



2019 CONFERENCE NEWS

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AOC7 Literacy Fair in Long Beach, Calif. wins 2019 NOTY Grand Prize

*NUSA also honors Garland's Orchard Hills
Neighborhood Association & Fort Worth's
Berkley Place Neighborhood Association at
annual awards luncheon*

Beach, California the 2019 Grand Prize winner of the Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) Award at its luncheon held Friday, May 17 at the 44th annual NUSA conference in Palm Springs, Calif.

Finishing in first place in the Physical Revitalization category of the annual NOTY competition is the Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association in Garland, Texas, whose program, Saturn Hills Community Garden, collaborated with a local church to revitalize an existing garden with minimal volunteers but maximum potential. Together, they formed a successful new volunteer gardeners program and created a true "community garden" that is both beautiful and sustainable.

Not only were they awarded the Grand Prize, but NUSA also awarded the first place prize in the Social Revitalization category of the NOTY competition to the Anaheim, Orange, Cherry & 7th Street Neighborhood Association in Long Beach, Calif. The AOC7 Literacy Fair distributed more than 5,000 books to local community members, providing summer reading opportunities for all families, many of which are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Also awarded during Friday's luncheon was the first place prize in Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships, Berkley Place Neighborhood Association in Fort Worth, Texas. Silent Railroad Crossings Project is a collaboration with 5 other associations, the local business community and a variety of elected officials to gain approval and funding for 3 silent railroad crossings. The neighborhoods joined forces to cut the red tape and bring peace and quiet to the community after decades of being interrupted by excessive, loud and long train horns.

2019 NOTY award winners were announced in the following categories:

Physical Revitalization - Single Neighborhood

1st Place

**Saturn Hills Community Garden
Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association
Garland, Texas
*(Picture unavailable)***

2nd Place

**Visual Impact Committee
Goleta Old Town Community Association
Goleta, California**



Social Revitalization - Single Neighborhood

1st Place

**ACO7 Literacy Fair
Anaheim, Orange, Cherry & 7th Street Neighborhood Association
Long Beach, California**



2nd Place

**Santa Ana Social Revitalization
Santa Ana Neighborhood Association
Santa Ana, California**



3rd Place
Whitely Community Safety Project
Whitely Community Council
Muncie, Indiana



Finalist
Taste & Sounds of Old Town
Goleta Old Town Community Association
Goleta, California



Finalist

**Happy Birthday Highlands Day Festival
Highlands Council
Issaquah, Washington
*(picture unavailable)***

Finalist

**Palm Springs Black History Parade & Town Fair
Palm Springs Black History Council
Palm Springs, California**



Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships

1st Place

**Silent Railroad Crossings Project
Berkley Place Neighborhood Association
Fort Worth, Texas**



2nd Place
Soar Serves Seniors
Sylvan Old Auburn Road Neighborhood Association
Citrus Heights, California



3rd Place
Historic Fairmont 5K Run
Fairmont Neighborhood Association
Fort Worth, Texas



Finalist
Summer Games & Movies
Goleta Old Town Community Association
Goleta, California



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