

Downtown business, property owner finalists for Main Street awards
Bartlesville program up for 'Community of the Year'

Two Bartlesville organizations have been named as finalists for the Oklahoma Main Street Center's annual statewide awards competition, and Bartlesville is one of 10 communities vying for the "Community of the Year Award," Oklahoma Main Street announced recently.

The Hilton Garden Inn is one of three finalists for the "Premier Partner" award, while Chris Dizmang's CR Anthony Building is one of four nominees competing for the "Best Façade Rehabilitation over \$10,000" award.

The winners of these and several other awards will be presented during the 28th Annual Main Street Awards Banquet set for May 9 at the Embassy Suites OKC Downtown/Medical Center Hotel.

"The Oklahoma Main Street Center Awards Banquet celebrates the communities, people and events that make the program thrive," said Buffy Hughes, Oklahoma Main Street director. "There are 21 competitive award categories representing the Main Street Four Points, and 19 different programs are in the top three of each. We are always excited to see so many projects, events and people highlighted by the local programs. It is a joyful time for all involved in Main Street."

Each award category falls under one of the "four points" in the Main Street Approach: Organization, Promotion, Economic Vitality and Design. Panels of outside judges for each point review the entries and determine the winners.

The "Community of the Year Award" will recognize the Main Street program that earned the most quality assurance points during the 2016 calendar year. The top 10 programs include Bartlesville, Altus, Duncan, Guymon, Hobart, Newkirk, Okmulgee, Ponca City, Prague, and Wilburton. The top program will also be announced at the banquet.

"It is a privilege to work with downtown businesses and stakeholders via the Main Street program, and I'm thrilled that Bartlesville is being recognized at the state level," said Beth Baughman Anderson, program manager for Main Street Bartlesville.

For more information about the banquet or Main Street Bartlesville, contact Anderson at 918.671.2379.