This engraving of the Art Center building at Lafayette, Louisiana, has been designed in fine silver .999 by the nation's foremost artist in this field, H. Alvin Sharpe of New Orleans. Since each one has been individually hand pressed in his studio, none are exactly alike. Average size of the silver piece is 3-1/4"x3-1/4". Each medal is marked Studio Proof, Fine Silver, and with the Artist's signature.

Using a centuries-old technique he cuts an intaglio (or reverse image) free-hand directly on the surface of a mild steel die. The steel is hardened and the medal is struck on a hand press in his studio.

These silver medals may be ordered from the Art Center for Southwestern Louisiana, $35 each unmounted. P. O. Drawer 4290, USL Station, Lafayette, La. 70501. Members of the Art Center may purchase them for $30. When 500 have been hand struck, the die will be retired and put in the permanent collection of Sharpe's discontinued dies and designs at the Art Center.