



Best of 2017 ASPEN

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We all know Aspen is the best. But what, exactly, is the best that Aspen has to offer?

For the lowdown, we turned to our readers — who were not afraid to tell us what they thought.

In an online poll conducted at the end of 2017, some 10,760 votes were cast in nearly 60 categories naming first-, second- and third-place winners.

The categories fell under the umbrellas of Around Aspen, Mountain Characters, Only in Aspen, The Great Outdoors, Wining & Dining, and Other.

Congratulations to the 2017 Best of Aspen winners, as determined by our readers. Enjoy your bragging rights, because 2018 is officially underway.

Around Town

BEST ART GALLERY

- ★ **Aspen Art Gallery**
- ✦ Aspen Emporium and Flying Circus
- ✦ Pergande Gallery



BEST DISPENSARY

- ★ **Silverpeak Apothecary**
- ✦ Best Day Ever
- ✦ Native Roots Aspen



BEST FLORIST

- ★ **Mountain Flowers of Aspen**
- ✦ Sashae
- ✦ Aspen Branch



BEST FLY-FISHING SHOP

- ★ **Aspen Outfitting Company**
- ✦ Taylor Creek Fly Shop
- ✦ Frying Pan Anglers

THANK YOU FOR MAKING *our team* STRONGER YEAR AFTER YEAR.
C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !



VOTED BEST FEMALE REALTOR
BRITTANIE ROCKHILL
Douglas Elliman Real Estate



VOTED BEST MALE REALTOR
MICHAEL LATOUSEK
Douglas Elliman Real Estate



*VOTED BEST MALE REALTOR
runner up*
RILEY WARWICK
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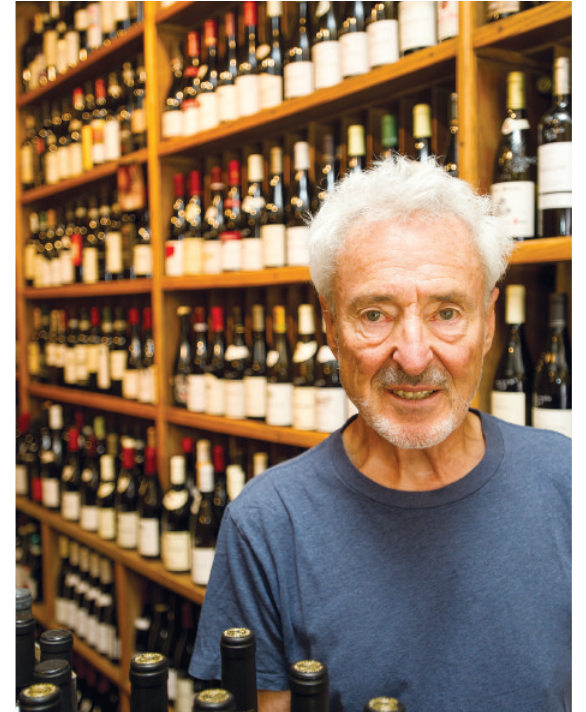
BEST HOTEL

- ★ **Hotel Jerome**
- ★ The St. Regis Aspen Resort
- ★ The Little Nell



BEST JEWELRY STORE

- ★ **Pitkin County Dry Goods**
- ★ Harmony Scott
- ★ Kathryn LeGrand



BEST LIQUOR STORE

- ★ **Of Grape & Grain**
- ★ The Grog Shop
- ★ Carl's Pharmacy



BEST MEN'S CLOTHING STORE

- ★ **Pitkin County Dry Goods**
- ★ Aspen Thrift Shop
- ★ Radio



BEST MUSIC VENUE

- ★ **Belly Up Aspen**
- ★ Benedict Music Tent
- ★ Fanny Hill, Snowmass

BEST PLACE TO GET A HAIRCUT

★ **Salon Tulio**

✧ Mi Hair

✶ Sammy's



BEST PLACE TO GET A MANICURE

★ **Remede Spa at The St. Regis Aspen Resort**

✧ Salon Tulio

✶ Kim's Spa



BEST PLACE TO GET A MASSAGE

★ **Remede Spa at The St. Regis Aspen Resort**

✧ Jean Robert's

✶ At home



BEST RETAIL WINDOW DISPLAY

★ **Pitkin County Dry Goods**

✧ Ralph Lauren

✶ Radio



BEST SECOND HAND STORE

- ★ **Aspen Thrift Shop**
- ★ Susie's
- ★ Replay Sports



BEST SKI SHOP

- ★ **Aspen Sports**
- ★ Four Mountain Sports
- ★ Hamilton Sports



BEST WOMEN'S CLOTHING STORE

- ★ **Pitkin County Dry Goods**
- ★ Kali's Aspen
- ★ Aspen Thrift Shop



BEST YOGA CLASS

- ★ **Shakti Shala**
- ★ O2 Aspen
- ★ King Yoga



Mountain Characters



BEST ALL AROUND CITIZEN

- ★ **Bill Poss**
- ☼ Klaus Obermeyer
- ☼ Lucy Nichols



BEST BARTENDER

- ★ **Red Onion's Danielle aka "Pocahontas"**
- ☼ Sam "#2" Gemus from Matsu
- ☼ Zach Bowersock
- ☼ Scottie from L'Hostaria



BEST COLUMNIST

- ★ **Meredith Carroll**
- ☼ Lo Simple
- ☼ Sean "Hey, look, I'm a columnist" Beckwith



BEST FISHING GUIDE

- ★ **Will Hollister**
- ☼ Tom Menas
- ☼ Scott Nichols
- ☼ Sam Broome

**Thank You for voting us for
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Mountain Flowers of Aspen



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MOUNTAIN FLOWERS
of Aspen





BEST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE

- ★ **RJ Peshek**
- ✦ Max Ufkes
- ★ Margo McHugh



BEST INTERIOR DESIGNER

- ★ **Poss Interior Design**
- ✦ Forum Phi Interiors
- ★ Kristin Ditmar



BEST REALTOR - FEMALE

- ★ **Brittanie Rockhill**
- ✦ BJ Adams
- ★ Sally Shiekman-Miller



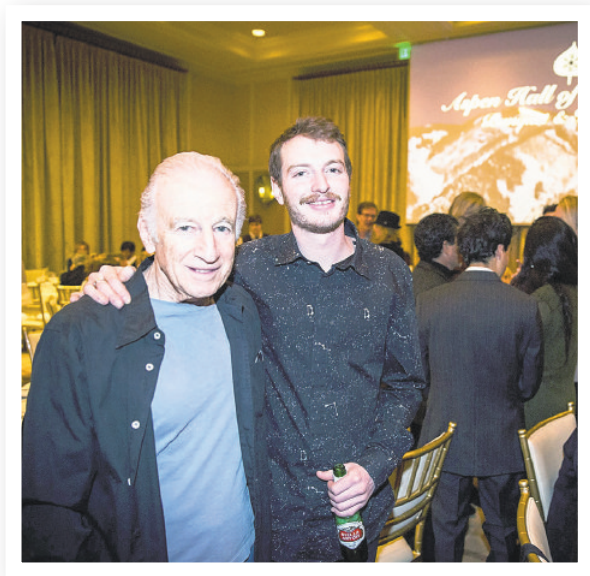
BEST REALTOR - MALE

- ★ **Michael Latousek**
- ✦ Riley Warwick
- ★ Chris Klug



BEST SKI INSTRUCTOR

- ★ **Juano, Snowmass Snowboard Instructor**
- ✦ Wendy Nevins
- ★ Erik Clark



**BEST
SOCIALITE**

- ★ **Lenny "Boogie" Weinglass**
- ★ May Selby
- ★ Nancy Mayer



**BEST
VOLUNTEER**

- ★ **Hana Maclean**
- ★ Jayne Poss
- ★ Maryann Melville



BEST WHINER

- ★ **Lee Mulcahy**
- ★ Shannon Nagle
- ★ Bert Myrin

CONGRATS!

Sally Shiekman-Miller
Voted one of the valley's top female real estate brokers for 2017.

Congratulations, Sally – 2 years in a row!
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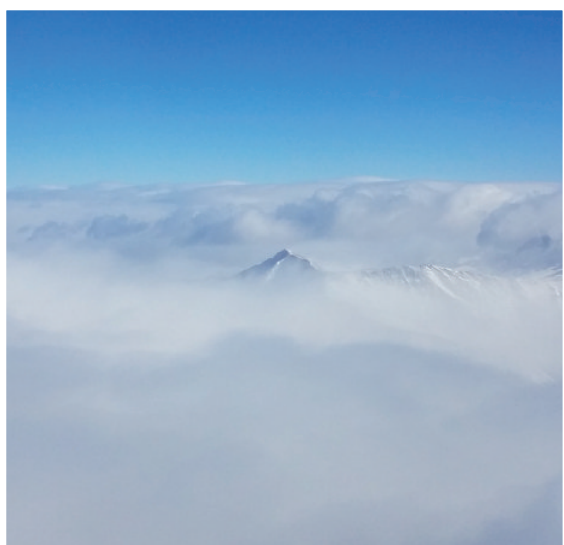
BEST PLACE TO SKI APRES

- ★ **Ajax Tavern**
- ★ Cloud 9
- ★ The Limelight



BEST PLACE TO FIND A ONE NIGHT STAND

- ★ **Escobar**
- ★ Shell Gas Station
- ★ Chair 9



BEST PLACE TO FIND YOUR SOUL MATE

- ★ **Hiking a 14er**
- ★ In the Gondola
- ★ Tuesday Cruise Day



BEST PLACE TO PEOPLE WATCH

- ★ **Anywhere in Aspen**
- ★ Ajax Tavern
- ★ Paradise Corner



BEST PLACE TO WALK A DOG

- ★ **Rio Grande Park**
- ★ John Denver Sanctuary
- ★ Hunter-Frying Pan Wilderness

The Great Outdoors



BEST BIKE RIDE

★ **Rio Grande Trail to Woody Creek**

★ Maroon Bells

★ Sky Mountain Park



BEST HIKE

★ **Aspen to Crested Butte**

★ Hunter Creek Loop

★ American Lake

CONGRATS!

Chris Klug

Voted one of the valley's top male real estate brokers for 2017.

Congratulations, Chris!

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BEST NORDIC TRAIL

☀ **T Lazy 7 to Maroon Bells**

☁ Northstar Preserve

☀ Castle Creek

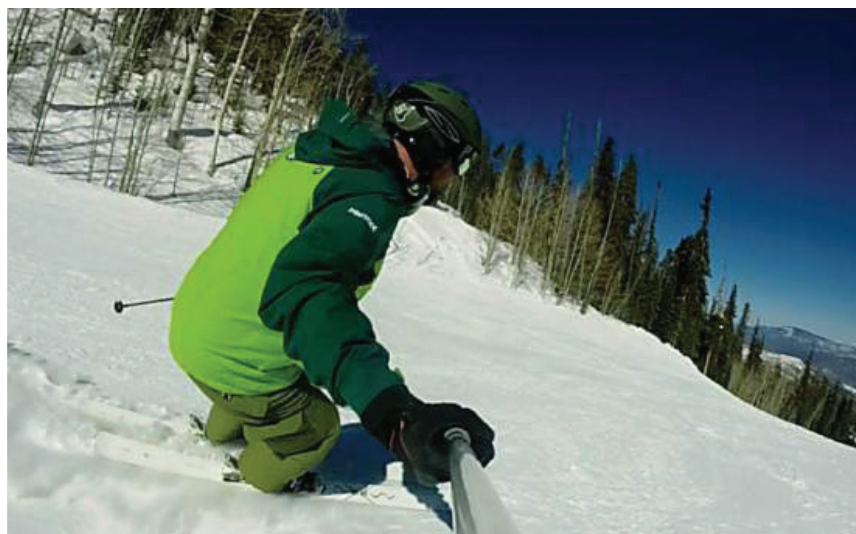
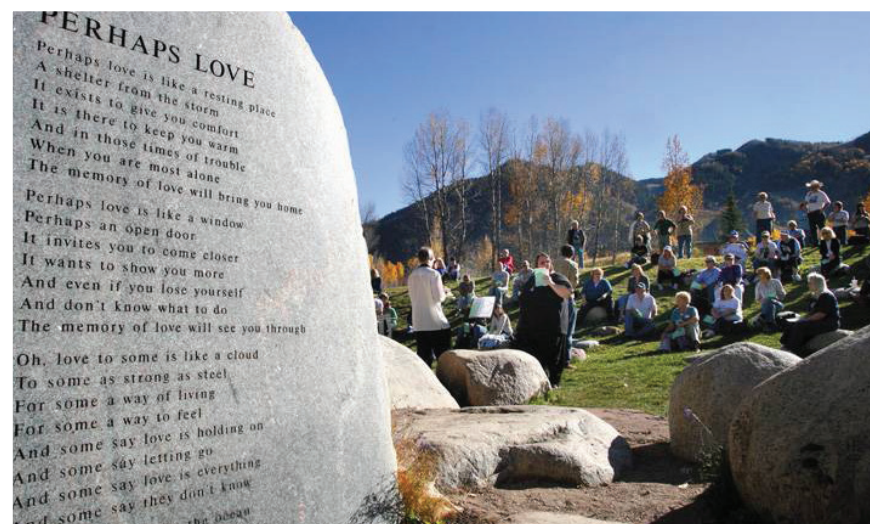


BEST SHRINE

☀ **John Denver Sanctuary**

☁ Grateful Dead / Jerry Garcia

☀ Hunter S. Thompson



BEST SKI RUN

☀ **Naked Lady**

☁ Ridge of Bell

☀ G8



BEST VIEW OF ASPEN

☀ **Smuggler**

☁ Ute Trail

☀ Sunnyside

Wining & Dining

BEST BAR

- ★ **L'Hostaria**
- ★ Jimmy's
- ★ Cache Cache



BEST BREAKFAST

- ★ **Jour de Fete**
- ★ Over Easy
- ★ Hickory House



BEST BURGER

- ★ **Hotel Jerome**
- ★ 520 Grill
- ★ Ajax Tavern

BEST CHEAP EATS

- ★ **Big Wrap**
- ★ New York Pizza
- ★ Home Team BBQ
- ★ Bamboo Bear



BEST COCKTAIL MENU

- ★ **Hooch**
- ★ Jimmy's
- ★ Chef's Club - St. Regis



BEST COFFEE SHOP

- ★ **Peach's**
- ★ Ink
- ★ Jour de Fete



BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

- ★ **Home Team BBQ**
- ★ Hickory House
- ★ L'Hostaria



BEST HAPPY HOUR

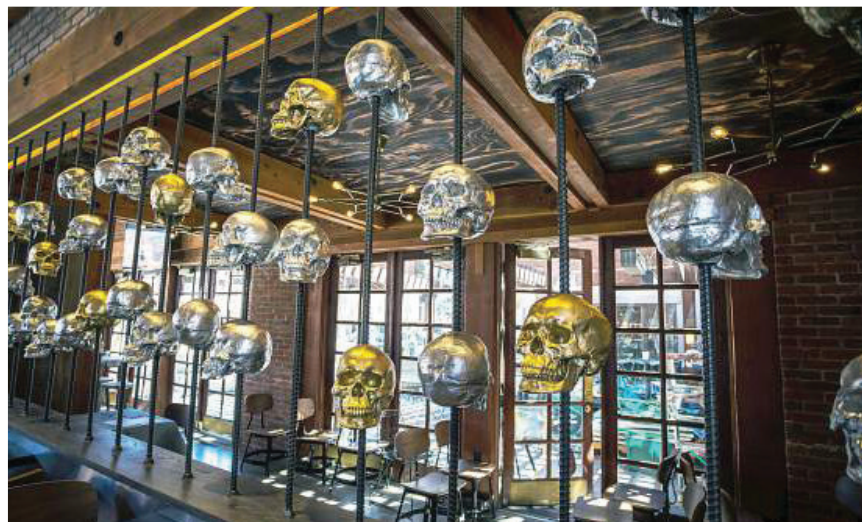
- ★ **The Limelight**
- ★ Kenichi
- ★ Chair 9

BEST MARGARITA

★ **Mi Chola**

★ Jimmy's

★ Woody Creek Tavern



BEST ON MOUNTAIN RESTAURANT

★ **Bonnie's**

★ Cloud 9

★ Gwyn's High Alpine



BEST OUTDOOR DINING

★ **Ajax Tavern**

★ White House

★ Jimmy's Bodega



BEST SANDWICH SHOP

★ **Big Wrap**

★ Grateful Deli

★ Annette's



Other

BEST ANNUAL EVENT

- ☀ **Fourth of July**
- ☀ Food & Wine Classic
- ☀ JAS Labor Day Experience

BEST ANNUAL SALE

- ☀ **Obermeyer Sale**
- ☀ Ski Swap
- ☀ Pitkin County Dry Goods



BEST NEWS STORY IN THE LAST YEAR

- ☀ **Lance Armstrong's bike stolen from sheriff's porch**
- ☀ Forum Phi named #1 best place to work in the country by Outside Magazine
- ☀ Aspen office manager steals \$660,00 from sister, Melinda Nagle



ANNA STONEHOUSE/THE ASPEN TIMES
Kent Kitchell spikes the volleyball in the men's 60 and over final during the MotherLode Volleyball Classic at Koch Park in Aspen on Wednesday. Kitchell and his partner Eric Anderson, both from California, took first place in their category. The annual tournament will continue through the weekend.

retrieved four flat-bottom duck boats and four outboard motors.

While Maas and his worker were running that major errand, donations of nonperishable food items and bottled water were being collected at the Emma ranch.

Maas and three others left around 10 a.m. Wednesday to haul the boats down to Houston. He said his motivation comes from his appreciation for the Lone Star State and its residents who are suffering.

"More than anything, we like the state of Texas," he said. "And we don't feel like our safety is going to be in any kind of jeopardy."

Maas, who is originally from Minnesota, said he and his crew all have experience running boats.

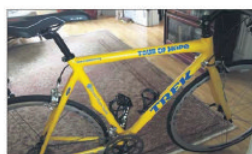
Maas and his crew's efforts are in line with those of the Cajun Navy, the band of boat-ready volunteers from south Louisiana who rescued stranded victims during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 as well as last year's disastrous floods in the Pelican State. Members of the Cajun Navy also have arrived in Houston, America's fourth-largest city, to help.

"We'll stay down there as long as we need to," said Maas, who has a cousin who lives in Houston, as well as other friends. "We kind of feel with our experience with who we are and the resources we have, if we're not the ones to put something together, who the hell else is going to?"

For Aspen resident Lisa Wagner, it has been

HARVEY, A12

Bike stolen from PitCo sheriff's porch



COURTESY PHOTO
A bicycle Lance Armstrong rode in the 2005 Tour of Hope from San Diego to Washington, D.C., and later gave to Marcy DiSalvo, Pitkin County Sheriff Joe DiSalvo's wife, was stolen earlier this month from the sheriff's West End home.

Jason Auslander
The Aspen Times

A valuable bicycle with some serious pedigree was stolen earlier this month from the front porch of Pitkin County Sheriff Joe DiSalvo's West End home, the sheriff said Wednesday.

"I'm bummed," DiSalvo said. "So we decided to do a Facebook campaign (to try to get it back) because it's so unique and valuable."

The bright-yellow Trek road bike belonged to DiSalvo's wife, Marcy, who expressed an interest in cycling a couple of years ago, he said. So DiSalvo asked his friend and part-time Aspen resident Lance Armstrong if he might be able to help.

"Lance said, 'Let me get you a bike,'" DiSalvo said. "We've been friends for a long time."

Armstrong chose a bike he'd received for the 2005 Tour of Hope ride from San Diego to Washington, D.C., and refurbished it for Marcy DiSalvo, the sheriff said. The Tour of Hope raises money for cancer research.

"Joe and Lance did it for me as a surprise," Marcy DiSalvo said Wednesday. "I was so excited."

Marcy DiSalvo said she received the bike two years ago, but because of shoulder surgery and other reasons, she hasn't taken it out riding much yet. However,

BIKE, A8



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INTO THE WILD
Wilderness Workshop's artist in residence gets a taste of the Roaring Fork Valley.

VOTED #1 DISPENSARY
IN COLORADO

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850 Offices — 5 Continents

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BEST NONPROFIT

- ☀ **Mountain Rescue Aspen**
- ☀ Shining Stars Foundation
- ☀ Aspen Valley Hospital Foundation