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Congratulations to all of the winners, finalists, and nominees of the 2026 Best of Kelowna Awards!

This year marks an incredible milestone as we celebrate 14 years of Best of Kelowna and six years of partnership with our presenting sponsor, Secure-Rite Mobile Storage. What began as a simple way to recognize outstanding local businesses has grown into one of the largest community-voted programs in the Okanagan.

What makes Best of Kelowna so special is that the results come directly from you, the people who live, work, shop, dine, and do business in our city every day. Every vote represents a personal experience, a trusted recommendation, and a show of support for the businesses, organizations, and individuals who help make Kelowna such an incredible place to call home.

Whether you're a lifelong resident, a newcomer, or a visitor discovering our community for the first time, we encourage you to explore the winners featured throughout these pages. Follow them on social media, visit their businesses, and support the people behind the brands. Local businesses are the heart of our community, and their success helps create the vibrant city we all enjoy.

Behind every award is a story of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Entrepreneurship isn't easy. Building a business takes courage, commitment, and countless hours of effort. Achieving excellence in any craft requires passion and consistency, and this publication is a celebration of those who continue to raise the bar year after year.

On behalf of the entire KelownaNow team, thank you for supporting local. We are proud to be an independent media company dedicated to sharing the stories that matter most to our community. Your support allows us to continue highlighting the people, businesses, and organizations that make Kelowna exceptional.

Thank you for voting, participating, and celebrating alongside us.

Here's to another year of community, connection, and local excellence.

Sincerely,
The team at KelownaNow and NowMedia Group





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01 ARTS

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ARTS

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Arts Company or Organization

- Kelowna Actors Studio
- Rotary Centre for the Arts
- Ballet Kelowna

Drag Artist

- Freida Whales / Whalemade Productions
- Ella Lamoureux
- Honey Graham

Local Band

- The Hip Replacements
- Josh & Bex Music
- Freeze the Fall

Local Musician

- Anna Jacyszyn
- Jeff Piattelli
- Dawson Gray

Local Visual Artist

- Alex Fong
- Jolene Mackie Art
- Ashleigh Green

Local Visual Artist

- Lexy Parks Photography
- Selina Photography
- Draht Photography

Tattoo Artist

- Emily Roch
- Jillaine Tattoo
- Kylie Saunders

Tattoo Shop

- In Bloom Tattoo
- Inked Angels Tattoo Ltd
- Rocky Mountain Tattoo | Soul Piercing

Theatre Group

- Kelowna Actors Studio
- New Vintage Theatre Company
- Pixie & Dot Productions

Theatre Venue

- Kelowna Actors Studio
- Kelowna Community Theatre
- Red Bird Brewing

Videographer

- Buzz Marketing Agency
- Jason Chan - Nothing But Jason
- Aaron Desilva

Wedding Videographer

- Candid Apple Collective
- Pixelpro Productions
- Keligraphic Studios
- Aaron Desilva



02 AUTO MOTIVE

WINNERS

AUTOMOTIVE

AS VOTED BY YOU

Auto Rental

- Budget Car & Truck Rentals
- Kelowna Dream Car Rentals
- Driving Force

Autobody Repair

- Prestige Collision & Glass - Kelowna
- Mervyn's The Body Shop Ltd
- Craftsman Collision - Kelowna

Automotive Detailing

- Skogie's Car Wash
- Elite Auto Centre
- MW Motor Werke
- Bailey's Shine Shop

Automotive Service/ Mechanic

- Elite Auto Centre
- MW Motor Werke
- Kelowna Toyota

Automotive Stereo Shop & Installations

- Andre's Car Audio
- August Customs
- Visions Electronics

Boat Dealer or Services

- Dockside Marine Centre
- Sip & Anchor Luxury Tours and Boat Charters
- Barry's Marine Services

Car Wash

- Sonic Wash Express
- Skogie's Car Wash
- Wise Guys Carwash Kelowna

Glass Repair

- Rutland Glass (1994) Ltd.
- Valley Glass Westbank Ltd.
- Kelowna Glass

Motorcycle/ATV Dealer

- Valley Moto Sport
- Kelowna Harley-Davidson
- M & M Performance
- Konquer Motorcycles

New Car Dealership

- Harmony Honda / Harmony Acura
- Orchard Ford
- Kelowna Toyota
- Kelowna Chevrolet

Oil Change

- Great Canadian Oil Change (Spall/ Harvey)
- Mr. Lube
- Take 5 Oil Change

Paint Protection, Film, Tinting

- Factor AutoFilm
- Manchester Signs, Printing & Graphics
- Protex Kelowna (formally VPS Kelowna)

RV Dealer

- Voyager RV Centre Ltd
- Traveland RV Supercentre Kelowna
- Kelowna Truck & RV
- Fraserway RV Kelowna

Tire Repair

- Legacy Tire
- Dan's Tire Service
- Kal Tire - Leckie Road

Tire Store

- Legacy Tire
- Dan's Tire Service
- Kal Tire - Leckie Road

Truck Dealership

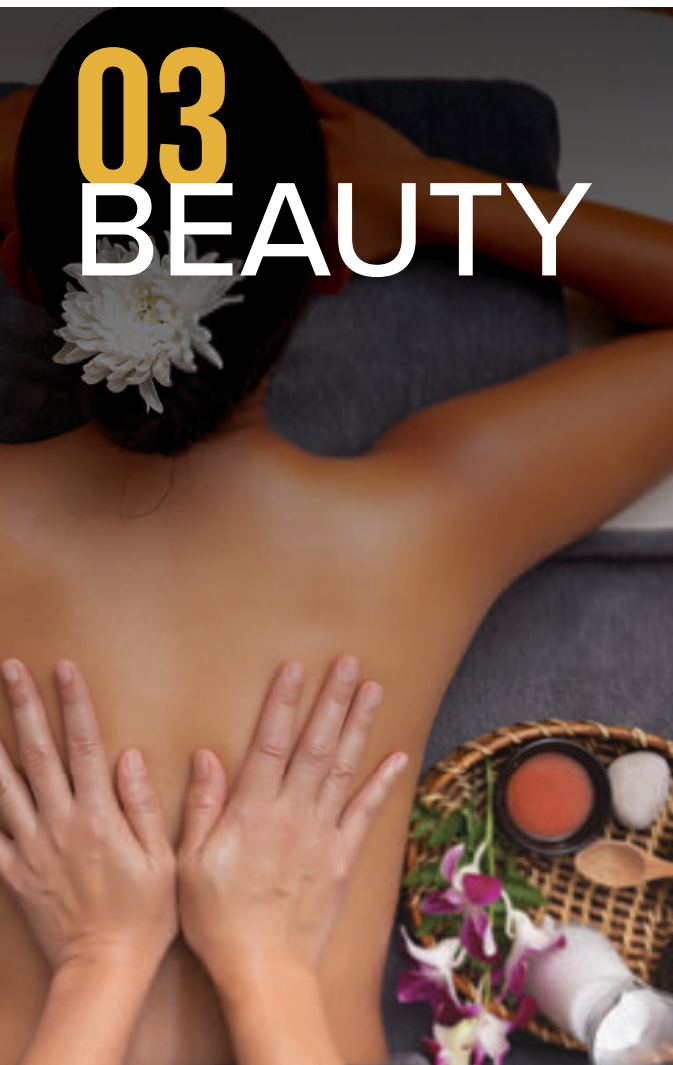
- Orchard Ford
- Kelowna Toyota
- Kelowna Chevrolet
- Elite Auto Centre

Used Car Dealership

- Elite Auto Centre
- Harmony Honda / Harmony Acura
- Orchard Ford

Vehicle Wraps

- Manchester Signs, Printing & Graphics
- Factor AutoFilm
- August Customs



03 BEAUTY

WINNERS

BEAUTY

AS VOTED BY YOU

Barbershop

- Man Made Barbershop
- Old Money Barbershop
- Krspy Barbershop

Beauty Salon

- Cabella Hair Design
- Crimson Hair Salon
- Slate Salon and Spa

Body Piercing Shop

- Luar Body Piercing
- Bertram & Co Tattoo
- Rocky Mountain Tattoo | Soul Piercing

Brazilian Wax

- Very Best Me Esthetics
- Waxcetera
- Silk Body Sugaring

Eyebrow Services

- Jorgia Brows
- Girlfriends Brow Bar
- The Solo Esthetics - Ali LeCavalier

Hair Extensions

- Success 21 Salon
- Slate Salon and Spa
- Crimson Hair Salon
- The Blonde Effect

Hair Replacement

- Oval Aesthetics
- Kelowna Scalp Micropigmentation
- Janelle Lamont - Rare Ink & Removal

Hair Salon

- Salt Salon Co
- Cabella Hair Design
- Crimson Hair Salon

Hair Stylist

- Jimmy - Cabella Hair
- Lindsay Jay | She Does Hair
- Krista Swaby Hair

Laser Hair Removal

- Araya Skin - Laser & Aesthetics
- The Helix Clinic
- Marzi Skincare corp

Lash Extensions

- Belle Spa
- Kelowna Esthetics Studio
- Lola Lash Bar

Lash Studio

- Lola Lash Bar
- Kelowna Esthetics Studio
- YLW Lashes

Local Spa

- Room and Pillar Spa
- Cleopatra's Rituals Thermal Spa and Steam
- Loyly Floating Sauna

Makeup Artist

- Top Notch Art of Makeup
- Pretty Canvas Makeup
- Jenny McKinney - Makeup Artist

Medical Aesthetic Clinic

- The Helix Clinic
- Organic Glow Medical Aesthetics
- Serenity Aesthetics Laser & Advanced Skin Care Inc

Nail Salon

- Polished Nail Studio
- VN Organic Spa & Nails
- Eminent Nail Designs
- UNI Nails & Spa

Spray Tan Services

- Bad Sun Luxury Spray
- Andrea Andrich - Tan On Studios
- Tropical Beaches Tanning Studio

Tanning Salon

- Bad Sun Luxury Spray
- Tropical Beaches Tanning Studio
- Glaze Tanning Studio

Waxing Hair Removal

- Waxcetera
- Very Best Me Esthetics
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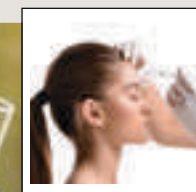
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HAIR SALON



Crimson Hair Salon Celebrates Top Recognition in Three Prestigious Categories

For more than a decade, Crimson Hair Salon has been helping clients look and feel their best. Now, the Kelowna-based salon has earned another reason to celebrate, having been recognized as a Top Winner in three highly respected categories: Best Hair Salon, Best Hair Extensions, and Best Beauty Salon.

For owner and lead stylist Tara Sebastianis, the recognition represents far more than industry accolades. It reflects the trust, loyalty, and support of the guests and community members who have been part of the salon's journey since day one.

"These awards are especially meaningful because they are voted on by the community," says Tara. "Knowing that our guests believe in our work enough to support us in this way is incredibly rewarding. Every vote represents a relationship built on trust, exceptional service, and a shared commitment to helping people feel confident and beautiful."

Now celebrating its 12th year in business, Crimson Hair Salon has become one of Kelowna's most recognized beauty destinations. The salon's success story began with a vision to create a welcoming space where creativity, artistry, and exceptional guest care could thrive under one roof.

That vision became a reality when Tara, with determination, passion, and the support of her mother, Susan, opened Crimson Hair Salon at 3320 Richter Street. As they shared a lifelong love of style, creativity, and the arts, they found a natural calling in the beauty industry and built a salon culture centered on excellence and personalized service.

Today, that philosophy continues to guide every aspect of the business.



At Crimson Hair Salon, leadership, education, and guest experience go hand in hand. The team believes that investing in professional development and fostering a positive workplace culture allows stylists to deliver the highest level of service to every guest who walks through the door.

One of the salon's greatest strengths is its diverse team of talented professionals. Each stylist brings unique skills, specialties, and creative perspectives, creating an environment that appeals to a wide range of clients. Whether guests are seeking a classic cut, a bold colour transformation, luxurious hair extensions, restorative treatments, or beauty services designed to enhance confidence and well-being, the salon offers a personalized experience tailored to individual needs.

The team is carefully selected not only for technical expertise but also for professionalism, kindness, and a genuine passion for helping guests achieve their beauty goals. Ongoing education remains a priority, ensuring stylists stay current with the latest trends, techniques, products, and innovations in an ever-evolving industry.

Among the salon's award-winning services, hair extensions have become a particular area of distinction.

As a Top Winner for Best Hair Extensions, Crimson Hair Salon has earned a reputation for creating customized extension solutions that add length and volume while preserving the health and integrity of natural hair. Clients benefit from personalized consultations and expert application techniques designed to achieve seamless, natural-looking results.

Conveniently located near Gyro Beach, directly across from Save-On-Foods, Crimson Hair Salon has grown alongside one of Kelowna's most vibrant and expanding neighborhoods. With the development of nearby condominiums, businesses, and the Upper Mission area, the salon has been fortunate to welcome both loyal long-term guests and new faces.

To further elevate the guest experience, the salon recently completed a major renovation. The redesigned space offers a modern, luxurious, spa-inspired atmosphere focused on comfort, relaxation, and exceptional service. From the moment guests arrive, they are welcomed into an environment designed to help them unwind while receiving professional beauty care.

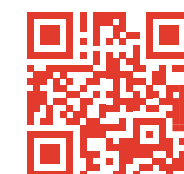
Today, Crimson Hair Salon offers a comprehensive range of services, including haircuts, colour services, styling, treatments, perms, hair extensions, nail services, and skincare treatments. The salon's commitment to quality, creativity, and personalized attention has helped establish it as a trusted destination for beauty services in Kelowna.

While the recent awards mark an important milestone, Tara views them as motivation to continue raising the bar.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who voted for us and supported us throughout the years," she says. "These achievements belong not only to our team, but also to every guest who has trusted us with their beauty needs."

As Crimson Hair Salon celebrates this latest recognition, its focus remains unchanged: delivering exceptional service, fostering creativity, and helping every guest leave feeling confident, refreshed, and valued.

For those seeking award-winning beauty services in a welcoming and professional environment, Crimson Hair Salon continues to demonstrate why it remains one of Kelowna's most trusted names in the industry.



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04 BEER, BEVERAGE, WINE & SPIRITS

WINNERS

BEER, BEVERAGE, WINE & SPIRITS

AS VOTED BY YOU

Cidery

- Upside Cider
- Truck 59 Ciderhouse
- Soma Craft Cidery

Craft Brewery

- Red Bird Brewing
- Barn Owl Brewing Company
- Kettle River Brewing Co.

Distillery

- Okanagan Spirits Craft Distillery
- Urban Distilleries
- Luckhurst Farm & Distillery

Food & Drink Festival

- Denim On The Diamond
- Kelowna Ribfest
- Rock the Lake

Happy Hour

- Pretty Not Bad
- Micro Bar + Bites
- Cactus Club Cafe - Kelowna Yacht Club
- King Taps Kelowna Lakeside

Mocktails

- Farming Karma Fruit Company
- Born to Shake
- Red Bird Brewing

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- Wine and Beyond Spirits Beer & More
- BC Liquor Stores
- Cask & Barrel
- Metro Liquor

Tasting Room

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EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

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- Pacific Top Team Kelowna and West Kelowna
- Flex Academy Sparks After School Care

English (ESL) School

- Project Literacy Central Okanagan Society
- Constable Neil Bruce Middle School - CNB
- Language for Life Society ESL Services

Art School

- Kelowna Actors Studio
- Kelowna Arts Academy
- AesthetiKS LAB
- New Vintage Theatre Company
- Cool Arts Society

Music School

- Wentworth Music
- Music and Movement for Children
- Bring The Noise Music Academy

Childcare Services

- BGC Okanagan
- Pebbles & Pathways Childcare
- Precious Jewels Childcare Center

Pre-School

- HCOS: Flex Academy
- Little Gators Preschool BGCO
- Kelowna Christian School

Daycare

- BGC Okanagan
- Babies 'N' Tots daycare
- Precious Jewels Childcare Center

Private Elementary School

- St. Joseph Catholic School
- HCOS: Flex Academy
- The Balsam School

Driving School

- Young Drivers Of Canada
- Calle Cinco Driving School
- All Weather Driving School
- B-Safe Driving School

Private High School

- Immaculata Regional High School
- HCOS: Flex Academy
- Kelowna Christian School
- Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School

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06

ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS & TOURISM

WINNERS

ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS & TOURISM AS VOTED BY YOU

Disc Jockey

- DJ Pynappels
- DJ Invisible
- DJ Haymaker (Jeff Hay)

Event Planner/Designer

- Thick as Thieves Entertainment
- Day By Knight Events - Kayla Knight
- Speed Dating Kelowna

Event Rentals

- Avalon Event Rentals
- All Occasions Party Rentals Inc
- Shooting Stars Photo Booth
- Glitz n' Glam Party Supply

Farmers & Craft Market

- Kelowna Farmers' & Crafters' Market
- Paynter's Fruit Market
- Craft Culture

Festival

- Kelowna Pride Festival
- Celebrate Canada Day - Kelowna
- Denim On The Diamond

Hotel

- Eldorado Resort
- Delta Hotels by Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort
- Hotel Zed Kelowna

Kids Attraction

- Kangaroo Creek Farm
- Scandia Golf & Games
- H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre

Music Venue

- Red Bird Brewing
- Revelry Food + Music Hub
- Crown & Thieves

Nightlife Venue

- Red Bird Brewing
- BNA Brewing Co.
- Blue Gator Bar & Grill

Party Supplies

- Calowna Costumes
- Avalon Event Rentals
- The Tickle Trunk

Photobooth

- Flash And Frame
- Shooting Stars Photo Booth
- Nessa's Photobooth

Place to Take a Date

- Bernie's Supper Club & Cinema
- Roma Nord Bistro
- Skinny Duke's Glorious Emporium

Resort

- Sparkling Hill Resort & Spa
- Big White Ski Resort
- Eldorado Resort

Tourist Attraction inside City Limits

- Kangaroo Creek Farm
- Knox Mountain Park
- Scandia Golf & Games

Tourist Attraction outside City Limits

- Myra Canyon Trestles
- Starlight Drive-In Theatre
- Big White Ski Resort

Travel Agent or Agency

- Flight Centre Kelowna
- Expedia CruiseShipCenters
- Holly Jolly Travel Co

Wedding Officiant or Celebrant

- Jenny McAlpine Ceremonies
- Lise Leroux | Reimagine Celebrations
- Your Ceremony By Alex
- Scott Lanigan

Wedding Planner

- Day By Knight Events - Kayla Knight
- Bask Events — Kaylee Bowyer
- Jenny McAlpine Events + Weddings

Wedding Venue

- The Laurel Packinghouse
- The Harvest Golf Club
- CedarCreek Estate Winery

Wellness Fairs or Events

- VegFest Kelowna
- The Chic Experience
- The Pink Skirt Project

Wine Tour Service

- Vivid Tours
- Sip & Anchor Luxury Tours and Boat Charters
- Beach Bum Tours



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- Peter McFadden, CPA, CA, TEP | MBA CPA
- Amrit Buttar, CPA, CGA | Crowe MacKay LLP

Accounting Firm

- Crowe MacKay LLP
- MNP LLP
- Ohlmann & Associates

Bank

- TD Canada Trust
- Royal Bank of Canada - Orchard Plaza Branch
- Royal Bank of Canada - Main Kelowna

Bookkeeper

- Ohlmann & Associates
- Abaci Business & Tax Services
- Lifestyle Virtual Assistant Services

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- Twyla Hardham, CFP | Safe Harbour Financial Solutions
- Kelly Davidson, BMgt, CFP®, FCSI®, CIM®, CIWM - Odium Brown

Credit Union

- Valley First, a division of First West Credit Union
- Prospera Credit Union - Prospera Centre Branch
- Beem Credit Union | Downtown
- Coast Capital Savings

Financial Advisor

- Karen & Kayla, CFP | IG Private Wealth Management
- Twyla Hardham, CFP | Safe Harbour Financial Solutions
- Kelly Davidson, BMgt, CFP®, FCSI®, CIM®, CIWM - Odium Brown

Insurance Advisor, Broker or Agent

- Alora Harrichhausen - Karen & Kayla IG Private Wealth Management
- Twyla Hardham, CFP | Safe Harbour Financial Solutions
- Carmen Facciotti - Combined Insurance

Insurance Agency

- Acura Insurance
- BCAA
- Westland Insurance Group

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- Twyla Hardham, CFP | Safe Harbour Financial Solutions
- Kelly Davidson, BMgt, CFP®, FCSI®, CIM®, CIWM - Odium Brown

Law Firm

- Pushor Mitchell LLP
- FH&P Lawyers LLP
- Doak Shirreff Lawyers LLP

Lawyer

- Curtis Darmohray | Pushor Mitchell LLP
- Dylan Switzer | FH&P Lawyers LLP
- Paul Hergott

Mortgage Broker

- Jewels Ferris Mortgages - Compass Mortgage Group
- Konstantin Seroshtan - Mortgage Broker
- Justin Pearson - Mortgage Broker
- Melissa Wood, RBC
- Kellie Ozanne Mortgages

Wealth Advisor

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08 FOOD & DINING

WINNERS

FOOD & DINING

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Bakery

- Sprout Bread
- 350° Bakehouse and Cafe
- Sandrine French Pastry and Chocolate

Breakfast

- The Jammery
- The Bohemian Café
- Pepper Pot Grill

Burger

- BNA Burger
- Central Kitchen & Bar
- Bin 4 Burger Lounge

Butcher Shop

- Carnist
- T-Bones Fresh Meat Market - Spall
- Illichmann's Meats, Sausages & Gourmet Foods Ltd.

Cake Shop or Designer

- Cake For Breakfast
- Sandrine French Pastry and Chocolate
- Crave Cupcakes

Caterer

- El Taquero Tacos & Tequila
- Relvas Catering
- Tonicini Modern Italian - Pasta Bar
- TJ's Grazing

Cheap Eats

- Little Hobo Soup & Sandwich Shop
- Mad Mango Cafe
- Rocket Subs

Chinese Cuisine

- Yum Yum Tree
- Mr. Lu's Kitchen
- Wok Out Chinese Food

Fine Dining

- Roma Nord Bistro
- Home Block Restaurant
- The Modest Butcher

Food Truck

- YLW Tacos
- Little Tokyo Ramen
- The Lobster Pot

Franchise Coffee Shop

- Kekuli Cafe Coffee Don't Panic We Have Bannock
- Deville Coffee Lakeshore
- Bean Scene Coffee Works Pandosy Village

French Cuisine

- Sandrine French Pastry and Chocolate
- Bouchons Bistro
- Empire Crepe

Frozen Treats

(FroYo, Smoothies, etc)

- Parlour Ice Cream
- The Mission Creamery
- AMORE MIO Italian artisanal gelato

Greek Cuisine

- Olympia Greek Taverna
- Yamas Greek Restaurant
- Greek House Restaurant

Ice Cream & Gelato

- Parlour Ice Cream
- AMORE MIO Italian artisanal gelato
- The Mission Creamery

Independent Coffee Shop

- Bright Jenny Coffee
- Craft 42 Roasters
- Pulp Fiction Coffee House

Indian Cuisine

- Made in India Restaurant
- Dawett Restaurant
- Chutney Cuisine of India

Italian Cuisine

- Roma Nord Bistro
- Pane Vino Pizzeria
- Mamma Rosa Restaurant

Japanese Cuisine

- Bluetail Sushi & Bistro
- O-Zeki Japanese Restaurant
- Momo Sushi Cafe

Korean Cuisine

- Gather Restaurant
- Yuzu Bowl and Bistro
- Kimbap & Sushi

Local Chef

- Brock Bowes at Kettle River Brewing Company
- Mark Filatow at Waterfront Wines
- Andrew Tonicini
- Ross Derrick

Meal Prep

- BLKBOX: FUEL GOOD FOOD
- Meal Prep 4 U
- Ready To Cook

Mexican Cuisine

- El Taquero Tacos & Tequila
- Hector's Casa Authentic Mexican Cuisine
- Two Brothers Mexican Restaurant

Middle Eastern Cuisine

- Habibi Tapas Gill
- Pita Land Shawarma Kelowna
- Tahini's

Patio

- Red Bird Brewing
- Frind Estate Winery
- King Taps Kelowna Lakeside

Pizza

- Jackknife Brewing
- Red Bird Brewing
- DunnEnzies

Pub

- Central Kitchen & Bar
- Train Station Pub
- Kettle River Brewing Co.

Seafood

- Codfathers Market & Broken Anchor Cafe
- C-Lovers Fish and Chips
- Broken Anchor Kitchen

Sports Bar

- Central Kitchen & Bar
- Pretty Not Bad
- Train Station Pub

Steak

- The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
- Derrick's Steakhouse
- The Modest Butcher

Thai Cuisine

- Zabb Thai Restaurant
- Zabb Thai Restaurant - Rutland
- Basil Leaf Asian Fusion & Grill Restaurant
- Bai Tong Thai Food Restaurant

Ukrainian Cuisine

- Cecil's Perogies
- Ready To Cook
- Russian & Ukrainian Deli

Vegan Cuisine

- Frankie We Salute You
- Naked Cafe
- Buffalo Rouge Brewing Co.

Vegetarian Cuisine

- Frankie We Salute You
- Naked Cafe
- Buffalo Rouge Brewing Co.

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- Ward Willison R.Ac. - All Body Care
- Nicole Albertson - Koa Acupuncture & Wellness Inc
- Balance Point Acupuncture

Alternative Medicine

- Harmony Chiropractic & Wellness Clinic
- Nectar Naturopathic Clinic
- New Earth Healing Center I Shawn Durocher

Audiology & Hearing Clinic

- Lakeside Hearing Kelowna
- HearingLife Canada Spall Plaza
- Connect Hearing West Kelowna

Chiropractor

- Dr. Harmony Miraliakbari - Harmony Chiropractic & Wellness Clinic
- The Den Chiropractic
- Affinity Wellness

Clinical Counsellor

- Amy Mosset I Interactive Counselling Ltd.
- Samantha Cooper
- Trixie Hennessey Counselling

Clinical Hypnotherapy

- Conscious Harmonics - Michael Van Soest
- Mind Body Soul Integrative Clinic
- Tara henderson - hypnotic power
- Flourish Hypnosis

Dentist

- Dr. Jordan Sanders I Knox Mountain Dentistry
- Dr. Jennifer Drever - Upper Mission Dental
- Dr. Don MacRae
- Dr. Jose Quintana

Dental Clinic

- Knox Mountain Dentistry
- Creekside Dental Clinic
- Glenmore Dental
- Kelowna Dental Centre

Denture Clinic

- Kelowna Denture Clinic
- Okanagan Denture Inc.
- David M Fortunat Denture Clinic
- Jeff Frasch Denture Clinic

Denturist

- Jeanelle Delaurier I Kelowna Denture Clinic
- Sydney Kickbush I Kelowna Denture Clinic
- Dillon Panagapko I Okanagan Denture

Doula

- Kristi Field Doula Services
- Kathleen Stanford
- Krista Evans

Emergency & First Aid Training

- St. John Ambulance
- Melissa Berg I MJBerg Contracting Services
- Turner Security & Medic Services

Eyeglasses & Contacts

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- iSight Optometry
- Strawn & Co. Optometry

Fitness Trainer

- Taylor Kolar I TWP Fitness
- Zumba with Roxana
- Shannon O'Gorman - Fit and Fueled Fitness

Group Fitness Facility

- TWP Fitness
- H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre
- Strong Pilates Kelowna

Holistic Massage and Body Work

- Beck Wilson - Becks Zen Den
- Moxness Massage
- Shakti Lounge Massage

Home Health Care Service

- Home Instead Senior Care
- STRIVE Support Services
- Home Heart Health Inc.

Kinesiology

- Affinity Wellness
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Life Coach

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- Dana Skoglund Coaching
- Lorraine Richmond Leadership Coaching

Midwife

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- Meghan MacKenzie
- Erin Sloan
- Olivia Schliep
- Ashley Courtney

Midwifery Practice

- Maternity Care Westside
- Ponderosa Midwives
- Malachite Midwives

Naturopathic Practitioner

- Dr Krista Hennigar - The Helix Clinic
- Dr. Brittany Schamerhorn, ND
- Dr. Brittany Jeffries

Nutritionist

- Dawn Thalheimer - Fitness and Nutrition Coaching
- Zahra Tromsness I The Gut Loving Dietitian
- Tania Gustafson, Nutritionist & Fitness Coach (IBNFC)

Optometrist

- Dr Stephanie Gautier - iSight Optometry
- Dr. Lucas Erhardt I Visionfirst Optometry
- Dr. Dave Grimes I Tutt Street Optometry Clinic

Orthodontics

- Kelowna Orthodontics I Mission Creek Orthodontics I West Kelowna Orthodontics
- Okanagan Orthodontics
- Straight Smiles Ortho

Orthotics

- OKAPED
- Orthoquest Pedorthics & Rehabilitation Inc.
- Step It Up Orthotics

Personal Coach

- Taylor Kolar I TWP Fitness
- Andie Stone Fitness
- Shannon O'Gorman - Fit and Fueled Fitness
- Jenn Anderson I Mouv with Jenn

Pharmacy

- London Drugs
- Lakeside Medicine Centre Pharmacy
- Kiwi Pharmacy & Wellness
- Shoppers Drug Mart The Ponds

Physiotherapist

- Corinne Wade: Kare Physiotherapy
- MoveMed Physiotherapy
- Affinity Wellness

Pilates Studio

- Sunny Space Studio
- Nifty Pilates
- Strong Pilates Kelowna

Prenatal Classes

- All Birth Centre
- TGR Programming
- Hannah Day, BirthPrep Yoga

Psychology Clinic

- Interactive Counselling
- OK Clinical Therapy Group
- Alive Counselling
- Next Step Counselling

Reflexology

- Century Feet Reflexology
- Beck Wilson - Becks Zen Den
- Angie Szerepi

Registered Massage Therapist RMT

- Alicia Bryan - RMT
- Jayson Bates - Kinetic Evolution
- Maggie Becker, RMT I Cielo Therapeutics

Reiki Practitioner

- Beck Wilson - Becks Zen Den
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Spa or Relaxation Massage

- Room and Pillar Spa
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- Century Feet Reflexology

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- Alive Counselling
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Workout Facility

- TWP Fitness
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Best Value Blinds



One Window at a Time with Best Value Blinds

For Kim and Dennis Schade, business has always been personal.

As the husband-and-wife team behind Best Value Blinds, they have built their Kelowna business on simple values: good service, honest pricing, quality products and treating people the way they would want to be treated.

They are the kind of business owners who answer the phone, show up for the consultation, do the measuring, complete the installation and stand behind the finished product. From start to finish, customers work directly with Kim and Dennis.

That personal approach is part of what helped Best Value Blinds earn silver in Best of Kelowna this year.

“We’re small, local and family-run,” they share. “We do everything ourselves.”

For them, that matters. In an industry where customers can order blinds online, measure their own windows and hope everything fits when it arrives, Best Value Blinds offers something much more personal. Kim and Dennis walk customers through the process, help them choose the right product for their space and make sure the installation is done properly.

There are no hidden fees, no subcontractors and no getting passed from person to person. Just two experienced local business owners who care about getting the details right.

Dennis has been in the blinds business for about 17 years, while Kim joined him over the past couple of years after running her own wholesale floral company for three decades. While blinds and flowers may seem like very different worlds, the values behind both businesses are surprisingly similar.



Kim built her previous business on quality and customer care, and she has brought that same mindset into Best Value Blinds. Dennis, meanwhile, is meticulous with installation and has a strong eye for detail. Together, they make a team that is equal parts practical, personable and precise. They also happen to be best friends.

There is an easy humour between the two of them, the kind that only comes from years of working, living and building a life together. Dennis jokes that his plan is to get Kim fully trained on measuring and installations so he can spend more time on the golf course. Kim, for now, does not seem to be taking the bait. It is that mix of professionalism and personality that customers seem to remember.

“We enjoy dealing with people,” they say. “We meet strangers, and by the time the job is done, they feel like friends.”

At its core, Best Value Blinds is about helping people make their homes more comfortable, functional and beautiful. In the Okanagan, where so many homes are built around natural light and incredible views, choosing the right window coverings can make a significant difference. One of the most common questions Kim and Dennis hear from homeowners is how to reduce heat and harmful UV rays without sacrificing the spectacular valley views that make living in the Okanagan so special. “We have great solutions for that,” they explain.

While Best Value Blinds offers a wide range of products and styles, many customers are surprised to learn that certain screen-style roller blinds can significantly reduce glare, heat and UV exposure while still allowing them to enjoy their view. It is a practical solution for homeowners who want greater comfort and energy efficiency without feeling closed off from the scenery outside.

Dennis is quick to point out that sometimes the best advice is knowing when not to cover a window at all. If a blind is not needed for privacy, sun protection or heat control, he would rather help someone preserve their view. But for many homes, especially those facing the Okanagan sun, the right blinds can make a space far more comfortable.

Motorized blinds have also become increasingly popular as the technology has become more affordable. While some customers initially see them as a luxury, many quickly realize how convenient they are. With the push of a button, blinds can open or close together, and some can even be set on timers to bring in natural light in the morning. Of course, function is only part of the story. Updated blinds can also completely change the look and feel of a room.

Whether replacing older vertical blinds, upgrading a living space or adding a clean, modern finish to a new home, Kim and Dennis believe the right window coverings can add real value. For them, the work is about more than product. It is about showing up, doing the job well and making sure people feel confident in their choice.

After nearly 40 years living in the Okanagan, Kim and Dennis are proud to serve the community they call home. They love the lifestyle, the scenery, the people and the chance to build a business that still feels personal. Winning silver in Best of Kelowna was a meaningful recognition, especially for a business that has grown largely through word of mouth, referrals and strong customer reviews. And while Dennis is already joking that next year they are going for gold, their focus remains the same:

Local service. Quality products. Honest work



As if running a blinds business together was not fitting enough, their last name is Schade. And for this husband-and-wife team, helping homeowners find the perfect shade is something they truly enjoy.



10 HOME & GARDEN

WINNERS

HOME & GARDEN

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Appliance Repair

- Dom-Tech Appliance Repair
- RepairMedic Appliance Service
- Kelowna Refrigeration & Appliance Service

Blind Cleaning & Repair

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- Blind Doctor
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Carpet Cleaning

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- Strike 1 Carpet Cleaning

Cleaner

- Jenny Bee's Professional Housekeeping
- Maids of Honour
- Every Last Detail Cleaning & Co.

Custom Cabinetry

- Norelco Cabinets
- Westwood Fine Cabinetry Inc.
- Modern Edge Custom Millwork & Design

Custom Woodwork & Finishing

- Norelco Cabinets
- Modern Edge Custom Millwork & Design
- AC Moulding & Millwork Ltd.

Dry Wall Contractor

- Taubers Drywall
- Peoples Insulation and Drywall
- Okanagan Ceiling Refinishers

Electrician

- Atlas Electrical Inc.
- Hotwire Electric
- Keldon Electric Ltd

Fencing

- FenceTech
- Lynx Brand Fence Products Ltd
- Quality Chain Link Fences

Fireplace & Stove Retailer

- White's Barbecue & Fireplace Centre
- FIREPLACE DEN & DECK
- Lux Fireplaces & More Ltd.

Flooring Company

- Nufloors Kelowna
- Imagine Floor & Tile
- Express Flooring

Furniture or Home Decor Store

- Bylands Garden Centre
- Treehouse Interiors Ltd.
- Marshall's Home Living
- Magnolia Lane Co.

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning HVAC

- TruFinity Plumbing Heating & Cooling
- Triumph Heating and Air Conditioning
- Comfort Tech Heating & Cooling Ltd

Home and Garden Store

- The Greenery
- Bylands Garden Centre
- Dogwood Nursery & Landscaping

Home Renovations

- Livingston Custom Homes
- ARG Contracting
- Gord Turner Renovations Ltd.

Home Services

- Clear the Chaos - Cait Germyn
- Legacy Garage Doors & Gates
- Hammerhead exterior home cleaning

Interior Design

- Lakeshore Interiors
- Courtney Ungaro | Courtney Ungaro space +design
- Curated Co. Interior Design

Interior Designer or Decorator

- Courtney Ungaro | Courtney Ungaro space +design
- Dalaun Klaassen
- Juxta Design & Build

Junk Removal

- 2 Girls 1 Truck
- 1-800-GOT-JUNK?
- Bin There Dump That

Landscape & Yard Maintenance

- Creative Roots Landscaping
- Margaret Valley Landscaping LTD
- Dario's Landscape Services Ltd
- Jims Mowing - Glenrosa South

Landscaping Construction

- E. L. Empire Landscaping Ltd.
- Creative Roots Landscaping
- Dario's Landscape Services Ltd

Lighting Store

- Robinson Lighting
- Pine Lighting
- Lights on Banks

Locksmith

- Sunvalley Locksmiths
- Kurt's Lock & Safe
- Lock Doctor

Masonry, Concrete & Cement

- Joe & Sons Concrete Ltd
- Stone and Edge Masonry
- Kelowna Ready-Mix Inc

Moving Company

- Two Small Men With Big Hearts Moving Co
- Secure-Rite Mobile Storage
- Pack Rat Movers and Furniture Delivery
- BigSteelBox

Painter

- Revive Painting Inc
- A Coat Above Painting
- Straight Edge Painting Inc.

Paving & Asphalt

- Joe & Sons Concrete Ltd
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Plumber

- TruFinity Plumbing Heating & Cooling
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Pool & Spa Company

- Wet Zone Leisure-Pool-Spa
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Restoration

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Roofing Company

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11 LOCAL SERVICES

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LOCAL SERVICES

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Delivery Service

- Ace Courier
- Better Call Paul Delivery
- Ship Parcel

Dry Cleaner

- Eco Clean Cleaning Centres
- Kelly's Cleaners in Orchard Plaza
- Mission Cleaners
- Miss Tulips Green Dry Cleaner

Environmental

Organization

- Okanagan Forest Task Force
- Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Society
- RAM Environmental Group

Funeral Home

- Springfield Funeral Home
- Everden Rust Funeral Services and Crematorium
- First Memorial Funeral Services, Dignity Memorial

Immigration Consultant

- FH&P Lawyers LLP
- Red Moose Immigration Services Inc.
- Cando Immigration Services

Local Charity

- Paws it Forward Dog Rescue
- Mamas for Mamas
- Kelowna Women's Shelter

Local Elected Official

- Stephen Fuhr
- Maxine Dehart
- Loyal Wooldridge

Local Subscription Box

- Urban Harvest Organic Delivery
- Perseval and Young Cheesemongers
- Little Schack farm

New Business

- Speed Dating Kelowna
- Kelowna Bachelorette Party
- bibidi

Non-Profit Organization

- Paws it Forward Dog Rescue
- Mamas for Mamas
- Central Okanagan Community Food Bank
- Kelowna Women's Shelter

Pest Control

- Pest Shield Okanagan
- The Bugman Pest Control
- BugMaster Pest Control

Resume Writing

- KCR Community Resources
- Maureen Taylor
- Career Compositions

Retirement Residence

- Regency Retirement Resorts - Northwood
- Hawthorn Park Retirement Residence
- The Vineyards Residence

Ride Share

- URide
- Current Taxi
- Modo Carshare

Security Service

- Paladin Security Kelowna
- Wiltech Security Systems
- Hero Security Company Ltd.

Senior Care & Service

- SLR Society for Learning in Retirement
- Home Instead Senior Care
- Home Heart Health Inc.

Taxi Service

- Current Taxi
- URide
- Kelowna Cabs

Trucking Company

- Ace Courier
- Nehring Transport
- Civil-X Contracting (BC) Ltd

Upholstery Shop

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- Kelowna Cell Repair Inc
- Turtle Bay IT Services

Graphic Designer

- Tina Bisson
- Paityn Cook | By Paityn Digital Marketing
- Monika Brenner

IT Company

- SFY Information Technology
- Innov8 Digital Solutions Inc.
- Turtle Bay IT Services

Local App

- Castanet Media
- bibidi
- Kelowna10

Marketing Agency

- Buzz Marketing Agency
- Vigilante Marketing Inc.
- Twin Creek Media

Phone Repair

- Kelowna Cell Repair Inc
- EK Cell Repair
- London Drugs

Printing Service

- Manchester Signs, Printing & Graphics
- Kelowna Insta-Print
- Rapid Printing Kelowna

Software Developer

- Kelowna Software Ltd
- Dovetail Digital Inc.
- in-houz consulting inc

Tech Startup

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- Cooper Simson - Actionable AI
- Blanket Fort Creative

Technology Company

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- SFY Information Technology
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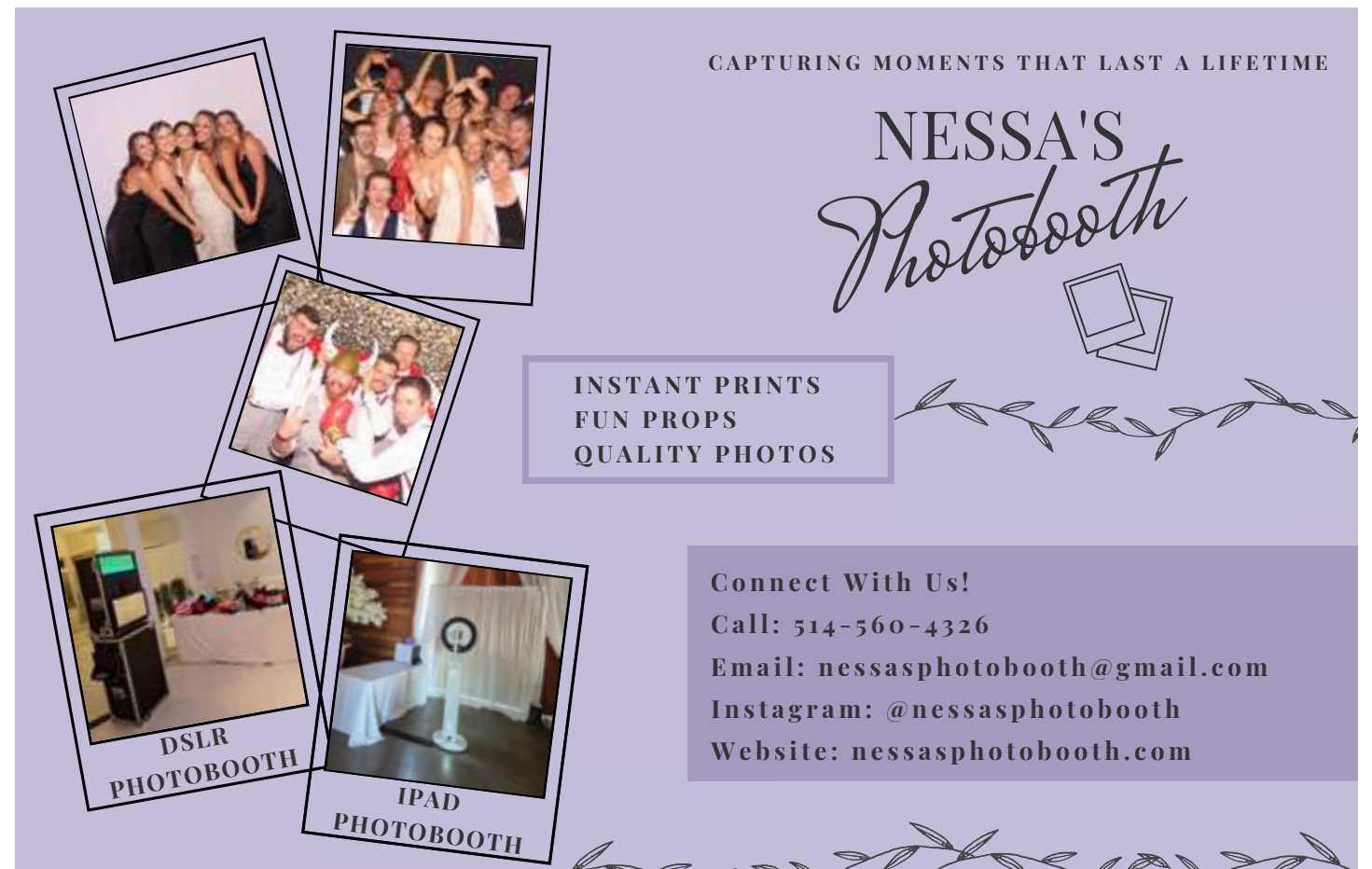
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Local Entrepreneur under 40

- Emily Roch
- Selina Photography
- Kaidi Richardson (Micro Bar + Bites)

Local Influencer

- Jason Chan - Nothing But Jason
- Pamela Pearson
- Tori Wesszer
- Jenna Swetlikoff

Local News Reporter

- Klaudia Van Emmerik - Global Okanagan
- Madison Erhardt | Castanet
- Josh Duncan - KelownaNow

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Local Podcast

- Kelowna Real Estate Podcast
- Now You Know with Pam & Nikki
- Law Talk Podcast with FH&P Lawyers LLP

Local Website

- Castanet Media
- KelownaNow
- Interactive Counselling

Overall Facebook Page

- Old Kelowna
- Paws it Forward Dog Rescue
- Mamas for Mamas

Overall Instagram Account

- Rocket Subs
- Interactive Counselling
- MOGANO Jewelry & Accessories

Overall TikTok Account

- KelownaNow
- MOGANO Jewelry & Accessories
- Emily Trarback

Overall X/Twitter Account

- Mamas for Mamas
- KelownaNow
- Wine Mom (Samantha Trarback)

Overall YouTube Channel

- Hype Dance
- NowMedia Group
- Emily Trarback

Publication

- Braze Magazine
- Faces of Kelowna
- LIV Magazine

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14 PETS

WINNERS

PETS

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Dog Park

- Cedar Creek Park
- Ellison Dog Park
- Kelowna City Beach Dog Park

Dog Training Service

- Dogzies Pet Services
- Polite Paws
- Paws Under Guidance

Dog Walking Service

- Paws Under Guidance
- Wild At Heart Canine
- Furkids Pet Care

Pet Boarding or Kennel

- Bark n' Fly Dog Daycare & Boarding
- Kelowna Pet Resort
- Wendels Dogz
- A1 Boarding Kennels

Pet Emergency Hospital

- Fairfield Animal Hospital Ltd
- Spall and Harvey Animal Hospital
- Kelowna Veterinary Hospital Ltd

Pet Groomer

- Okanagan Groom n Go
- The Dog House Grooming (Arlyn, Hannah , Taylor , Kirrah & Erin)
- Dax's Dawg Mobile Grooming
- Barkley's Muttland

Pet Services & Supplies

- Tail Blazers
- Homes Alive Pets
- Bosley's Pet Food Plus Kelowna

Veterinarian

- Dr. Jessica Treen | Panorama Vet
- Dr. Ellen Nicklassen | Kelowna Veterinary Hospital
- Dr. Stephen Ganton | South Mission Animal Hospital

Veterinary Clinic

- Kelowna Veterinary Hospital Ltd
- Rose Valley Veterinary Hospital
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For the ones who belong, what follows is something they didn't expect. Clarity. Not the kind that comes from a generic update email, but the kind that comes from knowing exactly what's happening with your home every single day without ever having to ask. Decisions feel manageable. The process feels guided. The vision feels real. What most people assume will be the most stressful experience of their lives becomes something our clients actually look forward to. That's the Livingston process, built deliberately and refined relentlessly because our clients demand nothing less and we expect nothing less of ourselves.



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Every trade we bring on knows our standard. Every supplier we trust knows our standard. Every person who touches a Livingston home understands that ordinary is not a word we recognise on a job site. We don't apologise for that. Our clients wouldn't have it any other way, and frankly, neither would we.

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REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT AS VOTED BY YOU

Architecture & Home Design

- Kerh Designs Inc.
- Mullins Drafting & Design
- LIME Architecture Inc.

Property Management

- Aoife O'Neill PREC | The Agency Kelowna Property Management
- Vantage West Property Management
- Associated Property Management

Bathroom Supply Store

- Splashes Bath & Kitchen
- Andrew Sheret Limited
- Bartle & Gibson Co Ltd

Property Services & Maintenance

- Associated Property Management
- Good Sorts Property Services
- Every Last Detail Cleaning & Co.

Construction Equipment Supplier

- Sunbelt Rentals
- Kelowna Ready-Mix Inc
- Trailer4Rent Inc.

Real Estate Brokerage

- Vantage West Realty Inc.
- Royal LePage Kelowna Paquette Realty
- Stone Sisters

Developer

- Highstreet
- Wilden
- Emil Anderson Properties

Real Estate Team (Over 5+)

- Vantage West Realty Inc.
- Stone Sisters
- The Agency Kelowna

Development

- Wilden
- Movala
- Ascent by Highstreet

Real Estate Team (Under 5)

- TJ & STEPH Real Estate Group
- HILBERT&CRICK Real Estate Group | REAL Broker B.C. Ltd.
- Lora + Christy Real Estate

Equipment Rentals

- Sunbelt Rentals
- Trailer4Rent Inc.
- United Rentals

Realtor

- Teagan Adams | Vantage West Realty
- Becky Hilbert PREC* | HILBERT&CRICK | REAL Broker B.C. Ltd
- TJ Dumonceaux - TJ & STEPH Real Estate Group

Home Builder

- Livingston Custom Homes
- ARG Contracting
- Dilworth Homes

Renovation Equipment

Supplier

- Sunbelt Rentals
- Rona Home & Garden
- Setting Standards

Home Inspector

- Okanagan Inspections
- Matt Gratton | A Buyer's Choice Home Inspections
- Candor Inspection Services - Derek Fuhr

16 RETAIL & SHOPPING

WINNERS

RETAIL & SHOPPING

AS VOTED BY YOU

Appliance Parts

- Dom-Tech Appliance Repair
- Eric's Refrigeration & Appliances
- Canadian Appliance parts

Baby Products

- Once Upon A Child Kelowna
- Baby & Me
- Oh Baby! Consignment Co.

Book Store

- Mosaic Books
- Chapters Indigo
- Ted's Paperbacks & Comics

Eco-Friendly Store

- FILL - Kelowna's Refill Store
- Chickpeace Zero Waste Refillery
- Carla and Sean Jackson | The Kelowna Candle Factory

Electronics Store

- Best Buy Electronics
- Andre's Electronic Experts
- London Drugs

Farming Supplies

- Buckerfield's
- Bylands Garden Centre
- Princess Auto Ltd

Florist

- Funky Petals Kelowna
- Creations By Mom & Me
- Lavender and Lace Floral Farm

Game & Hobby Store

- Mosaic Books
- Loadza Toyz
- Kelowna Yarn & Needlecrafts

Gift Shop

- Funktional
- Unhinged Gift & Lifestyle Boutique
- Bylands Garden Centre

Handbag Store

- Strut Footwear & Apparel
- Bag Vault
- Rio Banner Milliner and Merchant

Jewelry & Accessories

- MOGANO Jewelry & Accessories
- Lavender & Grace Jewelry
- J K Schmidt Jewellers

Jewelry Repair

- J K Schmidt Jewellers
- MOGANO Jewelry & Accessories
- Jewellery Clinic - Kelowna

Large Retailer

- Costco Wholesale Canada
- Winners | Kelowna
- lululemon athletica

Local Small Retailer

- Funktional
- FRAKAS Boutique
- Strut Footwear & Apparel

Luggage Store

- Bags N All
- WanderlustStuff Inc.
- Bag Vault

Men's Clothing

- MacDermott's On Bernard
- Friends of Felix
- frock & fellow

Musical Instruments Retail & Repair

- Wentworth Music
- JR Guitar

Online Store

- Friends of Felix
- MOGANO Jewelry & Accessories
- Strut Footwear & Apparel

Shoe Store

- Strut Footwear & Apparel
- QUARKS
- Gallery Streetwear

Thrift or Second Hand Store

- frock & fellow
- Once Upon A Child Kelowna
- Lost Together

Vacuum Cleaner Store

- Kelowna Vacuums
- Your Vacuum Superstore
- Shane's Built-In Vacuums Ltd
- Cheaper's Vacuum Sales Service Supplies

Women's Clothing

- FRAKAS Boutique
- 1000 Palms Boutique
- frock & fellow

Work Wear

- Robertson's Clothing & Shoes Ltd
- Red Wing Shoes
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2026 BEST
BABY PRODUCTS



Helping Kelowna Families Go Further:
Why Once Upon A Child Continues to Win Hearts

When Tony Laurie took ownership of Once Upon A Child Kelowna just over a year ago, he wasn’t simply looking for another business opportunity. After years of entrepreneurship and business ownership, Tony was looking for something that felt meaningful, something that could make a genuine difference in the lives of local families. Today, that decision is resonating throughout the community.

Once Upon A Child Kelowna has been recognized as a Best of Kelowna 2026 winner, earning First Place in Baby Products and Second Place in Thrift or Second Hand Store. While the awards are certainly an honour, Tony believes the recognition reflects something much bigger than the business itself.

“It means people see value in what we’re doing,” he says. For Tony, the journey to Kelowna has been anything but ordinary. Originally from Australia, he moved to Canada in 2001 and eventually found his way to the Okanagan in 2017 after living and working in several parts of the country. Along the way, he built a successful career, operated businesses and gained valuable experience, but he was continually drawn toward opportunities that created real value for the communities they served. That desire ultimately led him and his family to Once Upon A Child.

The business offered something unique: an opportunity to help local families save money while promoting sustainability at the same time. In today’s economy, raising children can be expensive. Clothing, toys, books, baby equipment and everyday essentials often have a short lifespan before children outgrow them. For many families, replacing those items can quickly become a significant expense.



That’s where Once Upon A Child fills an important need. Unlike a traditional thrift store or donation centre, the business purchases gently used children’s items directly from local families. Those items are then carefully inspected and offered to other families at affordable prices, creating a cycle that benefits everyone involved. In fact, approximately 94.5 percent of the store’s inventory comes directly from purchases made from local families.

“We’re really a community business,” Tony explains.

That community-first approach is something customers notice. Tony recalls one recent shopper who purchased 21 items for less than \$100. Stories like that happen regularly and serve as a reminder of why the business matters.

For growing families trying to manage household budgets, those savings can make a meaningful difference. But affordability is only one part of the impact. Every item that is reused instead of discarded helps reduce waste and keeps perfectly usable products out of local landfills. From children’s books and toys to strollers and seasonal clothing, thousands of items are given a second life through the store each year.

Since taking ownership, Tony and his team have worked hard to improve the shopping experience while remaining focused on their mission. Store layouts have been redesigned to make navigation easier for parents with strollers, and new product categories have been added to help fill gaps where second-hand inventory isn’t always available.

Of course, challenges remain. One of the biggest is keeping enough inventory on the shelves for toddlers and school-aged children. While baby clothing is often plentiful, sizes four through ten tend to wear out faster and are more difficult to source. That’s why community participation remains such an important part of the business.

Every family that brings in gently used items helps support another local family. Every purchase keeps quality products in circulation and helps stretch household budgets a little further. For Tony, those daily interactions are among the most rewarding aspects of ownership.

The conversations with regular customers. The families who return year after year. The opportunity to help parents find what they need without breaking the bank. Those moments are what continue to motivate him. The Best of Kelowna awards may be displayed proudly, but Tony sees them as a reflection of the community that has embraced the business over the past year. Because at its heart, Once Upon A Child isn’t simply about buying and selling children’s products.



It’s about neighbours helping neighbours, families supporting families and creating a more affordable, sustainable future for the next generation. And that’s something worth celebrating.



17 SPORTS & RECREATION

WINNERS

SPORTS & RECREATION

AS VOTED BY YOU

Boat Rental & Water Sports

- Okanagan Lake Boat Rentals
- Sip & Anchor Luxury Wine Tours & Boat Charters
- Downtown Marina Kelowna

Campground

- Bear Creek Provincial Park
- Fintry Provincial Park
- Beaver Lake Mountain Resort

Dance Studio

- The Village Dance Academy
- Dream Dance Club
- The Canadian School of Ballet

Dance Team

- The Village Dance Academy
- Femme Fatale Dance
- Hype Dance

Fishing Charters & Services

- TW Outdoors
- Al-Ways Fishing Charters
- Lake Front Sports

Golf Course

- Two Eagles Golf Course & Academy
- The Harvest Golf Club
- Tower Ranch Golf and Country Club

Junior Sports Team

- Kelowna Rockets Hockey
- West Kelowna Warriors
- Junior Coyotes Basketball

Kids Camp

- Green Bay Bible Camp
- Kelowna Actors Studio
- Sportball Okanagan

Local Sports Coach

- Sam Crossley
- Coach Dawn Elsborg | Okopogo Summer Swim Club
- Ariel Gitz
- Derek Jory

Martial Arts Studio

- Pacific Top Team Kelowna and West Kelowna
- Great Way Martial Arts
- Kees Tae Kwon Do
- A-F Academy Martial Arts

Outdoor Club

- Run Like Girlz
- Okanagan Forest Task Force
- Kelowna City FC
- Kelowna BMX Club

Outdoor Gear Store

- MEC Kelowna - Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Play It Again Sports
- Play Stores Inc.

Recreational Sports Team

- Ogopogo Summer Swim Club
- Kelowna City FC
- Kelowna Minor Lacrosse Association

Sport Lessons

- Sportball Okanagan
- Little Kickers Okanagan
- Kelowna City FC

Sport/Recreation Store

- Fresh Air
- Play It Again Sports
- Sport Chek
- Chevy's Source for Sports

Sports Club

- Run Like Girlz
- Junior Coyotes Basketball
- Kelowna City FC
- Genesis Athletics Club

Sports Memorabilia

- Players Choice
- West Kelowna Warriors
- Canada Pop and sports Collectibles

Sports Venue

- Prospera Place
- H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre
- Kelowna Curling Club

Adventure Rentals

- Play It Again Sports
- Okanagan Lake Boat Rentals
- Full Cycle Adventures

Adventure Tour

- Lake Life Pontoon Cruises
- Sip & Anchor Luxury Tours and Boat Charters
- CRIS Adaptive Adventures

Adventure Vehicle

Accessories

- Valley Moto Sport
- Cap-It Truck Accessories
- Over The Top Racks + Accessories

Bicycle Shop

- Cyclepath Kelowna
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- Kelowna Cycle

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