

# Notas Y Más

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Brief news items on upcoming community events.  
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The deadline is the 8th of each month.

**Gemini Ink** hosts a *Christmas Open House* on **December 16th** from 3-8pm at 1111 Navarro St. And, on **December 20th** from 6:30-8pm, **Manuel Puig** will read from his first novel, *Betrayed by Rita Hayworth*—part of Gemini's Around the World with the Novel. See [geminiink.org](http://geminiink.org)

The **San Antonio Catholic Worker** group at 626 Nolan St. will hold its annual *Christmas Brunch* on Saturday, **December 24th** from 9-10:30am. Share a meal and camp out at their annual slumber party! See [www.sa-catholicworker.org](http://www.sa-catholicworker.org)

*The Texas Foco* of NACCS announces a Call for Nominations for the *Premio Estrella de Aztlán Lifetime Achievement Award* honoring individuals whose work has contributed towards the betterment of Chicanas/os in Tejas. The **deadline** for letters of nomination is **December 31st**. The *Premios* will be presented at the **2017 NACCS Tejas Foco Regional Conference**, "Relational Histories, Inter-Ethnic Alliances: Chican@/x Coalition Politics in Tejas," at **Texas A&M University**, College Station on **February 23-25, 2017**.

Awardees must be present. E-mail nominations to [roberto.calderon@unt.edu](mailto:roberto.calderon@unt.edu)

Join the **Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera** delegation to Piedras Negras and Ciudad Acuña, México with a visit to Fuerza Unida in San Antonio on **January 6-8, 2017!** **ATCF** raises awareness about conditions of social and economic injustice along the Texas/Mexico border particularly as they affect women workers and supports community-driven alternatives through transnational solidarity and fair trade. To register for the trip or learn more go to: [www.atcf.org/delegations\\_to\\_the\\_mexican\\_border](http://www.atcf.org/delegations_to_the_mexican_border)

**The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty**

(**TCADP**) annual conference, *Moving to Higher Ground* takes place **Saturday, February 18, 2017** at **St. David's Episcopal Church** (301 E 8th St, Austin, TX 78701). **Brian Stolarz** author of *Grace and Justice on Death Row: The Race Against Time and Texas to Free an Innocent Man* will be the keynote. See: <http://tcadp.org/>

Visit Esperanza's Tiendita for Holiday gifts, open 10-7pm. Call 210-228-0201.



## In Memoriam. . .

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of her passing, Thelma Villanueva Gavin's daughter, Pat Gavin, a metal smith, decided to honor the memory of her mother in a special way. Pat donated a fine silver cuff encrusted with precious stones to the Esperanza for a special raffle held during the 2016 Peace Market. Pat honored her mother's roots as an activist, folk artist, teacher and creative who was a natural fit as a vendor in the Mercado for a few years before her passing. The Esperanza is very thankful for Pat's generosity which garnered funds exceeding \$1500. Thanks, also, to Jan Olsen who coordinated the special raffle for the 3 days. Thelma's spirit was, indeed, very present at the Mercado this year.



See: [www.patgavin.com](http://www.patgavin.com)



GAVIN  
METALSMITH

One of our Peace Market guardian angels this year was artist, Pearl Sánchez, who donated her "scribbles" from last year's Mercado to be used in whatever way we chose to use them. She had drawn images of whimsical vendors on the backs of brown paper bags while waiting to be checked out in 2015.

Those images turned out to be the basis for the 2016 Mercado de paz invitations and T-shirts and other promotional Peace Market materials. Not to be outdone in 2015, Pearl then turned around and donated 2 Mexican chairs for the special raffle in memory of Teresa Koslow who painted the chairs. On top of that, Pearl also donated one of her designer crosses for the raffle as well. Pearl's generosity has been a great boon for Esperanza and we thank her from the depths of our hearts. Felices Fiestas, Pearl y Muchisimas gracias!

