The R. C. Crane Heritage Service Award honors a non-profit West Texas organization, historical commission, heritage association, or individual that works to preserve the history and legacy of West Texas. West Texas is loosely defined as west of a line drawn from Wichita Falls to Fort Worth to San Antonio to Laredo. Consideration for this award will be based on nominations received by the WTHA Crane Heritage Service Award Committee.

The West Texas Historical Association seeks nomination letters describing those that have distinguished themselves through the achievement of goals or completion of projects that transcended the norm, infused their mission with cooperative partnerships, funded projects via local or regional sources, and linked their efforts to public education both within the community and throughout the West Texas region. Special consideration will be given to those nominees who collaborate and cooperate with schools, teachers, and students in putting together exhibits, events and activities.

Moreover, nominees should exemplify the spirit of grass-roots citizen historians that accomplish great things with scant resources—i.e. “Doing more-with less.”

The award was first given in 2013 and honored the Brewster County Historical Commission and Travis Roberts of Marathon. Letters of nomination should be limited to two pages which includes all the needed elements to meet nomination requirements. Letters supporting the nomination will be considered. All materials should be forwarded to The Crane Heritage Service Award Committee at craneawardcommittee@wtha.org no later than March 20 each year.

The award, along with a cash prize of $500, will be announced at the Awards and Business Luncheon at the WTHA annual meeting. Self-nominations are welcome. Multiple Awards may be given each year. Funds for this award come exclusively from donations.

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Donations to the Crane Heritage Award Fund may be sent to WTHA, P. O. Box 41041, Lubbock, Texas, 79409. If you agree with the aims of this award, you are invited to participate in the nomination process and/or financial support of the award. Any donation amount will be welcome.

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