

Edible Communities Announces Winners of 2026 Best of Edible Awards, Honoring Outstanding Local Food Journalism

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[Communities](#), the network of more than 75 hyper-local sustainable food-focused publications across the U.S. and Canada, has officially named the winners of its [2026 Best of Edible Awards](#). The annual awards shine a spotlight on the publishers, writers, photographers and illustrators who document the unique culinary heritage, agricultural traditions and evolving foodways of their home regions.

From coastal fisheries and family farms to independent kitchens and artisanal food businesses, Edible publications bring readers face-to-face with the people who feed our communities. Through authentic storytelling, striking imagery, and season-inspired recipes, these local teams remind us of the profound value of knowing where our food comes from.

This year's competition evaluated hundreds of submissions representing print features, recipes, visual arts and digital content published throughout 2025. Entries were initially narrowed down through a rigorous peer-review process before being presented to a distinguished panel of industry leaders: acclaimed author Elissa Altman, celebrated writer and journalist Barry Estabrook and influential educator Katherine Miller.

"The work submitted this year truly represents the heart and soul of local food journalism," said Tracey Ryder, CEO and co-founder of Edible Communities. "These publications are vital to their communities, connecting readers to the land, the people and the ingredients that define their region. We are honored to recognize the talent and dedication of our publishers and their contributors."



Edible Communities is a media company dedicated to the sustainable food movement with a network of more than 75 locally owned and operated food magazines and websites throughout the United States and Canada. Each publication is dedicated to celebrating th

The winners of the 2026 Best of Edible Awards are:

Publication of the Year: Edible Reno-Tahoe

Best Magazine Cover: Edible DC – Fall 2025 –
Photo by Jay Fleming

Best Feature Story: Edible Newfoundland &
Labrador – “When We Fish Together” – Words by
Sara Snow

Best Feature Photography: Edible DC – “Follow the
Fish” – Photos by Jay Fleming

Best Profile Story: Edible Jersey – “Faces of Our
Farmers” – Words by Nancy Brannigan Painter

Best Profile Photography: Edible Jersey – “Faces of
Our Farmers” – Photos by Miana Jun

Best Recipe Feature: Edible Alaska – “Third Space,
Twice Baked” – Words by Michele Genest

Best Recipe Photography: Edible Maritimes –
“Spring Fever Snacks” – Photos by Emily Lawrence

Best Personal Essay: Edible Alaska – “I Live with a Nukalpiaq: Life on the River” – Words by Mary George

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Best Illustration: Edible South Florida – “Quinceañera: 15th
Anniversary Magazine Cover” – Illustrations by Elise Sierra
Fernandez

Best Letter from the Publisher or Editor: Edible DC – “Letter
from the Publisher: Go Fish” – Words by James Whitman

Best Wild Card: Edible Alaska – “Bone by Bone” – By
Bethany Sonsini Goodrich

Best Email Newsletter: Edible Monterey Bay – EMB’s



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Weekly Tuesday Newsletter

Edible Communities invites the public to [dive into the work of all the winners and finalists](#) and hopes that their stories inspire readers as much as they have the community.

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