

# OkanaganLife

## Presents

# Best of the Okanagan

**YOU VOTED THEM THE BEST. NOW THEY'RE THANKING YOU.**

The businesses featured in this section would like to show their appreciation to *Okanagan Life* readers for voting them among 2012's Best of the Okanagan. They consider it a great honour to be recognized by you. We expect these businesses will continue to work to serve you beyond your expectations in 2013.



Looks like our hard work paid off!

**Best Software Development / Web Design Finalist**

Thanks to our clients and fans who voted Spincaster one of the best website developers in the world. Well—maybe not the world—but definitely where it matters the most, right here in the Okanagan.

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Every woman dreams about diamonds.

## We love to share your special moments

**Best Jeweller • Finalist**

While diamonds are forever, Richard Pierson says the tides are changing at JC Bradley's. New lines like Pandora, Thomas Sabo and Simon G are now in our showcases while new (yet familiar) hands are on deck. "My daughter Chantelle has cut her teeth in our industry," he says. Now she's following in her father's footsteps, something she has talked about since she was a little girl, keys in hand and unable even see over the showcase. "We are here to share people's special moments with them, from the purchase of an engagement ring to appraising a family heirloom. We're proud to cherish these moments with our clients." With the Pierson's vast knowledge of the jewellery world they will be sure to make your next piece the perfect one.

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## Silver Star. A mountain of endless fun.

**Best Family Resort • Winner**  
**Best Place for Adrenaline Rush • Winner**  
**Best Place for Family Fun • Finalist**

Just minutes from Vernon and little more than an hour from Kelowna, Silver Star is the Okanagan's only true winter and summer mountain resort. In the snow season, skiers and snowboarders flock to the mountain for vast and varied terrain, buried by more than 700 centimetres of powder. The skiing is exceptional but it's the unmatched range of family experiences that really sets the resort apart. Silver Star's My1Pass is a Canadian first and offers access to endless winter fun: skiing and riding plus 55 kilometres of Nordic trails

(Western Canada's most spectacular network), snowshoe trails, ice skating on Brewer's Pond, and sliding in Tube Town—all for the price of a full-day Alpine lift ticket. Pinheads Bowling is also new for 2013 and offers the world's only ski-in, ski-out 10-pin bowling lanes. In summer, riders flow down one of North America's premier bike parks and the resort is the hub for unique events. Smiles are infectious in the colourful village, which offers numerous dining options, fun shopping and slope-side lodging to suit all budgets.



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**Centre L-R:** Richard Ingram and Steve Wallouch.  
**Bottom L-R:** Mitch Westnedge, Neil Eisenhut, Roger Perritt and Patrick Ng.

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**Best Real Estate Company • Winner**

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\*Based on MLS® Active Listings Taken & Sold Units as Reported by OMREB in 2012 for Central Okanagan.

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City Furniture & Appliances

**Best Furniture Store • Winner**

City Furniture in Vernon is the North Okanagan's largest home furnishings store as they opened a brand new 45,000 sq. ft. location in October 2011. Since 1976 City Furniture has provided the best value in brand name furniture, appliances, mattresses, electronics and accessories. They have a strong "in stock" program and warehouse many products as well as providing custom order programs for those looking for specific products. They work with contractors, builders and designers throughout the Okanagan. Come and experience City Furniture's relaxed buying atmosphere as they stand by their motto: "We Don't Sell—We Help You Buy!"

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Vista Roofing team. L-R: Greg, Paul, Dan and Jason.

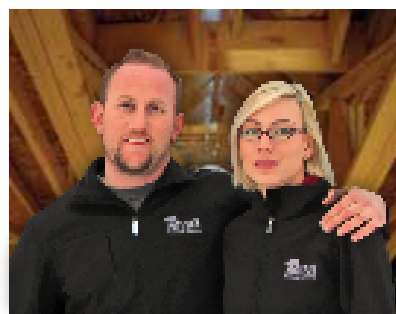
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Wiener's Plumbing team. Top row L-R: Gord (office manager), Reda (operations co-ordinator), Don (senior technician). Center row L-R: Larry (irrigation specialist), Drew (superintendent), Ken (technician). Bottom row L-R: Justin (technician), Wiener (president/owner) and Grant (technician).

## Drain your pipes, not your wallet

**Best Plumber • Winner**

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North Okanagan Skin & Laser team. L-R: Kristina Hoy, Lori Anderson (owner), Lisa Kloppenburg and Liz Bussey.

## Committed to excellent skin care

**Best Place for Non-surgical Makeover Winner**

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Bottom L-R: Will Schulz, Jason Garlet, Dirk Tennert, Dan Kilpatrick and Doug Orr.

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Hotwire Electric team. L-R: Craig, Rob, Steve, Martin and Ryan.

## Hotwire Electric

**Best Electrician • Finalist**

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**Top:** The Elementary Dance Class poses as they get ready for their December performance. **Bottom:** The Senior Rock Band performs for 300 people at Rotary Centre for the Arts, December 7, 2012

**The creative school**

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Scott and Gina Tyerman at entry of custom built Kelowna home

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**Best Truck Dealer • Winner**  
**Best Auto Maintenance • Finalist**

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From L-R: Jacquelyn, Stephanie, Lee Ann, Krista, Carol-Lynn, Jennifer, Karen, Jackie and Betty.

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