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Lamorinda Moms Pick the Best of Lamorinda 2013

Submitted by Jennifer McCosker



With 192 member nominee submissions and an amazing 772 votes from members – a record high – Lamorinda Moms completed the Best of Lamorinda 2013 survey, which recognizes great resources within the Lamorinda area and provides a valuable information bank for Lamorinda Moms members as well as the community.

This year some old favorites won their categories, such as Best Storytime (Lafayette Library), Best Plant

Nursery & Florist (Orchard Nursery in Lafayette), and Best Brunch and Best Family-friendly Dining (Chow in Lafayette). Newcomers to Lamorinda were stiff competition and won some categories including Best Birthday Entertainer (The Garden Party Company), and Best Takeout/Delivery (Patxi's in Lafayette). Many categories were won by a slim margin of one to three votes. Congratulations to our Lamorinda moms for providing the best resource for finding babysitters, nannies (Lamorinda Moms Forum), and best birthday party location (Home).

Lamorinda Moms members received directions and a link to the online survey and had two weeks to complete it. Each current Lamorinda Moms member was eligible to vote once. All votes were anonymous. Members who voted could enter a

raffle to win one of two gift certificates, a \$25 gift certificate from Orchard Nursery in Lafayette and a gift certificate from Cloud 9 Organic Salon in Orinda for a haircut and blowout, a \$40 value.

The entrant with the most votes in the category won. There was one two-way tie and one three-way tie. The two-way tie was for Best Toy Store (Sweet Dreams in Orinda and Five Little Monkeys in Walnut Creek). The three-way tie was for Best Interior Designer (Anna Stahl Design, Kelly Scanlon Designs, and Found Design in Lafayette).

While many of the same categories were used from previous Best of Lamorinda surveys, 18 new categories were added this year, with most being professional services, and marked with an asterisk on the list below:

The 2013 Winners

Babysitting Resource	Lamorinda Moms Forum	Caterer	Susan Foord Catering
Nanny Resource	Lamorinda Moms Forum	Photographer	Alicia Cervenka Photography
Birthday Entertainer	The Garden Party Company	Plant Nursery	Orchard Nursery & Florist
Birthday Party Location	Home	Housecleaner/Housecleaning Service*	Extreme Clean Company
Children's Birthday Cake	Lovely Little Cakes	Realtor*	Karen Richardson Group, Alain Pinel
Children's Clothing	Baby Gap / Gap Kids	Architect*	Ward-Young Architecture & Planning
Toy Store	Sweet Dreams	General Contractor*	J Willis Construction
	Five Little Monkeys	Handyman*	Luis Ovalle
	The Ballet School	Landscape Architect/Design*	Garden Lights Landscape Development
Dance Class / Lessons	Encore Gymnastics	Appliance Repair*	Adept Appliance Repair
Gymnastics Class	Music Together	Appliance Retail*	Friedman's Appliance
Music Class	Sherman Swim School	Electrician*	Redwood Electric
Swim Lessons	Camp Galileo	Plumber*	Volga Plumbing
Summer Camp	Kristine's Kuts	Hardware Store*	Orchard Supply Hardware
Kid's Haircut	Moraga Commons	Interior Designer*	Anna Stahl Design
Playground	Lafayette Reservoir		Kelly Scanlon Designs
Walk / Hike with Kids	Lafayette Reservoir		Found Design
Picnic Spot*	Lindsay Wildlife Museum		
Rainy Day Activity	Lafayette Library		
Storytime	Growing Tree Preschool		
Pre-School			
Food / Drink / Fun			
Brunch	Chow	Health	
Carryout / Delivery	Patxi's	Pediatric Dentist	Aloha Pediatric Dentistry
Family Friendly Dining	Chow	Adult Dentist*	Matthew T. Herrington, DDS
Chinese Food	Uncle Yu's	OB/GYN	Kurt Wharton, MD
Pizza	Pizza Antica	Ophthalmologist / Optometrist	Lamorinda Optometry
Indian Food	Swad	Dermatologist	Kelly Hood, MD
Mexican Food	El Charro	Chiropractor	Ori Family Chiropractic & Massage
Italian Food	Postino	Pediatrician / Pediatric Office	Lamorinda Pediatrics
Japanese Food / Sushi	Blue Gingko	Primary Care Physician (Adult)*	Mary Miller, MD
Mediterranean Food	Kabab Burger	CNM/CPM (Certified Nurse-Midwife/Certified Professional Midwife)*	Laura Warren - Kaiser Permanente
Thai Food	Amarin Thai	Pregnancy / Maternity / Newborn	
Desserts	SusieCakes	Prenatal Yoga Class	YogaWorks
Seafood	Yankee Pier	Birth / Parenting Class	John Muir Women's Health Center
Steak	Ruth's Chris	Infant Specialty Shop	Day One Center
Sandwich Shop	Morucci's Si Mangia Bene	Lactation Consultant	John Muir Women's Health Center
Coffee Shop	La Boulange Bakery	Sleep Consultant	Day One Center
Outdoor Dining	Metro	Maternity Clothing Shop*	Destination Maternity
Romantic Dinner	Postino	Pampering and Fitness	
Mom's Night Out	Metro	Day Spa	Lavande
Cocktails*	Metro	Full Service Salon	Cloud 9 Organic Salon
Movie Theater	Century 14	Manicure / Pedicure	Cloud 9 Organic Salon
Live Music	Orinda Summer Concerts	Gym	Renaissance ClubSport
Live Theater	Town Hall Theatre Comp.	Fitness Class	Oakwood Athletic Club
Pumpkin Patch	Clayton Valley Pumpkin Farm, Cl	Mom & Baby Fitness Class	Baby Boot Camp
	Broadway Plaza	Yoga / Pilates Studio	Renaissance ClubSport - Leslie Jerge
Pictures with Santa			
Professional Services			
Dry Cleaners	Sterling Cleaners		
Florist	Orchard Nursery & Florist		
Grocery Store	Diablo Foods		
Party Supplies	Boswell's		
Pet Grooming / Sitting	Pet Food Express		
Veterinarian	Lafayette Animal Hospital		

For a complete list of winners' addresses, websites and phone numbers, please visit www.lamorindaweekly.com.

Lamorinda Moms is a non-profit social and support group for moms with children age five and younger within the greater Lamorinda area that strives to help members enrich their lives through cultivating new friendships, personal and professional growth, and community involvement. Since its inception in 1995, Lamorinda Moms has evolved to become one of the largest parenting organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, with over 875 members and growing. For more information about Lamorinda Moms, visit at www.lamorindamoms.org.

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