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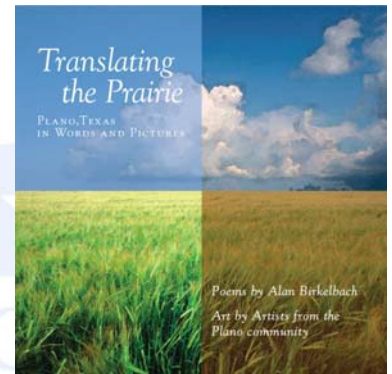
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Plano Book Wins Two Publishing Honors

“Translating the Prairie: Plano, Texas in Words and Pictures” has recently been recognized with two distinctive book awards. It was the winner of a 2010 North Texas Book Festival Award during the 10th Annual North Texas Book Festival on April 16, 2010. It is one of three books in the festival to be given this highest honor, as the finest in the category of General Trade Non-Fiction. The esteemed regional award yearly recognizes excellence in books in independent publishing (www.ntbf.org).



In May, it was a Finalist in the 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Awards in the Regional Non-Fiction category, presented by the Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group (www.indiebookawards.com). These awards honor the most exceptional independently published books in 60 categories, and have gained national notoriety.

“Translating the Prairie” expresses the history of Plano through poems by Alan Birkelbach, a Texas Poet Laureate, Plano resident and author of six published books of poetry. Original artwork, inspired by and accompanying each poem, was created by artists who live, study or work in Plano. The full-color, hardcover book is for purchase (\$24.99 plus tax) at city recreation centers, city libraries, Barnes & Noble retailers in Plano, Legacy Books or online at www.planopublicart.com

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