



BEST OF 2010

By Gazette Readers

We asked *You!* And you responded!

The Gazette wanted to know the best of the best that the Bay Area offers in categories that Gazette readers cherish.

Here are the results of your insightful, wise, distinguished, and sometimes funny or adorable (see the collection of some of our favorite responses at the end) votes for the best of what our Pacific paradise presents.



Private Jet Company

Winner: XOJet

Runners Up: NetJets, FlexJet

Caterer or Personal Chef

Winner: Dan McCall & Associates

Runners Up: Paula LeDuc Fine Catering, Taste Catering, Fork & Spoon

Doctor

Winner: Laurie Green

Runners Up: Seth Matarasso, Victor Prieto

View

Winner: Top of the Mark

Runners Up: Skybridges at Mandarin Oriental, St. Francis Yacht Club, Starlight Room

Sought-After Invitation

Winner: Getty Christmas Party

Tradition

Winner: Bay to Breakers

Runners Up: Opera opening night, Pride Parade

Architect

Winner: Andrew Skurman

Runner Up: Lehrman Cameron Studio

Plastic Surgeon

Winner: Carolyn Chang

Runners Up: Randall B. Weil, William J. Wolfenden

Fashion Designer

Winner: Colleen Quen

Runners Up: Nice Collective, Lily Samii

Lawyer

Winner: Guy Kornblum

Runners Up: Haig A. Harris, Jr., Robert Economidis, Barbara Moser

Hideaway

Winner: CordeValle

Runners Up: Nick's Cove at Tomales Bay, Pelican Inn at Muir Beach, Inn at Mavericks at Half Moon Bay

Make-up Artist

Winner: Robert Williams at Saks Fifth Avenue

Runners Up: Paige Boyer at Joseph Cozza, Jim Avila



"Gala" or Event for Creativity

Winner: SFMOMA 75th Anniversary Gala

Runners Up: Bouquets to Art at the de Young Museum, SF Zoo's ZooFest, Mid-Winter Ball at the de Young Museum

Art Dealer/Gallery

Winner: Modernism

Runners Up: Berggruen Gallery, Gallery Paule Anglim, Haines Gallery, Fraenkel Gallery

Private Dining Room

Winner: Foreign Cinema

Runners Up: Quince, Kokari, Millenium Club Level Private Dining

Response to the Economy

Winner: Walking at Crissy Field

Runners Up: Buying Apple stock, Renting private Karaoke booth in Japantown

Event Designer

Winner: Robert Fountain

Runners Up: Stanlee Gatti, Dominic Phillips Event Marketing, Lewis Sykes

Restaurant

Winner: Zuni

Runners Up: Frances, Bix, Waterbar

Romance Spot

Winner: Pier near the Ferry Building

Runners Up: Grace Marchant Gardens below Coit Tower, any rooftop in Nob Hill when it's not foggy



Day Spa

Winner: Nob Hill Spa

Runners Up: Spa Claremont, Spa at Cavallo Point, Osmosis at Freestone

Private Club

Winner: Olympic Club

Runners Up: Bohemian Club, Metropolitan Club

"Best Of" Nominations!

We asked and you delivered, sometimes to the tune of tickling us tremendously! Here are some of our staff's most beloved outtakes from the "Best Of" voting:

Hideaway

I'm not going to tell!

Tradition

Watching July 4th fireworks in the fog

Response to the Economy

Saks redesigning your grandmother's mink or not answering the question

Best Gossip

Lea Belli had a baby?; What woman realtor is dating a supermodel?; anything overheard in the bathroom at Balboa Café, Joseph Cozza's Salon, or Seth Mattarasso's waiting room

After-Gala Venue

Bed, home, In-N-Out Burger

Menu Item

Spareribs at anywhere

Gala Date

My newest boyfriend; any Summa Cum Laude Yale graduate who speaks four or more languages

