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Downtown Harlingen Converting Dead Trees into Art Pieces

Harlingen, Texas—Several dead trees in Downtown Harlingen are getting a new life and will once again provide beauty and joy to all. It's part of a restoration project by the Downtown Improvement District. DID has identified at least three dead trees that can be saved by turning them into art pieces.

To help, the DID Board has approved grants of up to \$600 per project. Work on the first one is already underway by Award-winning artist, Andy Hancock known for using recycled native Texas hardwoods such as Mesquite, Ebony, and Oak to create unique pieces.

The dead tree he is working on is in front of the U.S. Post Office at 221 E. Van Buren where he is creating an exclusive piece featuring "Birds of the Valley." This is his first project in Harlingen and says he is excited about the opportunity.

Much of Hancock's work can be seen on South Padre Island including, the Sea Ranch Dolphins, the Hilton Tikis, and The Ramada Castle.

He says he will be finished by the end of the week.

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