



Winners announced for the 2019 Texas Downtown Association President's Awards Program

Winners for the 2019 Texas Downtown Association (TDA) President's Awards were recently announced, and Main Street Buda walked away with several awards.

Check out the winners below:

- Assemblage Contemporary Craftsman Gallery – People's Choice Winner Best New Construction (all towns)
- The Budaful Hiker – Best Downtown Business, under 50k population
- Thatcher Natural Home Offerings – Best Commercial Interior, under 50k population & People's Choice Winner Best Commercial Interior (all towns)

The Best Downtown Business category recognizes an exceptional downtown business that positively promotes the downtown or commercial district as a destination for locals and tourists alike, and actively participates in the revitalization efforts and supports downtown promotional events. The Budaful Hiker is a community-based store that highlights philanthropy and the excitement of nature and parks through community hikes. As people are traveling through Buda, discovering Buda for the first time or have lived here for years, they discover a community that brings everyone together for fellowship, nature, health, and hikes.

The Best Commercial Interior category recognizes excellence in merchandising, customer orientation, and/or business functionality in an office or retail setting. Thatcher focuses on facilitating a sense of peace and functionality into everyday life by selling eco-friendly and sustainable products. Products are merchandised in minimal settings, integrating the negative space into the experience. The customers feel an invitation to browse comfortably without being overwhelmed.

The Best New Construction category recognizes excellence in new construction in downtowns or commercial districts. Buda Mill & Grain Co. married the old with the new by incorporating the oldest portion of the grain mill with the exposed Butler brick wall and incorporated a soaring roof that fits perfectly between the German-influenced cotton gin and original footprint of the old feed store. Owners of Assemblage CCG leased the space and finished out the design to create the perfect location to open a gallery in downtown.

TDA was established in 1985 to connect and serve communities that are committed to downtown vitality. The organization is an independent, statewide nonprofit that represents cities and towns of all sizes, economic development corporations, chambers of commerce, local organizations, small businesses, and individuals.



One hundred and nineteen entries were submitted in eleven different categories from communities across the state. Due to the number of entries, the entries were divided up into two categories – Design and Achievement – with separate judging panels for each group.

Winners were announced on October 30, 2019 at the Awards Gala held in conjunction with the 2019 Texas Downtown Conference in Georgetown. For more information about the President's Awards or other programs of the Texas Downtown Association, please visit www.texasdowntown.org. Applications for the 2020 awards program will open in the spring.

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