

Main Street in finals for Texas Downtown awards

For the third year in a row, Uvalde has finalists in the 2020 Texas Downtown Association President's Awards Program, with two nominations for Main Street Uvalde programs and one for local internet radio stream, Uvalde Radio.net.

"I'm very honored and humbled that the Texas Downtown Association judges have recognized the hard work and passion of the Uvalde Main Street program, Uvalde businesses, and most importantly the wonderful people that make Uvalde such a special place to live, work, and

play," said Susan Rios, Main Street Uvalde manager.

For more than 30 years the awards program has recognized outstanding projects, places, and people of Texas downtowns, and this year's finalists were announced on Sept. 2 in Austin.

The three official nominations, who are now finalists in their respective categories, are: in the design category up for Best Public Improvement, the Main Street Uvalde "Park Yourself in Uvalde"

Painted bench project; in the achievement category up for Best Downtown Partner, Uvalde Radio.net; and in the achievement category up for Best Promotion-Traditional Event, the Main Street Four Square Friday events.

"Three years ago the Coloring at the Crossroads activity book was nominated, made it to the finals and then won the 'Spirit of Downtown' award at the event," Rios said, adding that last year there were three local nominations, and though two made it to the finals, they ultimately did not win awards.

"I'm excited and hopeful for this year's President's Awards," Rios said.



In this December of 2019 file photo, Carol Morrison plays a dulcimer at Encina Art Center for listeners, including Getty Street Church of Christ pastor Tim Myers and Barbara Dillahunt (center), during the December Four Square Friday event. This Four Square Friday, coordinated by Main Street Uvalde on the second Friday of each month, was held Dec. 13, 2019.

so many community members, businesses, sponsors and volunteers that support not just me, but the program and its initiatives. The work we do as a community binds us together and, in my opinion, deserves to be heralded across the state."

One hundred and four entries were submitted in 11 different categories from communities across the state, and the entries were divided into two categories, design and achievement, with separate judging panels for each group.

Winners will be announced on the TDA Facebook page in a series of videos starting with the design award winners on Oct. 27 at noon; followed by the achievement award winners on Oct. 27 at noon; and finally individual specialty awards on Oct. 29 at noon.

The award announcements will lead to the kick-off of the virtual 2020 Texas Downtown Conference held on Nov. 9-12.

The Texas Downtown Association was established in 1985 to connect and serve communities that are committed to downtown vitality. The organization is an independent, statewide non-profit that represents cities and towns of all sizes, economic development corporations, chambers of commerce, local associations, small businesses, and individuals.

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