Fiesta® San Antonio Commission

THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN NOMINATION FORM

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

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2) The length of time that your nominee has been involved in these activities. Give specific years nominee was active in these activities.

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February 28, 2016

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

Linda is currently in her second year serving as an Elected Commissioner for the Fiesta® San Antonio Commission, third year member and first year board member of the Fiesta Flambeau® Parade Association, tenth year as an active member of the SA Conservation Society, fourth year member of the Beethoven Maennerchor and tenth 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 newly created instructional coloring book, 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 this year's Judging Director, Linda plans to re-establish credibility by recruiting volunteer personnel knowledgeable 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 two and a half years, Linda and her small army of talented volunteers have raised over $25,000 of 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 each year. Linda was 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 addition to Fiesta® activities, Linda served at the assistant parade director in 2014 & 2015 for the U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association. Her participation in this organization provided an influx of new energy and opened the doors for additional military participation.

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 Commission also led to the creation of "Pin Pandemonium" and "Viva Zapatos" for Fiesta Fiesta® at the Alamo Opening Ceremony.

It is my opinion that Linda would be a tremendous asset to your organization and help shed some light to an organization that deserves much more.

Respectively submitted,

Fernando Villarreal

Linda Skop embraces all things Fiesta. When Linda first came to San Antonio, a friend recommended that she look into volunteer work with fiesta. She visited the Fiesta Commission and became a Fiesta volunteer in February 2003. Her enthusiasm was such that she was asked to become a seasonal Fiesta Commission employee in March 2003. After a break, she became a regular employee at December 2003. Linda loved her work with the Fiesta Commission and gave more than expected on all occasions. She created and coordinated the Fiesta Cookbooks Volume 1 & 2, the Fiesta Coloring Book, and the Fiesta Calendar. She was the Creative Coordinator at Fiesta Commission and developed and coordinated the non-profit membership, membership drives, Gala and Casino nights, silent auctions, and Pin Pandemonium as part of her efforts to increase community participation. Linda's forte was creating innovative ways to increase membership and raise funds. When the Miss Fiesta Pageant moved from a non-profit PMO sponsorship to the Fiesta Commission umbrella, Linda was instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition. She escorted Miss Fiesta to official Fiesta events and coached the new Miss Fiestas in their demeanor and duties. Linda consistently volunteered for extra duties and was always available to assist PMOs.

Linda assisted with the Rosarians from Portland, OR, Fiesta visits for several years. She is volunteering again this year in planning and assisting with their 2016 Fiesta visit.

She has given of her time and money to many PMOs. She was recognized by the Queen of Soul organization for her contributions to their program with their coveted Robert Washington, Jr. Pioneer Award in 2015. She was cited for being a part of Queen of Soul for 12 years. She has participated in the pageant, reception, fundraisers, the Motown event, and any other tasks requested. She demonstrated generosity both in monetary donations and personal effort through the years.

Linda has received the Order of the Cabrito "for distinguished service to the court" from from three different Rey Feos and the Rey Feo Educational Foundation.

When Linda left the Fiesta Commission in July 2013, she continued her Fiesta activities. In a seamless transition, she helped the Fiesta Crafters

and gave them a home (in her dining room) when the new Fiesta Commission director decided to discontinue that program. She was instrumental in moving the crafters to the San Antonio Conservation Society as the NIOSA crafters. Linda helped get the new NIOSA Crafter Corner store in La Villita ready to open in a few days time last December, cleaning, painting and using her own furniture in the store. She is "store manager" and works almost every day from 10 to 4:30 as a volunteer in that capacity. Additionally, she became quite active in the Fiesta Flambeau Association and works in developing souvenirs and marketing for Flambeau. She developed the Flambeau coloring book that is delivered to area schools by Torchy prior to Fiesta, encouraging children to read. Linda also wears the Torchy costume and/or acts as Torchy's escort.

Linda is a member of the San Antonio Conservation Society and has served on the board several years. She developed and began the Capital Club in 2008, a program that raises money to allow the society to assist in preservation efforts. Other PMO memberships and activities include the Military Civilian Club, where she has assisted with the military ambassadors, designed and created decorations for their Fiesta luncheons, and helped design the Fiesta medal. As a member of Preservation Fort Sam Houston, she assisted with the transition from the Fiesta Victorian Gala to the All American Canteen and has spoken at PFSH meetings. As with PFSH, Linda has spoken to many groups, relating and extolling the Fiesta experience. In 2014, Linda was invited to appear on "San Antonio Movers and Shakers" radio 930 AM, as a volunteer extraordinaire.

Linda Skop exemplifies the volunteerism of Fiesta San Antonio. Her innovation, dedication, and participation have contributed to the success of Fiesta for the 12 years since her arrival in to San Antonio.