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VISIT GRANBURY
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Best Historic Small Town in America Plaque Unveiled, Voting for 2020 Award Open Now

Granbury, Texas – Granbury Mayor Nin Hulett, members of the Granbury City Council, staffs from the Visit Granbury office and the Granbury Chamber of Commerce and other area dignitaries came together on Friday, June 19 on the Historic Granbury Square for the official plaque unveiling celebrating Granbury being voted USA Today’s Best Historic Small Town in America 2019.

The event took place at the site of the new plaque (133 East Pearl Street between the Opera House and St. Helen’s). The event was held in conjunction with Visit Granbury’s weekly “*Rise & Grind*” community networking meeting. *Rise & Grind* has continued each week by virtual Zoom Meetings during the COVID-19 Crisis and with the unveiling returned to “in person” meetings.

In May 2019, Visit Granbury, the City of Granbury’s Convention & Visitor’s Bureau along with the Granbury Chamber of Commerce announced Granbury had been named the Best Historic Small Town by USA Today. The City of Granbury took the top spot from 10 nominees in this annual 10Best Readers’ Choice Travel Award. Other top contenders included: Mackinac Island, Michigan - Angola, Indiana - Clarksdale, Mississippi - Williamsburg, Virginia - Natchez, Mississippi - Natchitoches, Louisiana - Abilene, Kansas - St. Augustine, Florida - Haddonfield, New Jersey.

A panel of experts from USA Today, partnered with 10Best editors to pick the initial 20 nominees, and the top 10 winners were determined by popular vote. “The announcement came during the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon meeting as ‘Charming Texas town wins 2019 10 Best Readers’ Choice Travel Award’ and the room erupted into cheers.’ It has been celebrated ever since’ – Tammy Dooley, Director Visit Granbury.

“The one-year anniversary is a perfect time to celebrate and reflect on this recognition. The new plaque and the city’s newly painted water tower project are great tributes to the award.” – Dooley continued.

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Voting for the 10 finalists of BHSTA 2020 is currently underway. The current 20 nominees for Best Historic Small Town have big histories and small populations – fewer than 35,000 people as of the last census is a requirement. You can vote once a day (from multiple devices) at <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-historic-small-town-2020/> through Monday, June 29 at noon ET. The 10 winning small towns will be announced on Friday, July 10.

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