

THE WINNERS

Places

BEST BREWERY WITH EVENT SPACE

**Harvest Moon
Brewery & Café (tie)**

harvestmoonbrewery.com | 732.249.6666

Triumph Brewing Company (tie)

triumphbrewing.com | 609.924.7855
Runners-Up» Cape May Brewing Company;
Long Valley Pub and Brewery

BEST WINERY WITH EVENT SPACE

Cape May Winery & Vineyard

capemaywinery.com | 609.884.1169
Runners-Up» Laurita Winery; Alba Vineyard
& Winery

**BEST RESTAURANT WITH PRIVATE
DINING SPACE**

**Lambertville Station Restaurant
and Inn**

lambertvillestation.com | 609.397.8300
Runners-Up» The Frog and The Peach;
Liberty House

Services

BEST EVENT DÉCOR PROVIDER

The Charles Group, Inc.

thecharlesgroup.com | 973.575.1444
Runners-Up» Laura Clare Design; Flowerful
Events

BEST FLORIST

Highland Flowers & Gifts

highlandflowers.com | 973.764.5040
Runners-Up» Red Bank Flowers; Flowerful
Events

**BEST MEETING/EVENT PLANNING
COMPANY**

Landmark Hospitality

landmarkvenues.com | 866.683.3586
Runners-Up» The Charles Group, Inc.;
Crystal Plaza Group

BEST TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER

Royal Coachman

royalcoachman.com | 800.472.7433
Runners-Up» AAA Limousine; AAA
Worldwide Transportation

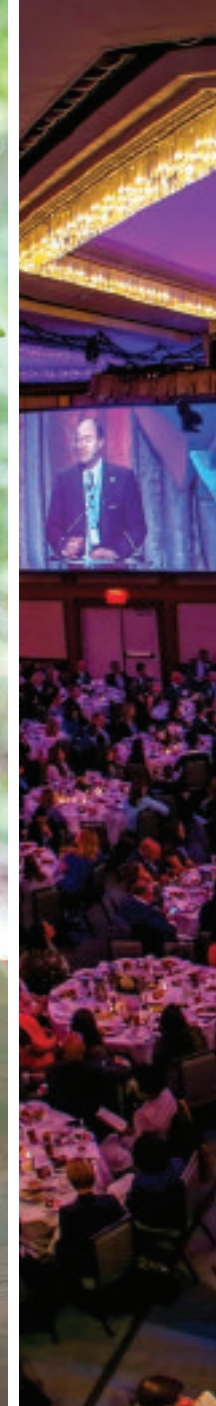


LAMBERTVILLE STATION RESTAURANT AND INN

Lambertville Station Restaurant and Inn wins for Best Restaurant with Private Dining Space. Nestled inside a historic train station with charming town views and the Delaware River in its backyard, this upscale restaurant's setting is hard to beat. The private or semiprivate Bridge Room accommodates 50 guests and has views of the Delaware River while the Victorian Lounge shares a historic elegance designed for no more than 45 guests. From jambalaya and BLT sliders to cast iron New York strip steak, the menu showcases a delicious mélange of culinary influences.

SERVICES

The Charles Group, Inc. takes home Best Event Décor Provider this year. "Creative event décor is more than making a space or a venue beautiful. It also has to be a subtle reflection of the goals of our client," says Carol Davis Grossman, managing partner. "There are countless details that go into creating a memorable event, but none is more visible than the event décor. It immediately sets the tone as guests walk in and experience the many sights and sounds that have been put in place," she adds. Like many industries, The Charles Group also likes to play up the local



PHOTOS: LAMBERTVILLE STATION; DOMINICK TOTINO



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angle. “We often incorporate what is in indigenous to the particular landscape so that guests experience more of the local culture,” says Davis Grossman. “Recently we did an event in San Diego and knew that the guests would be traveling in from all parts of the world. We wanted to embody the feeling of SOCAL, so we designed a tented urban chic farmers market as the backdrop for the evening. Attendees were treated to food stations with various fresh farm to table stalls, a central bar offering local beers and a craft beer tasting station. We also designed custom bars and dessert stations using wooden crates and rustic details accented with local fruits and vegetables.”

Highland Flowers & Gifts wins for Best Florist. Located in Vernon, this florist and gift shop is a shining example of a small business with big results. “For over 25 years my family and I have poured our hearts into every vase of flowers,” says owner Lori Struck. “Our children were raised in the workroom, the showroom was our family room and many dinner times were spent at the work table, not the kitchen table. We were proud to be a small business before it was cool.”

The award for the Best Meeting/Event Planning Company goes to **Landmark Hospitality**. This hospitality company owns and operates four venues in New Jersey with

three others in New York and Pennsylvania and has exclusive catering partnerships with five other Garden State venues. Owned by husband and wife Frank and Jeanne Cretella who made their mark in the restaurant world before turning to events, Landmark is synonymous with excellence in a variety of settings. From historic (The Ryland Inn) and relaxed (The Boathouse at Mercer Lake) to more modern with drop-dead views (The Liberty House), Landmark Hospitality prides itself on delivering exceptional experiences in distinctive settings.

Royal Coachman wins Best Transportation Provider. This family-owned and operated business has grown from a two car-, three driver-operation in 1969 into a top limousine service transporting clients in more than 600 destinations. Headquartered in Denville, Royal Coachman is now managed by the founder’s two children—Amy O’Rourke and Jon Epstein. Their fleet comprises 150 vehicles including sedans and SUVs, vans and minicoaches and luxury motor coaches. Services include airport transfers (to commercial and private airports), corporate shuttle services, special event limousines and road show transportation.

Princeton Mercer Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau (PMRCVB) is the readers’ choice for Best CVB/DMO North of Route 195. PMRCVB, business program of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, is the “access portal for over 2.5 million annual visitors to our region,” says Peter Crowley, president and CEO of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce. “Through our state-of-the-art interactive technology we provide video clips of tourist attractions, an informative website of upcoming events and specific day and week and weekend schedules of where to visit,” adds Crowley. “Together with our partners we advocate and promote the Princeton-Mercer Central New Jersey region as a premier travel destination.”

Originally established in the mid-1940s, the **Cape May County Department of Tourism** promotes the 16 municipalities and 267 square miles of Cape May County. From the doo-wop 1950s throwback-style of Wildwood