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2017 NIOSA Medal Unveiled

2017 NIOSA medal honors the 69th anniversary of "A Night In Old San Antonio"

"A Night In Old San Antonio®" chairman Patti Zaiontz and San Antonio Conservation Society President Janet Dietel unveiled the 2017 NIOSA® medal at the NIOSA Crafters Store and adjoining Plaza Nacional on Tuesday, February 28 at a private reception for Society Board members, NIOSA volunteers, special guests and Fiesta dignitaries. NIOSA will occur April 25-28, 2017, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. nightly during the city's [Fiesta San Antonio®](#) celebration.

The 2017 NIOSA medal was designed by NIOSA Chairman Patti Zaiontz, with "lots of artistic help" from NIOSA Treasurer Audrey Haake and Monarch Trophy designer David Durbin. The artwork depicts a floral wreath with a Tree of Life dangling from the wreath.

Patti says the inspiration for the medal came from "our incredible NIOSA volunteers, who are the Tree of Life of our event and thusly historic and cultural preservation for our community. It is especially fitting that the San Antonio Missions were lifeline for San Antonio in its earliest days—and have continually been a key focus for the Conservation Society throughout our 93 years of existence." Glitter was added "to capture the sparkle and sizzle of NIOSA."

The medals (\$12) are now on sale at the NIOSA Crafters Store at 218 South Presa St. and on the NIOSA website at www.niosa.org. Medals will also be sold during NIOSA in the souvenir booths.

For more information, call 210-226-5188, visit www.niosa.org, email niosa@niosa.org or follow NIOSA on [Facebook](#).

NOTE: High-resolution digital images of the medal are available from Jeanne Albrecht, upon request at 210-392-9047; jca@jeannebiz.com. Complimentary NIOSA media credentials and interviews must be coordinated through Jeanne Albrecht; NIOSA does not accept Fiesta SA media passes.

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In 2017, for the sixth year in a row, "A Night In Old San Antonio®" (NIOSA®) has earned one of the top levels of certification from the City of San Antonio based on its Green Events Ordinance sustainable policies for medium and large-scale events.