice President of Finance-Budget and Insurance
- *2012-2013 Vice President of Court Section of the Parade
- *2008-2010 Vice President Fundraising-New Board position. Coordinated fundraising efforts for the organization including solicitation of monetary donations as well as Souvenir Program and Medal Sales.

Rhonda Calvert worked arduously in 2017-2018 trying to preserve the Parade Route that runs in front of our treasured Alamo. This Parade Route, which was first started in 1891 by Battle of Flowers® member, Mrs. Ellen Slayden, has been subject to change, hence altering the 129th year course since its debut. Rhonda honors Fiesta history, above all, and will tirelessly stay the course telling our "Fiesta story and

history” to anyone who will listen. Not only does Rhonda dedicate any and all free time to her volunteer leadership roles, she is also President of Comerica Bank. This year Rhonda will be in the thicke of Fiesta as she will accompany her husband, Joe Calvert, to all fiesta events as he serves as King Antonio’s Executive Aide. She will be doing fiesta, non-stop. Rhonda is the “complete package” and she deserves to be commended and added to the group of exceptional fiesta volunteers comprising the great organization of “The Order of the Casacrón.”

Submitted by: Anna-Laura Block