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## SRQ MEDIA Celebrates the Winners of the 2019 Best of SRQ Local Competition

*[Sarasota, FL]* To celebrate the best locally owned establishments in the region, **SRQ MEDIA** asked their astute readers to vote for their favorite local eats, shopping, arts, luminaries and hotspots. The reader contributions culminated in the buzzworthy special **Best of SRQ Local** awards feature published in SRQ Magazine's April 2019 edition.

The **Best of SRQ Local** competition sought to highlight local experiences—from new restaurants to the most memorable theatre productions, from our community's best achievements to seriously talented chefs. This year, nearly 300 local establishments received **Best of SRQ Local** awards in 66 categories. With categories ranging from hospitality-oriented bests to those that celebrate local charitable organizations, the **2019 Best of SRQ Local** competition celebrates a diverse group of regional talent. **SRQ MEDIA** thanks its readers for contributing their votes to recognize local establishments.

Attached is the full list of the **2019 Best of SRQ Local** Winners. The awards list is published on the [SRQ MEDIA website](#) and the entire special award feature has been published online on the [SRQ MEDIA Issuu page](#). The competition will be celebrated at the annual **Best of SRQ TGIF Party** at the Aloft Hotel on Friday, April 5, 2019.



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About SRQ MEDIA: Publishers of the award-winning, hyper-local print and digital publication SRQ Magazine: Live Local. Love Local the monthly regional magazine influencing 60,000+ affluent, multi-generational residents and visitors in Sarasota and the Bradenton Area. Named “Best Overall Magazine” four years by the Florida Magazine Association—2008, 2009, 2010, 2013 and Best Niche Regional Magazine in 2017. The SRQ MEDIA portfolio includes targeted niche publications: SRQ LOVE LOCAL: Celebrating the People and Places of Our Hometown, RocketKids: Innovative Families on the Gulf Coast, LUX LIFE Magazine: Gulf Coast Luxury Homes and Living, Modern Home magazine and the buzzworthy online e-newspaper SRQ DAILY.



## 2019 Best of SRQ Local Winners

### Best Brunch

Station 400, *Platinum Winner*

MADE, *Gold Winner*

Duval's Fresh. Local. Seafood., *Silver Winner*

Sun Garden Café, *Bronze Winner*

Boca Sarasota; Louies Modern, *Honorable Mention*

### Best Sushi

Pacific Rim, *Platinum Winner*

Jpan, *Gold Winner*

Tsunami, *Silver Winner*

Yume, *Bronze Winner*

### Best Barbecue

Nancy's BBQ, *Platinum Winner*

Brick's Smoked Meats, *Gold Winner*

Aladays' BBQ, *Silver Winner*

Pride of the South BBQ, *Bronze Winner*

### Best Cocktails

State Street Eating House + Cocktails, *Platinum Winner*

Jack Dusty at The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota, *Gold Winner*

Veronica's Fish and Oyster Bar, *Silver Winner*

Cask Ale and Kitchen; Pangea, *Bronze Winners*

### Best Doughnuts

Five-O Donuts, *Platinum Winner*

Peachey's Baking Company, *Gold Winner*

OfKors Bakery, *Silver Winner*

Shipleigh Do-Nuts, *Bronze Winner*

### Best Tacos

Screaming Goat Taqueria, *Platinum Winner*

El Toro Bravo, *Gold Winner*

Mi Pueblo, *Silver Winner*

Wicked Cantina, *Bronze Winner*



### **Best New Restaurant**

The Overton, *Platinum Winner*  
Pazzo's Southside, *Gold Winner*  
Gulf Gate Food & Beer, *Silver Winner*  
Napule; The Public House Tap & Grill, *Bronze Winners*  
Spice Station, *Honorable Mention*

### **Best Breakfast**

Station 400, *Platinum Winner*  
Sun Garden Café, *Gold Winner*  
Toasted Mango Café, *Silver Winner*  
Oasis Café, *Bronze Winner*  
Millie's Cafe, The Serving Spoon, *Honorable Mention*

### **Best Peruvian**

Selva Grill, *Platinum Winner*  
Darwin's Evolutionary Cuisine, *Gold Winner*  
Peruvian Grill, *Silver Winner*  
Maemi; Brasa y Pisco, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Ice Cream**

Sweetberries Eatery & Frozen Custard, *Platinum Winner*  
Orange Octopus, *Gold Winner*  
Abel's Ice Cream, *Silver Winner*  
Gelato To Go; Local Chill, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Juice**

CROP, *Platinum Winner*  
SaraFresh, *Gold Winner*  
Green Zebra, *Silver Winner*  
Island Organics, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Burger**

Patrick's 1481, *Platinum Winner*  
Smacks Burgers & Shakes, *Gold Winner*  
Gecko's Grill & Pub; The Overton, *Silver Winners*  
Shakespeare's Pub, *Bronze Winner*  
Hob Nob Drive-In; Gulf Gate Food & Beer, *Honorable Mention*

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**Best Brewery**

Calusa Brewery, *Platinum Winner*  
JDubs, *Gold Winner*  
Big Top Brewery, *Silver Winner*  
Motorworks, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Desserts**

Yoder's Restaurant, *Platinum Winner*  
Euphemia Haye, *Gold Winner*  
C'est La Vie; Duval's Fresh. Local. Seafood., *Silver Winners*  
Pastry Art; Der Dutchman; OfKors Bakery, *Bronze Winners*

**Best French Fries**

Smacks Burgers & Shakes, *Platinum Winner*  
The Overton, *Gold Winner*  
Shore Diner, *Silver Winner*  
Mandeville Beer Garden; Gulf Gate Food & Beer, *Bronze Winners*  
The Public House Tap & Grill, *Honorable Mention*

**Best Coffee**

PERQ, *Platinum Winner*  
The Overton, *Gold Winner*  
The Clever Cup, *Silver Winner*  
Pastry Art; LeLu Coffee Lounge, *Bronze Winners*

**Best Happy Hour**

Boca Sarasota, *Platinum Winner*  
Gecko's Grill & Pub, *Gold Winner*  
Element: Modern Mediterranean Grill; Selva Grill, *Silver Winner*  
Mattison's; Michael's On East, *Bronze Winners*

**Best Creative Sandwiches**

Main Bar Sandwich Shop, *Platinum Winner*  
Anna's Deli, *Gold Winner*  
Kürtós Chimney Cakes; Michelle's Brown Bag Café, *Silver Winners*  
Duval's Fresh. Local. Seafood., *Bronze Winner*



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**Best Local Catering**

Michael's On East, *Platinum Winner*  
Morton's Gourmet Market & Catering, *Gold Winner*  
Zildjian Catering, *Silver Winner*  
Innovative Dining, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Local Italian**

Caragiulo's, *Platinum Winner*  
Napule, *Gold Winner*  
Mediterraneo, *Silver Winner*  
Pazzo Southside, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Romantic Restaurant**

Ophelia's on the Bay, *Platinum Winner*  
Indigenous, *Gold Winner*  
Element: Modern Mediterranean Grill; The Bijou Cafe, *Silver Winner*  
Michael's On East; Euphemia Haye, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Food Truck**

Polpo Pizza Co., *Platinum Winner*  
Fire Tacos, *Gold Winner*  
Peachey's Baking Company, *Silver Winner*  
Smokin Momma Lora's BBQ; Sarafresh, *Bronze Winners*  
Kuwai Venezuelan Street Food; Mouthhole BBQ, *Honorable Mention*

**Best Boutique**

L.Boutique, *Platinum Winner*  
Foxy Lady, *Gold Winner*  
Molly's- A Chic and Unique Boutique, *Silver Winner*  
Lotus Boutique, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Resale Boutique**

The Exchange, *Platinum Winner*  
Fifi's, *Gold Winner*  
Goodwill Manasota, *Silver Winner*  
Laura Jean's Consignments, *Bronze Winner*

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**Best Local Salon**

Nuovo Salons, *Platinum Winner*  
Cutting Loose Salon, *Gold Winner*  
Marmalade; Yellow Strawberry Hair Salons, *Silver Winners*  
Fresh Salon; Spa Hollywood, *Bronze Winners*

**Best Barber Shop**

Modern Gents, *Platinum Winner*  
Burns Court Barbers; American Shave, *Gold Winners*  
The Barber on Central Avenue, *Silver Winner*  
The Barbershop 941, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Spa**

Diane Lane Massage & Bodywork, *Platinum Winner*  
The Met, *Gold Winner*  
Flow Massage & Wellness, *Silver Winner*  
Elements Massage; L.Spa, *Bronze Winners*

**Best Yoga Studio**

Pineapple Yoga Studio, *Platinum Winner*  
The Yoga Shack, *Gold Winner*  
Hot Yoga 4 You, *Silver Winner*  
CircuSoul Yoga; Body Heat Yoga Sarasota, *Bronze Winners*  
Rosemary Court Yoga; Garden of the Heart; Thavma Lakewood Ranch,  
*Honorable Mention*

**Best Florist**

Beneva Flowers, *Platinum Winner*  
Flowers by Fudgie, *Gold Winner*  
Victoria Blooms, *Silver Winner*  
Bee Ridge Florist, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Jeweler**

Diamond Vault, *Platinum Winner*  
Coffrin Diamond Jewelers, *Gold Winner*  
Carats Fine Jewelry & Watches, *Silver Winner*  
McCarver & Moser Jewelers, *Bronze Winner*





### **Best Store on St. Armands**

Shore, *Platinum Winner*  
Garden Argosy, *Gold Winner*  
The Met, *Silver Winner*  
Foxy Lady, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Store on Siesta Key**

Beach Bazaar, *Platinum Winner*  
Gidget's, *Gold Winner*  
Foxy Lady, *Silver Winner*  
Nutritious You; Marley Vibes; CB's Saltwater Outfitters, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Gallery**

State of the Arts Gallery, *Platinum Winner*  
530 Burns Gallery, *Gold Winner*  
Chasen Gallery; Grace Howl Contemporary Art, *Silver Winners*  
Alfstadt&; Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Performing Arts Group**

Florida Studio Theater; Asolo Repertory Theater, *Platinum Winners*  
Westcoast Black Theater Troupe, *Gold Winner*  
Van Wezel, *Silver Winner*  
The Players Centre for Performing Arts, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Musical/Play**

*The Music Man*, Asolo Repertory Theater, *Platinum Winner*  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Venice Theater; *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, Florida Studio Theater, *Gold Winners*  
*Evita*, Asolo Repertory Theater, *Silver Winner*  
*Always Patsy Cline*, Florida Studio Theater; *Marvin Gaye*, Westcoast Black Theater; *Ragtime*, Asolo Repertory Theater, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Nonprofit**

Cat Depot, *Platinum Winner*  
In The Pink, *Gold Winner*  
Vintage Paws Sanctuary, *Silver Winner*  
The Dharma Footprint Project, *Bronze Winner*



### **Best Local Charity Event**

Wine, Women and Shoes, *Platinum Winner*

Giving Hunger The Blues, *Gold Winner*

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Orchid Ball, *Silver Winner*

Party Under the Stars; Designing Daughters Gala, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Animal Nonprofit**

Cat Depot, *Platinum Winner*

Nate's Honor Animal Rescue, *Gold Winner*

Vintage Paws Sanctuary, *Silver Winner*

Humane Society of Sarasota County, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Children's Non Profit**

Forty Carrots, *Platinum Winner*

Children First, *Gold Winner*

Child Protection Center; Girls Inc., *Silver Winners*

EasterSeals SWFL; Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Children's Attraction**

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, *Platinum Winner*

Sarasota Jungle Gardens, *Gold Winner*

The Children's Garden; Children's Rainforest Garden, Marie Selby Botanical Garden, *Silver Winners*

The Ringling; Big Cat Habitat, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Private School**

The Out-Of-Door Academy, *Platinum Winner*

St. Martha Catholic School, *Gold Winner*

Bradenton Christian School, *Silver Winner*

Incarnation Catholic School; Sarasota Christian School, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Local Agency**

Studio BCC, *Platinum Winner*

Grapevine Communications, *Gold Winner*

Alyssa Gay Consulting, *Silver Winner*

Eclipse Agency, *Bronze Winner*



### **Best Car Dealership**

Wilde Automotive Group Honda Dealership, *Platinum Winner*  
Wilde Automotive Group Lexus Dealership, *Gold Winner*  
Sarasota Ford, *Silver Winner*  
Gettel Nissan and Hyundai Dealerships;  
Sunset Auto Group's Chevy and Cadillac Dealerships, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Golf Course**

University Park Country Club, *Platinum Winner*  
Laurel Oak Country Club, *Gold Winner*  
The Ritz-Carlton Concession Club, *Silver Winner*  
Lakewood Ranch Country Club, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Local Pediatrician**

Dr. Ted Meyer, *Platinum Winner*  
Dr. Robert Weiss, *Gold Winner*  
Dr. Katherine Keeley, *Silver Winner*  
Dr. Howard Fuchs; Dr. Scott Featherman, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Dentists, Top Twelve Platinum Winners:**

Dr. Si McAninch; Dr. Stephanie Cole; Drs. Jill Morris and Burr Bakke; Dr. Michael Dorociak; Dr. Thomas Bowles; Dr. Janet Bailey; Dr. David Schroeter; Dr. Ann Mooney; Dr. Thomas Doan; Dr. Douglas Fabiani; Dr. Adam Still; Dr. Jenny White

### **Best Hotel Staycation**

The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota, *Platinum Winner*  
Art Ovation Hotel, *Gold Winner*  
The Westin Sarasota, *Silver Winner*  
Lido Beach Resort, *Bronze Winner*  
The Hyatt Regency; Zota Beach Resort; The Resort at Longboat Key Club;  
The Sarasota Modern, *Honorable Mention*

### **Best Veterinarian**

Clark Road Animal Hospital, *Platinum Winner*  
Bee Ridge Veterinary Clinic; Bay Road Animal Hospital, *Gold Winners*  
Dr. Nina's Animal Hospital, *Silver Winner*  
Sarasota Animal Hospital; Forest Lakes Animal Clinic, *Bronze Winners*



### **Best Grocer**

Detwiler's Farm Market, *Platinum Winner*  
Morton's Gourmet Market & Catering, *Gold Winner*

### **Best Companies Who Give Back**

Pineapple Yoga, *Platinum Winner*  
Publix; Michael Saunders & Company, *Gold Winners*  
Kekering Barberio; Gecko's Grill & Pub; Detwiler's Farm Market, *Silver Winners*  
Anna Maria Oyster Bar; Michael's On East; Cool Today, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Contribution to the Downtown**

The Vue/Westin Sarasota, *Platinum Winner*  
Art Ovation Hotel, *Gold Winner*

### **Best Eye Care Practice**

Center for Sight, *Platinum Winner*  
Spectacle Gallery, *Gold Winner*  
Eye Associates, *Silver Winner*  
Coastal Eye Institute, *Bronze Winner*

### **Top 10 Best SRQ Local Realtors**

Ryan Skrzypkowski; Mike Warm; Carey Beychok; Judy Wright; Brock Doyle; Barry Bright; Doug Parks; Joseph McDonald; Valarie deLieto; Andrew Vac

David Perkowski; Kim Ogilvie, *Honorable Mention*

### **Best Architect**

Mark Sultana, DSDG Architects, *Platinum Winner*  
Jonathan Parks, Solstice Planning & Architecture, *Gold Winner*  
Clifford M. Scholz, *Silver Winner*  
Javi Suarez of Apex-Studio, *Bronze Winner*  
Guy Peterson; Sweet Sparkman Architects, *Honorable Mention*

### **Best Contractor**

Voigt Brothers Construction, *Platinum Winner*  
Nautilus Homes, *Gold Winner*  
Josh Wynne Construction; Westin Hills Corp., *Silver Winners*



Willis A. Smith, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Interior Designer**

April White, DSDG Architects, *Platinum Winner*  
Donna McKee & Denice Peoples, Double Vision, *Gold Winner*  
Ana Santa Maria, Apex-Studio, *Silver Winner*  
Chelsea Dunbar, Blu Interiors, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Kitchen Designer**

Campbell Kitchen and Bath, *Platinum Winner*  
Metro Cabinets; SRQ Woodworks, *Gold Winners*  
Paradise Kitchens, *Silver Winner*  
Taylor Games Fine Cabinetry; Affinity Kitchens, *Bronze Winners*

**Best Home Builder**

John Cannon Homes, *Platinum Winner*  
Nautilus Homes, *Gold Winner*  
Voigt Brothers Construction, *Silver Winner*  
Josh Wynne, *Bronze Winner*  
Neal Communities; Murray Homes; NC Ferguson; Westin Hills, *Honorable Mention*

**Best Lighting**

Franklin Lighting, *Platinum Winner*  
Light Up My Life, *Gold Winner*  
Bee Ridge Lighting, *Silver Winner*  
Lyteworks, *Bronze Winner*

**Best Home Furnishings**

Matter Brothers, *Platinum Winner*  
Home Resources, *Gold Winner*  
Blu Home; Soft Square, *Silver Winners*  
Sarasota Home Collection; Baer's Furniture, *Bronze Winners*

**Best CPA Firm**

Kerkering Barberio, *Platinum Winner*  
Suplee, Shea, Cramer & Rocklein, *Gold Winner*  
Miles & Thirion, *Silver Winner*  
Cavanaugh & Co.; Natherson & Co, *Bronze Winners*





### **Best Legal Team**

Berlin Patten Ebling, *Platinum Winner*

Williams Parker, *Gold Winner*

Icard Merrill, *Silver Winner*

Schumaker, Loop and Kendrick, *Bronze Winner*

### **Best Financial Advisor**

Allegiant Private Advisors, *Platinum Winner*

David White of Morgan Stanley, *Gold Winner*

Gregory Carlson of Stifel Nicolaus, *Silver Winner*

Jakob Hart of Hart Financial; Brent Campbell of Edward Jones; Daniel Molineaux of Merrill Lynch The Gustafsson Pinckney Group, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Sarasota Elected Official**

Sarasota City Commissioner Hagen Brody, *Platinum Winner*

Sarasota City Commissioner Al Maio, *Gold Winner*

State Rep. Margaret Good, *Silver Winner*

Sarasota City Commissioner Paul Caragiulo;

Sarasota City Commissioner Jennifer Ahearn-Koch, *Bronze Winners*

### **Best Manatee Elected Official**

Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore;

Bradenton Mayor Wyane Poston, *Platinum Winner*

Manatee County Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, *Gold Winner*