



And the Award Goes To...
2019

READERS CHOICE AWARDS

The votes are in and we are delighted to announce the Readers Choice Awards for 2019. More than 1,000 people participated in the online survey where participants were asked to name their favorites in more than 100 categories. Readers shared their favorite romantic restaurant, place to hike, to work out, to beautify, to shop, and so much more. A big thank you to everyone who voted, revealing the very best experiences that Litchfield County has to offer.

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MOST ROMANTIC DINING

Enjoy a romantic dinner in the fire-lit 18th-century dining rooms of **THE RESTAURANT AT WINVIAN FARM** where simplicity and indulgence artfully converge to create the ultimate fine-dining experience.



BEST INDOOR FURNITURE

GEORGE HOME features a curated global mix of mid-century modern, antique, and contemporary furniture, as well as objects, art, accessories, lighting, and a wide range of tabletop items.

Food & Drink

- New Restaurant in the Litchfield area*
Community Table
- Restaurant in Litchfield*
The Village Restaurant
- Farm-to-Table Restaurant*
Arethusa al Tavolo
- Restaurant With Best Décor*
Bohemian Pizza
- Restaurant With Best Service*
Arethusa al Tavolo
- Most Romantic Restaurant*
The Restaurant at Winvian Farm
- Girls Night Out Restaurant*
@ the Corner
- Sushi Restaurant*
KawaSaki Japanese Restaurant
- Salad*
The Village Restaurant
- Pizza*
Bohemian Pizza
- Burger*
The White Horse Country Pub

- Ethnic*
Oliva on Main
- Italian*
Da Capo Ristorante
- Mexican*
Wood's Pit BBQ & Mexican Café
- Middle Eastern*
Oliva on Main
- Brunch*
Patty's Restaurant
- Cocktails*
Zaragoza

- Outdoor Dining*
The White Horse Country Pub
- Happy Hour*
Saltwater Grille
- Wine selection*
Arethusa al Tavolo

- Beer selection*
@ the Corner
- Bakery*
Bantam Bread
- Chef*
Joel Viehland, Swyft

- Coffee*
Arethusa a Mano
- Tea*
Meraki Kitchen
- Place to Meet for Coffee*
Arethusa a Mano

Beauty

- Haircut*
The Spa at Litchfield Hills
- Barber Shop*
West Street Barber Shop
- Haircolor/highlights*
Byrde + the b Salon
- Spa*
The Spa at Litchfield Hills
- Massage*
The Spa at Litchfield Hills
- Mani/Pedi*
MoMA Nail Spa
- Facial*
The Spa at Litchfield Hills
- Eyelash extensions*
Lulu the Face Company
- Brows*
Byrde + the b Salon
- Botox/Fillers*
Dermatology Associates of Western Connecticut

Health

- Hospital ER*
New Milford Hospital
- Best Urgent Care*
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital



BEST KITCHEN DESIGN

LITCHFIELD HILLS KITCHEN & BATH'S innovative and classic designs are brought to life by their team of master designers and craftsmen who help their clients enhance their home's charm and beauty.

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BEST YOGA STUDIO

Wonderfully designed for a great yoga experience. **CHARYM**, an oasis of yoga, has been thoughtfully created with a peaceful zen-like interior. They encourage the joyful practice and study of yoga in all its forms.

Primary Care Practice
Pro Health Torrington

Naturopathic Care Practice
Dr. Katherine Layman

Dermatology Practice
Dermatology Associates

Orthodontic Practice
Dr. Emily O'Keiff

Dental Practice
Dr. Christopher Carlone

Ob/GYN Practice
Women's Healthcare of New Milford

Plastic Surgery Practice
Dr. Sarah Baroody

Ophthalmologist Practice
Dr. David Sobel

Audiologist
Dr. Frank Luzzi

Chiropractor
Layman Sport and Family Chiropractic

In-Home Care
VNA Community Healthcare

Physical Therapist
The Hills Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine

Adult Psychologist
Rachel Rosa

Senior Living Community
Brandywine Living

Gym for People Under 40
Phys-Ed, New Milford

Gym for People Over 40
Litchfield Athletic Club

Barre Studio
W. Rhythm Fitness

Yoga
Charym

Personal Trainer
Litchfield Athletic Club

Crossfit
CrossFit Override

Bootcamp
MissFits

Play

Beach
Mt. Tom State Park

Place to Hike
White Memorial Conservation Center

Pool/swimming
New Milford Tennis and Swim Club

Dance Studio—Adults
Papermoon Dance & Performing Arts

Dance Studio—Kids
Papermoon Dance & Performing Arts

Home & Design

Architect
Scot P. Samuelson Architecture

Remodeling Firm
Revolutionary Building

Builder
Revolutionary Building

Kitchen Design Firm
Litchfield Kitchen & Bath

Plumber
Ackerman Plumbing & Heating

Interior Designer
Davis Raines Design

Home Stager
Susanna Salk

Indoor Furniture
George Home

Outdoor Furniture
J. Seitz & Co



BEST KIDS PARTIES

THE SILLY SPROUT children's boutique has a space just

for play. Groups of six are welcome to paint a plaster or canvas, paint on the easel wall, play at the playdoh table, bead a bracelet, stamp, and do dot art. All supplies are provided.



BEST HIKING

Comprised of 4,000 acres of forest, fields, and wetlands, **WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER** provides visitors 40 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and other outdoor activities.

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BEST BOUTIQUE

Celebrating impeccable craftsmanship, clean lines, and a natural palette, **PLAIN GOODS** presents seasonal collections for the home and wardrobe that uphold a true love of simplicity.

Self Improvement

Private School for Grades K-8
Washington Montessori

Private School for Grades 9-12
The Gunnery

Private School With a Religious Affiliation
Canterbury School

Tutoring Firm
Reis Learning Center

SAT/ACT Tutor
Reis Learning Center

College Counselor
Access Success

Driving School
The Next Street

Place for Kids Parties
The Silly Sprout

Kids Art or Music Classes
Village Center for the Arts

Kids Dance Programs
Sparkle and Shine Dance

Preschool/Daycare
The Children's Center

Summer Camp (Day)
Pratt Nature Center

Playground
Community Field Litchfield

Fashion

New Store
Blueprint CT Home

Boutique
Plain Goods

Shopping Center
Litchfield Green

Hardware
True Value Hardware of Litchfield

Cocktail Dress
Swank on Bank

Hostess Gift
Blueprint CT Home

Men's Suits
R. Derwin Clothiers

Personalized Stationery
D.K. Schulman Design

Flowers
Lennie's Flower Shop

Jewelry
Robertson Jewelers

Personal Shopper
J. McLaughlin

Movie Theater
Bantam Cinema

Live Music Venue
Infinity Hall



BEST MOVIE THEATRE

BANTAM CINEMA

was opened in 1927 and for its first year or so only showed silent movies. In 2013 it completely modernized the projection and sound systems, replacing 35mm film projectors (from the 1930s!) with a state-of-art digital system.

Dancing
JK Shuffles

Bowling
DolrBills Bowling Center

Financial Adviser (individual)
Janet Dember

Real Estate Law
Denise Trevenen

Wedding Cakes
The Sweet Spot

Event Planner
Sarah Worden Natural Design

Event Photographer
Roxbury Photography

Party Space
19Main

Best Car Dealership
Audi Danbury

Veterinarian Practice
Aspetuck Animal Hospital

Best Kept Secret
Byrde + the b Salon



BEST HOSTESS GIFT SHOP

Featuring a curated collection of elements gathered from around the world, from vintage items found in far-flung locations to of-the-moment handmade work by artisans near and far. Each piece at **BLUEPRINT CT** has been hand selected for its unparalleled quality and craftsmanship.