

Nominees for Blue Ribbon Awards announced

The Blue Ribbon Award nominations have been tallied, with more than 150 nominations received.

The 5th annual Blue Ribbon Awards Dinner and Ceremony will be Nov. 15 at Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe. Tickets are \$50 (775.588.1728) and include a cocktail hour.

Here are the nominees for the 2012 Blue Ribbon Awards:

Tourism – Avalon Lodge/Cle Hospitality, Lake of the Sky Outfitters, Lake Tahoe Adventures, MontBleu Outdoor Concert Series, and South Tahoe Stand Up Paddle.

Geotourism – Discover Lake Tahoe Tours, On Course Events, South Tahoe Stand Up Paddle, Sustainable Tahoe/Tahoe Expo, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, and Tahoe Tallac Association/Valhalla at Tahoe.

Small Green – Connie's Clothesline Thrift Shop, Elevated Fitness, South Tahoe Stand Up Paddle, Sustainable Tahoe/Tahoe Expo, and Tahoe Resource Conservation District.

Large Green – Edgewood Tahoe, Harrah's & Harvey's, Heavenly Mountain Resort/Echo Program, and South Tahoe Refuse.

Entrepreneur – Amy Thompson/Tahoe Tot Spot, Bob Nielsen/MacDuff's Public House, Brandi Brown/Tahoe Production House, Bren Tate/Sea Leagues Skates, Cindy Rawlins/CC's Pirate Treasures, Dana Smith/Straw Hat Pizza, Darrell Wampler/K-Tahoe Radio, Fred Jackson/Tahoe Lobster Company, Rob Giustina/On Course Events, Paige Rice/Tahoe Best Friends, Paul Reder/PR Entertainment, and Theresa Bertrand/BioSpirit Day Spa.

Experience – Barton Hospital, Bona Fide Books, Discover Lake Tahoe Tours, Elevated Fitness, Getaway Café, Heavenly Sports,

On Course Events, PR Entertainment, Primo's Italian Bistro, South Shore Bikes, South Tahoe CrossFit, South Tahoe Stand Up Paddle, Tahoe Tot Spot, V'z Image Option'z, and Zip Tahoe.

Customer Service (Private Sector) – 968 Park Hotel, Adra Fenstermaker/Body by Adra, Amy Thompson/Tahoe Tot Spot, Beth Lee/Affordable Construction Services, Brian Cohen/Overland Meat & Seafood Co., Bridget McGrath & David Kumpe/Elevated Fitness, Cheryl & Tyler Cannon/Sprouts, Clean Tahoe Program, Diane Guth/Getaway Café, Don Muren/Edgewood Tahoe, George Zepeda/Jalisco Grill, Hec Hernandez/South Shore Bikes, Kim & Jim Warlow/The Cork & More, Joe Hayes/Heavenly Mountain Resort, Joshua Ashby/Park Tahoe Inn, Les Schwab Tires, Lira's Market, Marie Logie/Jazz Kat Café, Mark Podesto/NorCal Beverage, Matt Reinke/The Burger Lounge, Maureen Stuhlman/Tahoe Best Friends, Nelson Marroquin/Embassy Suites, Paige Rice/Tahoe Best Friends, Paula Morris/John's Cleaners, Rowena Pegg/Lakeside Beach Grill, Roy Testa/Welcome's Auto Body, Scott Craig/Riva Grill, Sierra Athletic Club, Tommy Gunnell/Embassy Suites, and Zion Finck/TechTastic.

Customer Service (Public Agency) – Bobbi Thompson/Minden-Tahoe Airport, Brandy Johns/Kingsbury Grade Improvement District, Dee Kline/El Dorado County, and Judy Finn/City of South Lake Tahoe.