

**BEST GROCERY STORE**

**Astoria Co-op Grocery**

Astoria, Oregon

**Runner-up:**

Fred Meyer, Warrenton

**Honorable Mention:**

Costco Wholesale, Warrenton



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stock of nutrient-rich foods like produce, meat, bread, pies and other goodies, and the co-op loves to show off the North Coast bounty. Try a from-scratch soup, sandwich or salad made with organic ingredients from the grab-and-go deli. The co-op works with

local nonprofits and charities through its Beans for Bags program, encouraging shoppers to bring reusable bags.

With 42 years under its belt as a community store, the co-op is aiming to expand — one of its top projects in its five-year strategic plan.

**Readers' Choice winners are revealed**

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Welcome to the 2016 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 region.

In these pages, you'll find profiles on many of the winners; look for the teal label at the top of the page. Find the full list of winners, runners-up and honorable mentions on page 5.

Some categories were close races: Winners of Best Fine Dining, Best Cheap Date, Best Server, Best



Burger and Best Live Theater were all only a vote or two ahead of the runners-up.

And then there were winners who swept their categories. Vintage Hardware, Lum's Auto Center, Astoria Sunday Market, Coast Community Radio and Columbia River Maritime Museum all won their categories by more than 160 votes each — and some by quite a bit more.

Each winning business or organization receives a cer-

tificate; you might see them proudly on display.

Voting took place Nov. 16 to Dec. 11. Each voter could only fill out one ballot. In addition to running print ballots in Coast Weekend, Seaside Signal and Cannon Beach Gazette, we also ran a seeded online ballot. The seeded entries were based on winners, runners-up and top votes from past years; plus, we monitored voting and added write-in entries.

Oregon voters totaled over 800, and Washington voters totaled over 300. There was a smattering of voters from California, Texas, Michigan, South Carolina, Ohio, New York, Alaska, Hawaii, Utah and Florida.

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