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Readers' choice awards

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Readers' Choice winners are revealed

Welcome to the 2014 Coast Weekend Readers' Choice Awards!

At the end of every year, we ask Coast Weekend readers and the general public to vote for their favorite businesses, restaurants and activities in the Columbia-Pacific region.

This year, we endeavored to make this awards contest bigger and better than ever.

Inside these pages, you'll find profiles on some of the winners; look for the teal label at the top of the page, like the one shown above. We couldn't do profiles on every winner, but that only gives us more to strive for next year. It's our goal to continue growing this contest in the future.

You can find the full list of winners, runners-up and honorable mentions on page 19.

Voting took place from Nov. 5 to Dec. 6. This year, in addition to running print ballots in Coast Weekend, the Seaside Signal and Cannon Beach Gazette, we also tried a seeded online ballot for the first time. The seeded entries were based on past winners, runners-up and other top votes from past years; plus, we monitored voting to see

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who was in the lead and earning votes throughout the contest.

The number of voters more than doubled this year compared

to last. Thank you for participating!

Oregon voters totaled 556, and Washington voters totaled 216. A handful of votes arrived from California and Texas, and there was a smattering of voters from farther away, including Michigan, Hawaii, Alaska, Virginia, Idaho, Arizona and British Columbia.

We've very pleased at having increased voter turnout and can only hope for an even bigger contest next year.

As always, we loved the feedback voters provided. More than one person told us to keep up the good work. "Keep doing what you're doing," said one.

"We read Coast Weekend when we are on the North Coast to try new places and see what's happening," wrote a voter from Albany.



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Even non-readers participated in our Readers' Choice contest. "I actually might start reading Coast Weekend after this," wrote one online voter.

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