

# Best of Columbia County

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The inaugural Best of Columbia County awards were handed out Thursday at the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce in Hudson in an event that drew a large crowd to Front Street.

The event was organized and sponsored this year by the chamber, The Register-Star and Chatham Courier. Chamber members and newspaper readers voted for businesses online and by ballot in nearly 80 categories of shopping, food and drink and community events.

The village of Chatham had a strong showing, winning several categories including best bookstore, beer, baked goods, local movie theater, bar and even beating Hudson for best block to shop.

Thursday's event was sponsored by Choose Columbia, Freeman-Howard P.C., The Bank of Greene County and Shallo, Galluscio, Bianchi & Fucito CPAs.

The awards were handed out by chamber president David Colby and Columbia-Greene Media publisher Mark Vinciguerra.

"The criteria for the award was you had to be local, independent business," Colby told the large crowd on hand. "We sent out the nominations through the newspaper and through our membership and we were overwhelmed by the response we got — we got hundreds and hundreds of votes, and we were thrilled."

On June 28, *Register-Star* subscribers will receive a magazine that profiles the winners of this year's awards.

"As the media entity sponsor of this, we couldn't be more proud to be a part," Vinciguerra said. "When David (Colby) approached (Columbia-Greene Media's Executive Editor) Theresa Hyland about this, we felt it was a natural fit for Columbia-Greene Media."

This year's winners are listed below:

## Local Shopping



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The Best of Columbia County awards were presented by Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President David Colby, left, and Columbia-Greene Media Publisher Mark Vinciguerra outside the chamber offices Thursday.

Antique Dealer: Doyle Antiques, Hudson

Building Supply Store: Ed Herrington's, Inc., Hillsdale

Local Book Store: Chatham Bookstore, Chatham

Clothing, Shoes and/or Accessories: Browns Emporium, Inc., Chatham

Thrift Shop: The Second Show, Hudson

Florist: Chatham Flowers & Gifts, Chatham

Fuel Oil/Propane Provider: Valley Energy, Claverack

Gift Shop: Cross Eyed Owl Gift Shop, Valatie

Home Furnishing/Decorating: Furniture Plus, Hudson,

Jewelry Store: R H Van Alstyne , Inc., Chatham

Lodging: The Barlow, Hudson

Specialty Food Store: Otto's Market, Germantown

Specialty Store: American Pie, Chatham

### **Local Food & Drink**

Baked Goods: Our Daily Bread, Chatham

Burger: Grazin' Farm to Table-Direct, Hudson

Caterer: Carlucci Simons Catering, Chatham

Chef: Hugh @ Club Helsinki LLC, Hudson

Coffee: Rev, Hudson

Dessert: Verdigris Tea & Chocolate Bar, Hudson

Breakfast Spot: Tanzy's, Hudson

Fine Dining: Ca'Mea Ristorante and Inn, Hudson

Lunch Spot: The Cascades, Hudson

Dine With Kids: Baba Louie's Sourdough, Hudson

Farm Market:Hudson Farmers' Market, Hudson

Farm Stand: Holmquest Farms, Hudson

Food Market: Hawthorne Valley Store, Ghent

Local Farm : Fix Bros. Farm, Hudson

Healthy Snack: Tierra Farms, Inc., Valatie

Slice of Pizza: Angela's Pizza & Pasta, Hudson

Distilled Spirits: Harvest Spirits Farm Distillery, Core Vodka, Valatie

Liquor Store: Fairview Wines and Spirits, Hudson

Local Beer: Chatham Brewing LLC, Chatham

Local Wine: Hudson-Chatham Winery, Ghent

## **Nightlife**

Bar: Peint O Gwrw, Chatham

Bartender: Cassandra Cumming, Red Dot Restaurant & Bar, Hudson

Entertainer: Justin Weaver, Hudson

Happy Hour Spot: Mexican Radio, Hudson

Music Venue: Club Helsinki LLC, Hudson

## **Community**

Community Event: Flag Day Parade, Hudson

Block in the County to Shop: Chatham Main Street, Chatham

Campground: Copake KOA, Copake

Community Service Project: Habitat for Humanity of Columbia County, Hudson

Place for First Date: Ca'Mea Ristorante and Inn, Hudson

Place for Kids Birthday Party: JUMP! Greenport

Hiking/Biking Trail: Bash Bish, Copake

Local Volunteer: Local Volunteer Firefighters

Managed Town: City of Hudson

Non-Profit/Community Organization: Columbia Land Conservancy

Nursery/Lawncare & Garden Center: Callander's Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., Chatham

Outdoor Recreation (Spring/Summer): Lake Taghkanic, Ancram

Outdoor Recreation (Fall/Winter): Catamount Ski Area, Hillsdale

Park/Playground: Greenport Town Park, Greenport

Picnic Lunch Spot: Hudson Waterfront Park, Hudson

Place to See a Celebrity: Warren Street, Hudson

Place to Propose: Clermont Historic Site, Clermont

Educator: Peter Desmond, Questar III

Scenic View: Olana State Historic Site, Greenport

Yoga/Pilates/Zumba/Exercise Studio/Gym: Pilates Hudson

Wedding Venue: Basilica Hudson

Riverboat: Hudson Cruises, Inc., Hudson

Golf Course: Copake Country Club

### **Arts & Culture**

Artist: Gerald Cooley

Art Gallery: Carrie Haddad Gallery, Hudson

Historic Site: Olana State Historic Site, Greenport

Library: Chatham Public Library, Chatham

Local Live Theater: The Mac-Haydn Theatre, Inc., Chatham

Local Movie Theater: Crandell Theatre, Chatham

### **Services**

Electrician: Jerry Jennings Electrical Contractors Inc., Columbiaville

Plumber: S.T. Hudson's

Beauty/Spa Services: Bodhi Holistic Spa & Yoga, Hudson

Accountant: Shallo, Galluscio, Bianchi & Fucito, CPA's, Hudson

Alternative Energy: SunDog Solar, Chatham

Alternative Medicine Practitioner: Andrea Elliott, Elliott Acupuncture & Chinese Herbal Medicine, Hudson

Architect: BarlisWedlick Architects, LLC, Hudson

Auto Service: Todd Farrell's Car Care Center, Inc., Hudson

Builder/Contractor: Bill Stratton Buildings Company, Chatham

Computer Service: Jonathan's Computer Store, Hudson

Dentist: Ron Chimanelli, Hudson Family Dentistry, Hudson

Excavation Contractor: Gaylord Contracting Corp., Hudson

Insurance Agency: MetzWood Insurance, Chatham

Opticians/Eye Doctor: Dr.Nicolette Sacco-Brown, Family Eyecare Center, Hudson

Photographer: Photographics Solution, Hudson

Graphic Designer: Rich Kraham Design, Chatham

Realtor: Coldwell Banker Bartolotta Realty, Hudson

Veterinarian: Dr. Alan Topal, Mountainview Animal Hospital, Hudson

Financial Advisor: Erik Lehtinen, Integrative Wealth, Claverack

Healthcare Service Practitioner: Dr. Elizabeth Howard, Kinderhook Medical Care, Valatie