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FIRST PLACE
Best Restaurant Known for Giving Back to the Community
Best Restaurant on Fisherman’s Wharf
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Best Fried Food Winner
Best Locals Menu
Best Seafood
Best Curbside/Carry Out
Best Artichoke Items

SECOND PLACE
Best Fine Dining
Best Local / Family Owned Restaurant
Best Server - Joe
Best Service
Best Restaurant in Monterey
Best Date Night Dining
Best All American Classic Menu
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2020 was a wild ride!

Last February as I sat down to write the introduction to The Monterey Herald’s annual Readers’ Choice publication, coronavirus, global pandemic, and parklets were words that were not yet part of our daily vocabulary. If someone had told me then that one year later, those would all be familiar terms and we would all be wearing masks when we are out in public, I would have thought they were describing a science fiction movie. Yet, here we are and we have all learned what I am coining as “The Three A’s: Adapt, Adjust, Accommodate.” Businesses and individuals have definitely had to do all three of these things - and more than once as tiers and rules continue to evolve and change. Through it all though, we have seen the best of the best as everyone has strived to work together and keep businesses running in some fashion. Those who were able to offer their goods and services through pick-ups, deliveries, online or phone orders, or using technology to consult with patients or clients, were able to weather the storm of 2020.

As we start to see light at the end of the tunnel, we wish these businesses the best and that they can rebound and get back to normal operations soon. Please take a few minutes to review this publication and acknowledge all of the winners of our annual voting and patronize these businesses, and thank their staffs for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all of our loyal readers who took the time to nominate and vote for their favorites – we truly appreciate it!

Stay safe out there everyone and as always, if there is a category we neglected to include that you’d like us to consider for the 2021 ballot which will be posted on our website in November, please send me a note at darvig@montereyherald.com.

Best,

Dana Arvig
Director of Operations & Advertising

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In a career that spans four decades, Dave Marzetti has encountered some of the biggest names in sports and music. He is host of the ShagBag Show, which is now in its 19th year on the radio. Marzetti broadcasts the show live each Saturday morning from the Del Monte Golf Course in Monterey (1460 AM, 101.1 FM at 9:00 AM). The popular show originally focused on golf-related topics, but quickly developed into much more. Current guests on the ShagBag Show talk about everything from real estate to finances to wine tasting, and everything in between.

Marzetti provides a familiar face and voice to the Monterey Peninsula. In addition to his weekly show, he often emcees community events and plays a prominent role in the annual AT&T Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Pebble Beach. His professional background includes senior management roles with the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Carmel Valley Ranch. Previously Marzetti was the program director and morning show DJ for Clear Channel Radio in the Monterey, Salinas and Santa Cruz markets. His DJ career began in 1976 and included stints in major markets such as Cleveland, Charleston and Boston.

When “ShagBag Dave” was notified by Monterey Herald Operations Director, Dana Arvig, that he was voted the #1 TV/Radio Personality for 2020, he admitted to being shocked. “The last two years I was honored to be recognized as the runner up…but I never thought I’d actually win first place. Wow!”

In 2018 and 2019 Herald readers voted Dan Green from KSBW as the top personality. In addition to hosting ShagBag Radio, Marzetti has performed with the Monterey International Trio as their vocalist for more than 20 years! He is also the Official Emcee of many popular annual community events, including:
- Festa Italia
- La Merienda (Monterey’s Birthday)
- Fisherman’s Wharf Birthday Celebration
- Italian Heritage Society Awards Dinner

In 2019, Marzetti was honored to be recognized as the runner up…but I never thought I’d actually win first place. Wow!”

In his distinguished radio career, Marzetti has also encountered his share of musical stars. When asked about his most memorable interviews, he shared a story from 1979 about Leif Garrett, who at that time was one of the biggest names in the pop world. After an on-air interview, they headed to a local record store for an autograph session. With thousands of teenage girls on-hand to meet the heartthrob, security broke down and forced Marzetti and Garrett to run out of the store. “Girls were trying to tear his shirt off, grabbing his hair and trying to maul him! It was as close to a scene from Beatles as I have ever been a part of,” recalls Marzetti. In the frenzy to escape in a hired van, Garrett accidently slammed the door on Marzetti’s hand. It was a few blocks before the driver realized what happened and stopped. Marzetti admits, “I was screaming as loud as the girls!”

He also notes that some of the biggest stars are also the most humble. When Marzetti spent an afternoon with Frank Sinatra before a show in Atlantic City, he says the Chairman of the Board was amazingly “regular.” He says Sinatra behaved as though he had known him his whole life. “I’m still in amazement when I think about that day!” added Marzetti.

Joe Montana, the NFL Hall of Fame quarterback, is another star he is impressed with. When they both appeared at a fund-raising dinner with some 600 kids, Montana was definitely a “really cool guy.” Marzetti said that Montana never winced once when signing every football, picture and jersey that was put before him (including Marzetti’s).

In a night that any music lover would consider surreal, Marzetti joined Eddie Money and Steven Tyler from Aerosmith backstage at a Roy Orbison concert. He recalls, “I’ll never forget how truly humble Roy was to all of us. Almost shy. A very sweet and warm man.”

Like the rest of us, Marzetti has coped with the pandemic this past year and can’t wait for things to get back to normal. The upside? He says he finally has more time to spend at home with his wife Terri and their little dog, Puffy. ■

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Best Server- Katy • Best Bar/Restaurant to cure a hangover
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Second - Old Fisherman’s Grotto  
Third - Butter House  
Honorable Mention - Sardine Factory

**BEST ARTICHOKE ITEMS**
Winner - Old Fisherman’s Grotto  
Second - Artichoke Festival  
Third - Giant Artichoke Restaurant  
Honorable Mention - Rio Grill

**BEST ASIAN FOODS**
Winner - Tommy’s Wok  
Second (TIE) - Chef Lee’s Mandarin House  
Second (TIE) - Crystal Fish

**BEST BAKERY**
Winner Paris Bakery Cafe  
Second - Pavel’s Backerei  
Third - Layers Sensational Cakes  
Honorable Mention - Parker-Lusseau Pastries

**BEST BAR/BISTRO TO CURE A HANGOVER**
Winner - Baja Cantina & Grill  
Second (TIE) - Crown & Anchor  
Second (TIE) - Old Fisherman’s Grotto  
Honorable Mention - Rosine’s Restaurant

**BEST BARBEQUE**
Winner - Salinas City BBQ  
Second - Crossroads BBQ

**BEST BARTENDER**
Winner - Rose at The Golden Tee (now Woody’s)  
Second - Britanni at Gino’s Italian Restaurant  
Third (TIE) - Ira at Grasing’s  
Third (TIE) - Angelo at The Sardine Factory  
Honorable Mention - Karen at Old Fisherman’s Grotto  
Honorable Mention - The Butter House

**BEST BREAKFAST**
Winner - First Awakenings  
Second - Rosine’s Restaurant  
Third - Breakfast Club  
Honorable Mention - From Scratch  
Honorable Mention - The Butter House

**BEST BREW HOUSE / TAP ROOM**
Winner - Alvarado Street Brewery  
Second - Dust Bowl Brewing  
Third - Other Brother Beer Co.  
Honorable Mention - The Tap Room

**BEST BRUNCH**
Winner - Rosine’s Restaurant  
Second - First Awakenings  
Third - Mission Ranch

**BEST BURGERS**
Winner - In-N-Out Burger  
Second - R. G. Burgers  
Third - Duffy’s Tavern  
Honorable Mention - Rosine’s Restaurant  
Honorable Mention - Alvarado Street Brewery  
Honorable Mention - Crown & Anchor

**BEST BURRITOS**
Winner - El Charrito Market  
Second - Michael’s Taqueria  
Third - Baldemiro’s Taco Shop

**BEST CALAMARI**
Winner - Old Fisherman’s Grotto  
Second (TIE) - Cafe Fina  
Second (TIE) - Grasing’s  
Honorable Mention - Rosine’s Restaurant

**BEST CATERER / CATERING SERVICE**
Winner - Jeffrey’s Grill & Catering  
Second - Aqua Terra Culinary  
Third - Italian Cowboys BBQ Catering  
Honorable Mention - Tarpy’s Roadhouse

**BEST CHEESE SELECTION**
Winner - Star Market  
Second - Bruno’s Market & Deli  
Third - 5th Avenue Deli & Catering Co

**BEST CHINESE FOOD**
Winner - Tommy’s Wok  
Second - Chef Lee’s Mandarin House  
Third - Dynasty

**BEST CLAM CHOWDER**
Winner - Old Fisherman’s Grotto  
Second - Vivilo’s Chowder House  
Third - Domenico’s On The Wharf  
Honorable Mention - Cafe Fina

**BEST COFFEE SHOP**
Winner - Acme Coffee  
Second - Alta Bakery and Cafe  
Third - Carmel Valley Roasting

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BEST COMFORT FOOD
Winner - Rosine's Restaurant
Second - Crown & Anchor
Third - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Honorable Mention - In-N-Out Burger

BEST CURBSIDE/CARRY OUT
Winner - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second - Rosine's Restaurant
Third - Aliotti's Victorian Corner Restaurant
Honorable Mention - The Crown & Anchor

BEST DATE NIGHT DINING
Winner - Sardine Factory
Second - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Third (TIE) - Bistro Moulin
Third (TIE) - Cafe Fina
Third (TIE) - Crown & Anchor

BEST DELI
Winner - Compagno's Market & Deli
Second - 5th Avenue Deli, Carmel

BEST DESSERT SELECTION
Winner - Rosine's Restaurant
Second - Layers Sensational Cakes
Third - Paris Bakery Cafe

BEST DINING FOR RACE FANS
Winner - Baja Cantina & Grill
Second - Tarpy's
Third - Turn 12 Bar & Grill
Honorable Mention - The Crown & Anchor

BEST DINING WITH LIVE MUSIC
Winner - Cibo
Second (TIE) - Baja Cantina & Grill
Second (TIE) - Big Sur River Inn

BEST DIVE BAR
Winner - Segovia's
Second - Alfredo's

BEST DOG-FRIENDLY EATERY
Winner - Terry's Lounge at Cypress Inn
Second - Forge in the Forest
Third - Alvarado Street Brewery
Honorable Mention - Crown and Anchor

BEST DONUTS
Winner - Red's Donuts
Second - Monterey Donut Shop
Third - Marina Donuts and Bagels

BEST FAMILY-FRIENDLY DINING
Winner - Rosine's Restaurant
Second - Gianni's Pizza
Third - Black Bear Diner

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Third - Earthbound Farms
Honorable Mention - Cafe Fina

BEST FAST FOOD
Winner - In-N-Out Burger
Second - Habit Burger
Third - Chipotle

BEST FINE DINING
Winner - Sardine Factory
Second - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Third - L'Escargot
Honorable Mention - Whaling Station

BEST FIXINS' FOR A PICNIC
Winner - Bruno's Market & Deli
Second - 5th Avenue Deli, Carmel
Third - Compagno's Deli

BEST FRENCH FOOD
Winner - Fandango Restaurant
Second - La Bicyclette
Third - Bistro Moulin
Honorable Mention - Paris Bakery Cafe

BEST FRENCH FRIES
Winner - In n Out Burger
Second Alvarado Brewing Co.
Third - Crown & Anchor
Honorable Mention - Giant Artichoke

BEST FRIED FOOD
Winner - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second - Crown & Anchor
Third - Duffy's Tavern
Honorable Mention - Giant Artichoke

BEST GASTRO PUB
Winner - Alvarado Street Brewery
Second - Crown & Anchor
Third - Peter B's Brewpub

BEST GLUTEN-FREE OR ORGANIC
Winner - Julia's Vegetarian Cafe
Second - Happy Girl Kitchen
Third - Wild Plum

BEST GREEK FOOD
Winner - Dametra Cafe
Second - International Cuisine
Third - Yafa

BEST HAPPY HOUR
Winner - Cibo
Second (TIE) - Rio Grill
Second (TIE) - Sardine Factory
Second (TIE) - Vesuvio
Honorable Mention - Crown and Anchor

BEST HIGHWAY 1 DINING
Winner - Nepenthe
Second - Big Sur River Inn
Third - Whole Enchilada
Honorable Mention - Rocky Point Restaurant

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For more than thirty-five years, photographer Michael Troutman’s creative vision has served clients for event photography, weddings, portraiture, advertising, business meetings, conventions, sports, and editorial photography. Troutman utilizes a photojournalistic approach to “tell the story.” DMT Imaging consistently delivers exceptional images from the heart of events large and small, whether that is a child’s birthday party, or an awards dinner with hundreds of attendees.

“I’m humbled and inspired by the 2020 Reader’s Choice Award,” said Troutman. “This recognition from The Herald’s readership took me totally by surprise and came out-of-the-blue, quite frankly, so for me it is genuinely appreciated that much more. As a Monterey native, it has truly been a privilege to serve so many here for decades now, and I’m keenly aware of my responsibilities as a documentarian of the events shaping the lives of clients, and our communities at large. Seeing more with my heart than with my eyes, being deeply immersed in events yet striving to remain invisible, and having reverence and respect for what clients want to achieve with the images that I create for them all inform my approach to whatever lies before me with my cameras on my shoulders.”

Past recognitions for DMT and Troutman include multiple Business Excellence Awards, 2013 Business of the Year, 2015 Robert C. Littlefield Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 2019 Hospy Award. Troutman’s work is published regularly both locally and nationally, and he is the official photographer for both the Monterey and Carmel Chambers of Commerce, as well as the Monterey County Hospitality Association.

Troutman added, “Whether hanging out of a helicopter with the doors off over wildfires, covering international sporting events like the U.S. Open and trackside at Laguna Seca, shooting ad campaigns in support of local businesses in this challenging time of COVID, being witness to the most intimate moments at weddings and family functions, working corporate events with global leaders or at ribbon cuttings for the Chambers of Commerce, I’m driven to create the most compelling images possible while providing the professionalism and passion that customers deserve and expect. Receiving recognitions and honors like this one from Herald readers is air under my wings and drives me to do even more. . . it feels like I’m just getting started on my lifelong career!”

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**BEST HISTORIC RESTAURANT**
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Second - Mission Ranch Restaurant
Third - Old Fisherman’s Grotto

**BEST HOT DOGS**
Winner - Lucy’s Hot Dogs
Second - Archie’s American Diner
Third - Grill at Lover’s Point

**BEST ICE CREAM/YOGURT**
Winner - Revival Ice Cream
Second - Cold Stone Creamery
Third - MYO

**BEST IN-HOTEL RESTAURANT**
Winner - Esteban at Casa Munras
Second - The Bench at Pebble Beach

**BEST INDIAN FOOD**
Winner - Ambrosia India Bistro
Second - Avatar Indian Grill
Third - Aabha Indian Cuisine

**BEST ITALIAN FOOD**
Winner - Cafe Fina
Second - Gino’s Fine Italian
Third - Il Vecchio
Honorable Mention - La Balena
Honorable Mention - Little Napoli
Honorable Mention - Gusto Handcrafted Pasta & Pizza

**BEST JAPANESE FOOD**
Winner - Crystal Fish
Second - Sapporo
Third - Ocean Sushi Deli

**BEST KOREAN FOOD**
Winner - Noodle Bar Seaside
Second - Pangaea Grill
Third - Nak Won Korean BBQ
Honorable Mention - Orient Express

**BEST LATE NIGHT STOP**
Winner - Crown & Anchor
Second - Nacho Bizness

**BEST LOCAL / FAMILY OWNED RESTAURANT**
Winner - Rosine’s Restaurant
Second - Old Fisherman’s Grotto
Third - Gino’s Fine Italian
Honorable Mention - Sardine Factory

**BEST LOCALS MENU**
Winner - Old Fisherman’s Grotto
Second - Rosine’s Restaurant
Third - Beach House Restaurant at Lovers Point
Honorable Mention - Abalonetti
Honorable Mention - Grasing’s
Honorable Mention - Cafe Fina

**BEST LOCAL’S SECRET**
Winner - The Golden Tee*
Second - Wild Fish
Third - Esteban Restaurant
Honorable Mention - Rosine’s Restaurant

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- Best Seafood
- Best Locals Menu
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- Best Calamari • Best Clam Chowder
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Second - Peppers Mexicali Cafe
Third - Baja Cantina & Grill
Honorable Mention - Tico's Tacos

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Winner - Nacho Business
Second - Baja Cantina & Grill
Third - Peppers Mexicali Cafe

BEST NEW OUTDOOR DINING/ PARKLET
Winner - The Sardine Factory
Second - Rosine's Restaurant
Third - The Crown & Anchor

BEST RESTAURANT ON CANNERY ROW
Winner - Sardine Factory
Second - Whaling Station
Third - Chart House

BEST ON-GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
Winner - The Bench Pebble Beach
Second - Sticks at Spanish Bay
Third - Edgar's

BEST OUTDOOR DINING
Winner - Nepenthe
Second (TIE) - Baja Cantina & Grill
Second (TIE) - Ventana

BEST PHO
Winner - Chop Stix
Second - Noodle Bar
Third - Mr. Noodles

BEST PIZZA
Winner - Gianni's Pizza
Second - Heirloom
Third - La Bicyclette
Honorable Mention - Gusto's Handcrafted Pasta & Pizza

BEST PLACE TO EAT AT THE BEACH
Winner - Beach House at Lovers Point
Second - Phil's Fish Market
Third - Roy's Spanish Bay
Honorable Mention - Schooners

BEST PLACE TO SATISFY A SWEET TOOTH
Winner - Rosine's Restaurant
Second - Lula's Chocolates
Third - Layers Sensational Cakes

BEST POKE
Winner - Poke House
Second (TIE) - Carmel Poke Co
Second (TIE) - Poke Bar

BEST PUB
Winner - Crown & Anchor
Second - Brophy's Tavern
Third - Dust Bowl Brewing
Honorable Mention - Peter B's Brewpub

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Winner - The Butter House
Second - Elli's Great American Restaurant
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Winner - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second (TIE) - Rosine's
Second (TIE) - Sardine Factory

BEST RESTAURANT ON FISHERMAN'S WHARF
Winner - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second - Sandbar & Grill
Third - Scales

BEST RESTAURANT TO WATCH THE SUNSET
Winner - Nepenthe
Second (TIE) - Rocky Point Restaurant
Second (TIE) - Roy's at Spanish Bay Pebble Beach

BEST WINE SELECTION
Winner - Sardine Factory
Second - Bernardus Lodge
Third - Passionfish
Honorable Mention - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Honorable Mention - Fandango

BEST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT
Winner - Sardine Factory
Second (TIE) - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second (TIE) - Rosine's
Second (TIE) - Sardine Factory
Honorable Mention - Bistro Moulin
Honorable Mention - Cafe Fina

BEST SANDWICHES
Winner - Compagno's Deli
Second - LaSala's Bi-Rite Market & Deli
Third - Bruno's Market & Deli

BEST SEAFOOD
Winner - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second (TIE) - Monterey's Fish House
Second (TIE) - Phil's Fish Market
Second (TIE) - Sardine Factory

BEST SERVER AND RESTAURANT
Winner - Luis at The Golden Tee* (now Woody's)
Second - Joe at Old Fishermans Grotto
Third - David Pastore at Crown & Anchor
Honorable Mention - Katy at Rosine's

BEST SERVICE
Winner - The Golden Tee* (now Woody's)
Second (TIE) - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Second (TIE) - Rosine's Restaurant
Honorable Mention - Sardine Factory
Honorable Mention - Crown & Anchor
Honorable Mention - Cafe Fina

BEST SPORTS BAR / RESTAURANT
Winner - Knuckles
Second (TIE) - Crown & Anchor
Second (TIE) - Turn 12 Bar & Grill
BEST STEAKHOUSE
Winner - Whaling Station
Second (TIE) - Chart House
Second (TIE) - Seventh & Dolores aka 7D

BEST SUSHI
Winner - Crystal Fish
Second - Zum Sushi
Third - Ocean Sushi

BEST TACOS
Winner - Peppers Mexicali Cafe
Second - Baja Cantina & Grill
Third - El Charrito Market
Honorable Mention - Sarita's

BEST THAI FOOD
Winner - Baan Thai Restaurant
Second - Krua Thai
Third - Lemongrass
Honorable Mention - Pacific Thai Cuisine

BEST VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN MENU
Winner - Julia’s Vegetarian Restaurant
Second - Basil
Third - Happy Girl Kitchen
Honorable Mention - Ambrosia India Bistro

BEST VIETNAMESE FOOD
Winner - ChopStix
Second - Noodle Bar

BEST VINEYARD WINE TASTING (ON-SITE)
Winner - Folktale Winery & Vineyards
Second - Bernardus Winery
Third - Hahn Winery

BEST WATERING HOLE WITH CHARACTER
Winner - Baja Cantina & Grill
Second (TIE) - Alfredo’s
Second (TIE) - Crown & Anchor

BEST WINE TASTING ROOM
Winner (TIE) - Bernardus Winery
Winner (TIE) - Folktale Winery & Vineyards
Third - Boekenoogen Winery
Honorable Mention - De Tierra Vineyards

MOST AMAZING RESTAURANT VIEWS
Winner - Rocky Point Restaurant
Second - Nepenthe
Third - Roy's

BEST RESTAURANT IN BIG SUR
Winner - Nepenthe
Second - Deetjen's
Third - Rocky Point Restaurant
Honorable Mention - Ventana
Honorable Mention - Big Sur River Inn

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When Jon Stuefloten is asked how long he’s been painting, his quick answer is: “Most of my life.” And he’s not exactly exaggerating.

Jon recalls first picking up a paintbrush in his late teens, working for his father, who was a general contractor and supervisor for renowned Carmel designer and builder Hugh Comstock, who was known for his fairytale cottages he built in the 1920s and 1930s in the village.

That was back when all painting was done by brush, well before rollers and sprayers, and when paint was tinted on-site and done by eye, no Home Depot to rely on there. In fact, young Jon was tasked with adding lead to the buckets of paint. Yes, lead.

But lead paints are exactly what put him on his current path as an accomplished restoration painter and lead remediation expert. When he became a professional painter after returning to California after several years of living on the East Coast, Jon would publicize his services at home and building shows at the Monterey Fairgrounds.

One day a potential customer asked him if he had ever dealt with lead paints. “I grew up on lead paint!” he recalls telling the man, who turned out to be the chairman of Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers (CCLK), a nonprofit group that is dedicated to preserving the maritime heritage of the Central Coast and was tasked with helping to preserve the Pt. Sur State Historic Park, site of the iconic Pt. Sur Lighthouse. Part of the restoration involved “remediating” the lead in the paints of all the structures at the historic site, including the lighthouse itself.

His experience working with lead paints got him the job. Jon found a soy-based paint stripper that would reduce (or “remediate”) a paint’s lead level to under...
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We’re incredibly thankful to readers of The Monterey County Herald for recognizing our efforts at The Sardine Factory with seven awards, including “Best Restaurant in Monterey.” We were also awarded for Best Restaurant on Cannery Row, Best Fine Dining, Best Wine Selection, Best Historic Restaurant, Best Date Night, and Best Romantic Restaurant.

At The Sardine Factory, our staff works tirelessly to provide award winning food, wine, and service that creates a dining experience that’s second to none. From the front of the house to the back of the house, it’s because of their dedication to excellence that we may celebrate these awards together.

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Second - Baja Cantina & Grill
Third - Roux
Honorable Mention - Corkscrew Cafe
Honorable Mention - Lucia at Bernardus

**BEST RESTAURANT IN CARMEŁ-BY-THE-SEA**
Winner - Mission Ranch
Second (TIE) - Dametra Cafe
Second (TIE) - Sur at the Barnyard
Honorable Mention - Grasing's

**BEST RESTAURANT IN MARINA**
Winner - Salt Wood Kitchen and Oysterette
Second - Michael's Taqueria
Third - Coffee Mia Brew Bar & Cafe
Honorable Mention - Noodle Bar

**BEST RESTAURANT IN MONTEREY**
Winner - Sardine Factory
Second - Old Fisherman's Grotto
Third - Rosine's Restaurant
Honorable Mention - Scales
Honorable Mention - Cafe Fina
Honorable Mention - Domenico's On the wharf

**BEST RESTAURANT IN MOSS LANDING**
Winner - Phil's Fish Market
Second - Whole Enchilada
Third - Haute Enchilada

**BEST RESTAURANT IN PACIFIC GROVE**
Winner (TIE) - Fandango
Winner (TIE) - PassionFish
Third - Beach House at Lover's Point

**BEST ART GALLERY**
Winner - Scott Jacobs Gallery Carmel
Second - Monterey Bay Aquarium
Third - Carmel Art Association
Honorable Mention - Monterey Museum of Art

**BEST RESTAURANT IN SALINAS**
Winner - Gino's
Second (TIE) - First Awakenings
Second (TIE) - Salinas City BBQ
Honorable Mention - Patria

Best Restaurant in Seaside/Sand City
Winner - Gusto Handcrafted Pasta & Pizza
Second - Breakfast Club
Third - The Butter House
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BEST GOLF COURSE
Winner - Pebble Beach Resort
Second - Corral de Tierra Country Club
Third - Pacific Grove Golf Links
Honorable Mention - Del Monte Golf Course

BEST HISTORICAL SITE
Winner - Cannery Row
Second - Carmel Mission
Third - Old Fishermans Wharf

BEST LIVE MUSIC BAR/CLUB
Winner - Baja Cantina & Grill
Second - Folktale Winery & Vineyards
Third - Cibo

BEST LIVE PERFORMANCE VENUE
Winner - Sunset Center
Second - Forest Theater
Third - Golden Bough Playhouse
Honorable Mention - Golden State Theater

BEST LOCAL BAND
Winner - Mike Marotta
Second - Rollin’ & Tumblin’
Third - The Money Band
Honorable Mention - Red Beans & Rice

BEST LOCAL RADIO OR TV PERSONALITY
Winner - David Marzetti - ShagBag Radio Show
Second - Dan Green - KSBW
Third - Lauren Seaver - KSBW

BEST MUSEUM
Winner - Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History
Second - Monterey Museum of Art
Third - MY Museum

BEST MUSIC/COMEDY VENUE
Winner - Golden State Theatre
Second - Sunset Center
Third - Paper Wing Theatre
Honorable Mention - Folktale Winery Barrel Room

BEST TOURIST ATTRACTION
Winner - Monterey Bay Aquarium
Second - Big Sur
Third - Old Fisherman’s Wharf

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FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

BEST COLLEGE / HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTION
Winner - Cal State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB)
Second - Middlebury Institute
Third - Naval Post Graduate School
Honorable Mention - Panetta Institute

BEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR CREDENTIAL PROGRAM
Winner - Alliance Career Training Solutions
Second - Monterey Peninsula College (MPC)
Third - Hartnell College

BEST NONPROFIT
Winner - Monterey Bay Educational Center
Second - SPCA for Monterey County
Third - Boys & Girls Club
Honorable Mention - Animal Friends Rescue Project

BEST PLACE TO WORSHIP
Winner - Shoreline Community Church
Second - Calvary Monterey
Third - The Carmelite Monastery
Honorable Mention - San Carlos Cathedral

BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL
Winner - York School
Second - Anthem Christian School
Third - All Saints

BEST RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY
Winner - Escape Room 831
Second - Monterey Bay Aquarium
Third - Sanctuary Rock Gym

BEST SUMMER CAMP
Winner - SPCA Animal Camp
Second - The Wahine Project
Third - Camp Quien Sabe

BEST SWIMMING LESSONS
Winner - Monterey Bay Swim Club
Second - Monterey Sports Center
Third - Seaside Dolphins
Honorable Mention - YMCA

BEST YOUTH ARTS / ENTERTAINMENT
Winner - Pac Rep Theatre
Second - MY Museum
Third - Youth Arts Collective
Honorable Mention - Ariel Theatrical

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS SERVICES

BEST AGRICULTURE RELATED BUSINESS
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Honorable Mention - Taylor Farms

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JON STUEFLOTEN NAMED BEST PAINTER FOR 2020

1%. Under the watchful eye of CCLK and representatives from OSHA, Jon was able to complete the complex and ambitious project, much to the delight of the historic preservationists in CCLK.

“That was my first big job, and that got me started on historical work, my bread and butter, that propelled us on,” he said. That led to projects involving the historic Casa Abrego in Monterey, the Castro House in Aptos, Crespi Hall at the Carmel Mission and even structures in The Santa Lucia Preserve in Carmel Valley, and more.

So, in 2004 (he’s been a professional painter since 1992, founded his first company in 1996) he became Jon Stuefloten Restoration Painting, specializing in historic and cultural restoration projects. But not all his work involves historic homes or structures. Many just involve projects that require careful attention to detail, experience in restoration, and an eye for longevity.

“A lot of paint jobs do require some kind of restoration, whether it’s mildew, rot, old paint, and so forth,” he said. “We bring houses back from the dead.”

His favorite project so far has been the Hart House, a striking Queen Anne Victorian, perhaps the most photographed house in Pacific Grove. The owners gave him artistic license to choose the color scheme and trim. The job took 51 days to complete and almost $5,000 in scaffolding alone.

And his favorite part of the job?
Working with homeowners.

“I like working with people and taking their homes and restoring them to better than new,” he said.

And he doesn’t see himself slowing down.

“I turned 80 in November and I’m still going strong,” he said. “I’m looking forward to 2021 and returning to normal. I just want to keep things going.”

To learn more about Jon and his work in restoration painting and why Herald readers voted him as Best Painter, visit his website at jonstuefloten.com.

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Honorable Mention - Pacific Restaurant Group - (Shake Family)

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Winner - Monterey Credit Union
Second - Central Coast Credit Union
Third - Bay Federal Credit Union

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Winner - Jim Russo, Jr., State Farm Insurance
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Third - USAA

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Winner – Susan Yedlicka, Morgan Stanley
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Third – Mildi Iliscupidez at Edward Jones
Honorable Mention – Scott Brubaker at Hayashi Wayland

BEST INVESTMENT FIRM
Winner – Vestus Group
Second – Integris Wealth Management LLC
Third – Seal Rock Wealth Management
Honorable Mention – Morgan Stanley

BEST LAW FIRM
Winner - Fenton & Keller
Second - Pierce King Law
Third - Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss

BEST LAWYER
Winner - Julie King at Pierce King Law
Second - Derric Oliver at Fenton & Keller
Third - Danny Little at Noland Hamerly Etienne & Hoss

BEST MEMBER ORGANIZATION FOR BUSINESSES
Winner - Monterey County Business Council
Second - Carmel Chamber of Commerce
Third - Monterey County Association of Realtors
Honorable Mention - Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce
Honorable Mention - Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

BEST MORTGAGE FIRM
Winner - Steinbeck Mortgage
Second - Las Palmas Realty & Lending, Inc
Third - Stonecastle Mortgage

BEST NEW REAL ESTATE AGENT
Winner - Aquontis Garlington, Coldwell Banker Realty
Second - Ariel Wright, Douglas Elliman
Third - Kean Matthams, Carmel Realty Company
Honorable Mention - George Anderson, Steinbeck Real Estate

BEST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY
Winner - C&C Property Management
Second - Sanctuary Vacation Rentals
Third - Carmel Realty Company

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Honorable Mention - John Romley, Monterey Coast Realty
Honorable Mention - Chris Pryor, Carmel Realty Company
Honorable Mention - Dana Bambace, Compass

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT / SALINAS VALLEY
Winner - Julia Hanson-Brown, Dream House Realty
Second - Brandy Monasmith, Dream House Realty
Third - Jennifer Hardy, Steinbeck Real Estate
Honorable Mention - Angela Savage, Steinbeck Real Estate
Honorable Mention - Vicky Rudisill, Dream House Realty

BEST REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE - MONTEREY PENINSULA
Winner - Carmel Realty Company
Second - Dana Bambace, Compass
Third - Bill Mitchell, Carmel Realty Company

BEST REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE - SALINAS VALLEY
Winner - Tami Monasmith, Dream House Realty
Second - Angela Savage, Steinbeck Real Estate
Third - Christina Ramirez, Las Palmas Realty & Lending, Inc
Honorable Mention - Dale Handley, Town N Country Realty

BEST REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE - MONTEREY PENINSULA OFFICE
Winner - Carmel Realty Company
Second - Compass
Third - Keller Williams Coastal Estates

BEST REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE - SALINAS VALLEY
Winner - Dream House Realty
Second - Steinbeck Real Estate
Third - Century 21 Showcase Realtors
Honorable Mention - Keller Williams Coastal Estates

BEST REAL ESTATE TEAM
Winner - Bambace Peterson Team
Second (TIE) - Mitchell Lynch
Second (TIE) - The Matthams Group
Honorable Mention - The Ruiz Group

BEST TAX PREPARATOR / CPA
Winner (TIE) - Clark Savage
Winner (TIE) - Hayashi and Wayland
Third - Finn and Cohen
Honorable Mention - Ryan & McDonald LLP

BEST VACATION RENTAL COMPANY
Winner - Sanctuary Vacation Rentals
Second - Carmel Realty Company
Third - Monterey Bay Property Management

BEST ANIMAL HOSPITAL / VETERINARIAN
Winner - Toro Park Animal Hospital
Second - Natural Vet Therapy
Third - Monterey Peninsula Vet Emergency & Specialty Center
Honorable Mention - SPCA Veterinary Clinic

BEST COMPUTER REPAIR / TECH SUPPORT
Winner - Katrina Calabrese
Second - Rayne Tech
Third - Alvarez Technology Group

BEST REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE - MONTEREY PENINSULA OFFICE
Winner - Carmel Realty Company
Second - Compass
Third - Keller Williams Coastal Estates

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BEST DOG TRAINING
Winner - Doggy Day Care - An Enrichment Center
Second - SPCA
Third - Barbara de Groot

BEST DOGGIE DAY CARE / PET BOARDING
Winner - Peace of Mind Pet Sitting & Doggy Day Care
Second - Dawg Gone It
Third - Casa de Amigos

BEST DRY CLEANERS
Winner (TIE) - Carmel Cleaners
Winner (TIE) - Vapor Cleaners
Third - Owl Cleaners

BEST FUNERAL HOME / MORTUARY
Winner - Bermudez Family Cremations & Funerals
Second - The Paul Mortuary
Third - Struve & Laporte

BEST DOG TRAINING
Winner - Doggy Day Care - An Enrichment Center
Second - SPCA
Third - Barbara de Groot

BEST LIMO / CAR / BUS SERVICE
Winner - Monterey Airbus
Second - Main Event
Third - AITS

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER
Winner - Michael Troutman/DMT Imaging
Second - Cook’s Photography
Third - Sherman Chu
Honorable Mention - Tom Gundelfinger O’Neal

BEST WEDDING VENUE
Winner - Mission Ranch
Second - Beach Club at Pebble Beach
Third - Holman Ranch

BEST BUTCHER SHOP
Winner - Grove Market
Second - Bruno’s Market & Deli
Third - Star Market
Honorable Mention - The Meatery

GROCERY STORE OR MARKET

BEST GROCERY STORE
Winner - Trader Joe’s
Second (TIE) - Nob Hill Foods
Second (TIE) - Whole Foods

BEST HEALTH FOOD STORE
Winner - Whole Foods
Second - Trader Joe’s
Third - Cornucopia Community Market

BEST PLACE FOR FRESH PRODUCE
Winner - Whole Foods
Second - Farmer’s Market - Monterey (Tuesdays)
Third - MPC Farmer’s Market
Honorable Mention - Russos Produce
Honorable Mention - Earthbound Farms

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At a glance, passersby might imagine Franklin Street’s Crown & Anchor is a tiny British pub where people duck in for a pint of ale. They’re not wrong — although 2,400 sq. ft is not small — but that likely wouldn’t be enough to win them three first place-, two second place-, five third place- and nine Honorable Mentions in the 2020 Monterey Herald Readers’ Choice Awards.

Other folks might say the prize-winning pub is a local favorite because it was able to withstand 2020, a year filled with uncertainty amidst lockdowns and a variety of changing protocols for food service. Through it all, “The Crown” along with its loyal and long-standing staff, modified its operations to offer take-out and increased outdoor seating capacity to accommodate more customers – in county health department and socially distanced approved ways, of course. The patio is weatherproof with an overhead retractable tarp, and propane heaters abound to keep you warm and comfortable.

British-born Sutton-Deakin, who opened the pub more than two decades ago, will tell you it’s all these things, and more. They offer good food and good cheer, and it’s a friendly, welcoming place with a dynamic atmosphere, which has earned the loyalty of a lot of regular patrons. And those loyal patrons continued to support them even under circumstances nobody could have ever anticipated.

The term “pub” comes from “public house,” a private home opened to the public, says Sutton-Deakin, where people can eat, drink and be merry.

“I came up with the name,” he says, “because it’s authentic. The crown represents royalty. And I come from Portsmouth, a port city and naval base on England’s south coast, with a great maritime history, which I love. So, being by the Monterey Harbor, it all works.”

Sutton-Deakin had the Penny Farthing Tavern in Salinas for 17 years before moving his business to Monterey. Prior to coming to California, Sutton-Deakin attended hotel-and-restaurant school and then spent many years working in the trade before he was invited to move to America in 1980. Two years later, he opened his first pub. “I’m British; that’s my trade,” he says. “It makes sense to have a pub that serves British food — Cornish pasties, fish & chips, shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash — but also salads, fish, burgers, plus beers, wines, scotches and brandies. We want everyone to feel welcome.”

“At Crown & Anchor,” says Sutton-Deakin, “you should be a stranger here but once.” Sutton-Deakin and his team wish to thank Herald readers for their continued support and look forward to welcoming guests back inside very soon!

*A portion of this article was previously published as written By Lisa Crawford Watson*
HEALTH & WELLNESS

BEST ACUPUNCTURIST
Winner - Glenn Sadowsky Optimal Health
Third - Dr. Li Lui, OMD, LAc - Monterey
Honorable Mention - Jeanette Rogge, Acupuncture Clinic of Carmel

BEST CHIROPRACTOR
Winner - Cater Chiropractic
Second - Dr. Aaron Gaily, DC - The Back and Neck Pain Center of Monterey
Third - Dr. Kirby/Kirby Chiropractic
Honorable Mention - Lynn Boughton

BEST DANCE STUDIO
Winner - The Dance Center
Second - Carmel Barre
Third - Carmel Ballet Academy

BEST DENTIST
Winner (TIE) - Carmel Family Dental
Winner (TIE) - Dr Grant D. Rosen
Second (TIE) - Dr. Brad Carl
Second (TIE) - Dr. Lois Lagier

BEST DERMATOLOGIST
Winner - California Skin Institute
Second - Rheim Dermatology
Third - Howard Oriba, MD

BEST EYE DOCTOR
Winner - Vantage Eye Center
Second - Blink Optometry
Third - Hattori Vision Optometry

BEST FAMILY DOCTOR
Winner - Dr. Rebecca Abundis
Second - Dr. Craig Geiler, MD
Third - Dr Guru Khalsa
Honorable Mention - Dr. Cassandra Ohlsen
Honorable Mention - Dr. Gerard Issvoran

BEST FITNESS CENTER / GYM
Winner (TIE) - Carmel Valley Athletic Club
Winner (TIE) - Monterey Sports Center
Third - Carmel Barre

BEST HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
Winner - Spa at Pebble Beach
Second - Refuge
Third - Montage-Wellness Center
Honorable Mention - Bernardus Spa

BEST HEARING AID PROVIDER
Winner - Carmel Hearing Aid
Second - Valley Hearing
Third - Octave Hearing

BEST HOSPITAL/ MEDICAL SERVICES
Winner - Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP)
Second - Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System (SVMHS)
Third - Montage
Honorable Mention - Stanford Hospital Clinics

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Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate LLC announced recently that Monterey-based C&C Real Estate has affiliated with the brand and will now be known as Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate By The Sea. The company’s service area includes communities within the Monterey Peninsula, including Carmel, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside and Marina. The brokerage will be headquartered in downtown Carmel By the Sea on Lincoln & 6th.

Childhood best friends Kevin Cesario and Kyle Chernetsky started a property management business in 2013 and began handling home sales in 2018. Their client base is primarily second-home buyers looking for investment properties and vacation homes to ultimately become retirement homes.

They have leveraged their success in property management and home renovations to provide experienced counsel on home values and pricing for the market. Cesario was recently recognized in the Monterey Herald’s Readers’ Choice Awards as Best REALTOR® and the brokerage was named Best Property Management Company.

Sherry Chris, President & CEO, Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate, said, “Kevin and Kyle are perfect examples of how we continue to attract the next generation of real estate leaders. Their property management experience allowed them to transition smoothly into sales and launch their brokerage. They recognize how the BHGRE brand’s strong focus on lifestyle will help attract new clients and recruit more agents. We look forward to working with Kevin and Kyle to help their company grow in one of the most beautiful counties of the California coastline.”

Located on California’s central coast, the Monterey Peninsula provides scenic views and diverse outdoor landscapes from sandy shores to rocky mountain ranges. Whether it’s kayaking along the famed Cannery Row, sightseeing along the famous Big Sur Coast Highway or playing the world-renowned Pebble Beach golf links, the region offers a wide range of activities. The surrounding Monterey County is California’s third-largest agricultural producer, supporting 76,000 jobs and $4.4 billion to

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Second - Hair Studio 104
Third - La Coiffure
Honorable Mention - Cielo Hair Studio
Honorable Mention - Citizen Hair

BEST MASSAGE
Winner - Erin Detka/Counterbalance Bodywork
Second (TIE) - Pebble Beach Spa
Second (TIE) - Refuge
Honorable Mention - Bernardus Lodge
Honorable Mention - Aqua Blue Skin & Body Spa

BEST NAIL SALON
Winner - Magic Nails
Second - Simply Polished
Third - Euphoria Salon & Spa

BEST SKINCARE SERVICES
Winner - Euphoria Salon & Spa
Second (TIE) - Aqua Blue
Second (TIE) - Signature Day Spa

BEST TANNING SALON
Winner - Sahara Sun
Second - Naked Tan
Third - Sun Your Buns
Honorable Mention - Glamour Glow

BEST TATTOOS / PIERCINGS
Winner - Vaughn Body Arts
Second - 831 Ink
Third - Creative Visions

BEST WAXING SERVICES
Winner - Euphoria Salon & Spa
Second - Aqua Blue Day Spa
Third - Goddess by the Sea

BEST CARPET CLEANING
Winner - Barry’s Carpet Service
Second - Enviro Clean Systems, Inc.
Third - My Pro Dry of the Central Coast
Honorable Mention - Wasson’s Cleaning & Restoration

BEST EXTERMINATOR
Winner - Monasmith Home & Termite Inspection
Second - Cypress Termite
Third - Ailing House Pest Management
Honorable Mention - Monterey Bay Pest Control

BEST FIREPLACES & INSERTS
Winner - The Hearth Shop
Second - Central Coast Fireplace
Third - Keystone Chimney
Honorable Mention - Monterey Stove & Hot Tub

BEST FLOORING
Winner - Carpet Caravan
Second - Prosourse
Third - Bereman’s Carpet & Floors

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BEST APPLIANCE SELECTION
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Second - Ferguson

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Winner (TIE) - Winning Wheels
Third - Mad Dogs and Englishmen
Honorable Mention - Workhorse Bicycles

BEST BOOK SHOP
Winner - River House Books
Second - Bookworks
Third - Pilgrims Way

BEST BRIDAL SHOP
Winner - Epiphany Boutique
Second - Nest, Pacific Grove
Third - Bride ’N Formal by the Bay

BEST CANNABIS DISPENSARY
Winner - Big Sur Canna Botanicals
Second - The Reef
Third - East of Eden Cannabis Co.
Honorable Mention - HigherLevel

BEST CONSIGNMENT STORE
Winner - Hats to Heels
Second - Spirals
Third - Plato’s Closet
Honorable Mention - Chatter Baux Shoppe

BEST EYEGLASS/SUNGLASS SELECTION
Winner - Insight Eyewear
Second - Blink Optometry
Third - Optique America
Honorable Mention - Vantage Eye Center

BEST FLORIST
Winner - Swenson & Silacci
Second - Fleurs Du Soleil
Third - Flor de Monterey Flowers

BEST GENERAL STORE
Winner - Prim’s General Store
Second - Cannery Row General Store
Third - Wharf’s General Store

BEST GIFT SHOP
Winner - Artisana Gallery
Second - Carmel Bay Company
Third - The Quill
Honorable Mention - Miss Trawick’s Home and Garden Shop

BEST GOLF ACCESSORIES
Winner - Golf Mart
Second - Pebble Beach Store
Third - Links at Spanish Bay Pro Shop

BEST JEWELER/JEWELRY
Winner - Gasper’s Jewelers
Second (TIE) - Fourtane’s Jewelry
Second (TIE) - Kochek Jewelers

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Third - Augustina’s

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Second - Patrick James
Third - 831 for Men
Honorable Mention - Marita’s Men’s

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Winner - Bookmark
Second - Vinyl Revolution
Third - Recycled Records
Honorable Mention - Wise Music

BEST PICTURE FRAMING
Winner - Glenn Gobel Custom Frames
Second - Tony’s Frame Shop
Third - Monterey Custom Framing

BEST SHOE SHOPPING
Winner (TIE) - Hedi’s Shoes
Winner (TIE) - Lloyd’s Shoes
Second - Joypers
Third - Marita’s Shoes

BEST SHOPPING CENTER / AREA
Winner - Del Monte Shopping Center
Second - Downtown Pacific Grove
Third - Carmel Plaza

BEST THRIFT STORE
Winner - SPCA Benefit Shop
Second - Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop
Third - American Cancer Society Discovery Shop
Honorable Mention - Goodwill

BEST TOYS & GAMES
Winner - Thinker Toys
Second - Zucchini’s Tricks n Things
Third - Zearly Carmel

BEST WOMEN’S CLOTHING
Winner - Marita’s Boutique
Second - Bliss Boutique
Third - She
Honorable Mention - Augustina
Honorable Mention - Coast Carmel

BEST AUTO BODY & PAINT
Winner - Gene’s Import Auto Body
Second - Caliber Collision
Third - Jerry Graham

BEST AUTO DEALER (NEW)
Winner - BMW of Monterey
Second - Lexus of Monterey
Third - Cardinale Auto Group

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Winner - Otis’ Auto Sales
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Second - Seven Gables Inn
Third - Centrella Inn

BEST CAR RENTAL AGENCY
Winner - Enterprise
Second - Hertz
Third - Budget

BEST CAR WASH
Winner - El Estero Car Wash
Second - Del Rey Car Wash
Third - Splash

BEST HOTEL
Winner (TIE) - Bernardus Lodge
Winner (TIE) - Monterey Plaza Hotel
Third - Post Ranch

BEST MOTEL
Winner - Villa Franca Inn
Second - Deetjen's Big Sur
Third - Monterey Bay Inn

BEST SMOG INSPECTION
Winner - Pacific Smog
Second - Union 76 Carmel Rancho
Third - Tom's Monterey Auto Repair

BEST TIRES & TIRE SERVICE
Winner (TIE) - Sullivan's Tires
Winner (TIE) - Rossi Brothers Tires
Third - Newton Brothers Tire & Auto

BEST TRAVEL AGENCY
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Second - Carmel Monterey Travel
Third - AAA
Honorable Mention - Bob McGuiness Travel

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Cesario said, “After gaining success in the property management industry, Kyle and I recognized the potential to create a complementary business by starting our own brokerage on the Monterey Peninsula. We were thrilled to discover that Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate presented a strong value proposition that combined a passionate focus on community and client care with a strong emphasis on growth. The vast array of tools, resources and programs that the brand has to offer will bring our company to the next level and allow our affiliated agents to better serve their clientele.”

The firm’s new Carmel office emulates trends from BHGRE’s exclusive Office Design Guides created in tandem with Max Wilker, Style Director from Meredith Corporation. The guides contain specific design inspiration, tips and resources for offices in suburban, urban and luxury markets - a true advantage for affiliated BHGRE companies. Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate By The Sea is the ninth California firm to affiliate with the BHGRE network in the past 18 months. They become the 19th BHGRE franchisee in California. The company differentiates itself from competitors with a strong digital marketing focus. Every property listing is promoted with innovative tools, such as Matterport 3D virtual tours, drone footage, and individual websites with unique search engine marketing campaigns to enhance the buyer experience and increase visibility for the listing.

Previously focusing on investment property sales, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate By The Sea is making a shift towards second homes and owner-occupied homes.

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Kevin Cesario, C&C RE (now Better Homes & Gardens by the Sea) was voted as the Winner of Best Real Estate Agent on the Monterey Peninsula in the Herald’s 2020 Readers’ Choice Awards and C&C Property Management was voted as the winner in the category of Best Property Management Company. Congratulations C&C!

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