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HOME&GARDEN



BEST ANTIQUES OR VINTAGE SHOPPING

The Hunt

20 Bank St, New Milford

Runner Up

The Rustic Country Barn

101 Park Lane Rd, New Milford

Finalist

Miss Dallas' Shop

16 Higgins Dr, Milford

Pandemonium Thrift Shop

112 Elm St, Deep River

The Rusty Relic

599 CT-169, Woodstock

The Vintage Bee Collective

49 Maple St, Somersville



BEST ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Hantsch Electric

508 Danbury Rd, New Milford

Runner Up

Eastside Electric

178 Birge Park Rd, Harwinton

Finalist

Bernsten Electric

9 Terrell Farms Way, Wallingford

Pinter Electric

272 W Meetinghouse Rd, New Milford

Shockwave Electric

122 Wopowag Rd, East Hampton



BEST FLORIST

Ruth Chase Flowers

19 Church St, New Milford

Runner Up

The Sunshine Shop

925 Upper Maple St, Dayville

Finalist

Haworth's Flowers & Gifts

47 Garden St, Farmington

Montville Florist

315 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville

Persimmon Petals

135 Broad St, Hartford



BEST GARDEN CENTER OR NURSERY

Hollandia Nurseries & Farm

103 Old Hawleyville Rd, Bethel

Runner Up

Scott's Landscaping & Nursery

322 Kent Rd, New Milford

Finalist

Shakespeare's Garden

25 Obluse Rd S, Brookfield

The Green Spot

354 Litchfield Rd, New Milford

Wojtusik's Nursery & Garden Center

750 Terryville Ave, Bristol



BEST HOME DECOR

Design by The Jonathans

85 Willow St, New Haven

Runner Up

Mellow Monkey

360 Sniffens Ln, Stratford

Finalist

A Pocketful of Posies

386 Main St, Middletown

The Hunt

20 Bank St, New Milford

The Rustic Country Barn

101 Park Lane Rd, New Milford

Tidewater Lighting & Design

665 Boston Post Rd, Old Saybrook



BEST HOME REMODELER

Elite Interior Renovations

Fairfield, CT

Runner Up

MJ Renaud Painting

193 Cedar Ridge Terrace, Glastonbury

Finalist

Bencar Building Systems

210 N Plains Industrial Rd, Wallingford

NHV Painters

354 Woodmont Rd, Milford

T&S Builders

106 S Kent Rd, South Kent



BEST HVAC COMPANY

Encon Heating & Air Conditioning

31 Parker Ave, Stamford

Runner Up

Gonzo Heating & Cooling

Garvan St, Newington

Finalist

Jennings Oil & Propane

30 E Franklin St, Danbury

Nero Air Conditioning & Heating

334 State St, North Haven

Ryan F. Murphy Heating & Cooling

8 S Main St, New Milford



BEST INTERIOR DESIGNER

Design by The Jonathans

320 Boston Post Rd, Darien

Runner Up

Design House Interiors

6 N Main St, Wallingford

Finalist

House of Moon

Old Lyme, CT

Nostalgic Home Interiors

49 Maple St, Somersville

Roberta Ann Interiors

8 Campus Dr, Madison



BEST LANDSCAPER

Scott's Landscaping & Nursery

322 Kent Rd, New Milford

Runner Up

Custom Illuminations |

Holiday Light Installers

354 Woodmont Rd, Milford

Finalist

Hollandia Landscape & Design

103 Old Hawleyville Rd, Bethel

OBEE Landscaping

148 Dividend Rd, Rocky Hill

YardScapes Landscape Professionals

18 Aspetuck Ridge Rd, New Milford



BEST PLUMBER

Marbledale Plumbing & Heating

25 Merwin Ave, Milford

Runner Up

Positano Plumbing

186 West St, Bristol

Finalist

Degree Heating & Cooling

160 Oak St, Glastonbury

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