

San Antonio Conservation Society Publication Award Criteria 2011

The San Antonio Conservation Society is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for its 2011 Publication Awards. Organized in 1924, the Conservation Society recognizes significant accomplishments in accordance with its purpose, “. . . *to preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty and all that is admirably distinctive to our State; and by such physical and cultural preservation to keep the history of Texas legible and intact to educate the public, especially the youth of today and tomorrow, with knowledge of our inherited regional values.*”

Award: The authors of up to ten winning titles will be awarded framed certificates. Awards will be presented at the San Antonio Conservation Society Publication Awards ceremony on Friday, March 25, 2011.

Purpose: To encourage the publication of materials that preserve, document, and promote the history of Texas by publicly recognizing the creators of such works.

Subjects: The following subject areas are intended as general guidelines only: Architectural History, Biography, Cultural History, Natural History, Regional History, San Antonio History, and State History.

Materials in categories such as Juvenile/Young Adult Literature and Articles/Pamphlets (50 pages or less) may be submitted under any of the subject areas listed above.

A winner may not be named in each subject area or category; conversely, some subject areas or categories may have more than one winner.

Evaluation Criteria: Printed works submitted under any of the above subject areas will be evaluated accordingly: 1) Content related to the Society’s stated purpose; 2) Literary quality; 3) Historical significance; 4) Use of primary sources; 5) Originality of approach or subject matter; 6) Preservation of subject matter that might otherwise be lost; 7) Significance of visual content, including illustrations, photos, or maps (if used); 8) Contribution to scholarship or research; 9) Quality and organization of reference aids (index, notes, bibliography), and 10) Stimulation of reader/viewer interest.

For materials entered in as Juvenile/Young Adult Literature or Articles/Pamphlets, criteria 4, 8, and 9 will not be used for purposes of evaluation.

Requirements:

1. The competition is open to any scholarly work on Texas history and culture that supports the Society's stated purpose. Anyone may nominate a work, including the author, provided he or she submits a nomination form and two copies of the work.
2. Two copies of the nominated work must be submitted with the official nomination form. Official forms are also available from the San Antonio Conservation Society Library (210-224-6163) and on the Society's website <http://www.saconservation.org> under [Events & NIOSA – Publication Awards](#).
3. To be eligible, the work nominated must have a copyright date less than three years old at the time of nomination (2008 – 2010). Reissued works are generally not considered unless they offer valuable subject matter that has been unavailable for many years. Print entries must have been published in an edition of no fewer than 200 copies.
4. Judging decisions will be made by the Society's Publication Awards Committee by September 30, 2010. All entrants will be notified by mail as to the decision.
5. Authors and producers will be the primary award recipients, rather than their publishers or other sponsoring organizations. In publications in which illustration and text are interdependent, the artist will also be recognized.
6. Both copies of the nominated work become the property of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

We would welcome your selection(s) for our consideration. Please send two copies of the work you wish to nominate, accompanied by the nomination form, to:

**Attn: Publication Awards Chairman
San Antonio Conservation Society
107 King William Street
San Antonio, Texas 78204-1312**

If you have any questions, please contact librarian Beth Standifird by phone at 210-224-6163 or e-mail bstandifird@saconservation.org. Your nominated publications must be received at the Society headquarters on or before **4:30 PM, Friday, May 14, 2010**.