

Museum on Main Street Continues, Next Tour Opens May 2026

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The story of human history is written in inventions and innovations. People are problem-solvers. Sometimes we invent. More often, we innovate—we introduce a fresh idea or an invention into use in some way that creates a new way of doing or thinking.

Invention can happen anywhere and it's happening right now in small towns across America. Rural Americans are creating new products, taking risks, meeting challenges together, and seizing upon exciting opportunities that change local life and sometimes reach far beyond.

Does your community have the #SmallTownSpark?

Created in 1994, Museum on Main Street is a traveling exhibition program of the Smithsonian Institution which aims to engage small-town audiences and revitalize underserved rural communities. In partnership with the Smithsonian, the Texas Historical Commission's Heritage Tourism Program helps facilitate this two-year training opportunity for six rural communities across the state.

Dates to Know:

February 15, 2025:	Host Application Period Opens
April 15, 2025:	Applications Due
By May 15, 2025:	Host Communities Selected
Late June 2025:	Orientation Workshop
May 16, 2026:	Spark! Opens



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