

Winners of the 2018 Newport News Tourism Awareness Contest Announced

Newport News, VA, May 31, 2018 – More than 300 people entered the Newport News Tourism Awareness Contest, which was held May 6-22 in celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week.

In this year's contest, Newport News Tourism asked folks to "*Share What You LOVE About Newport News!*" To enter, contestants were asked to tell us in 25 words or less why they loved Newport News. All entry forms were then entered into a drawing to randomly select the winners of seven prize packages, which ranged in value from \$500 to \$1,193.

The packages were filled with donated gift certificates for dining, shopping, lodging, and other fun things to do in Newport News. The submissions were made in person, by mail, fax, and by e-mail. Our winners – along with their quotes – are listed below:

- Newport News is for Lovers of the *Outdoors* won by **Deanna Holloway of Hampton**.

"My grandchildren love the parks. They are beautiful and fun."

- Newport News is for Lovers of *Shopping* won by **Molly Voss of Newport News**.

"We love how many things there are to do! Museum, parks and more! So much fun, great people, yummy food and exciting changes keep coming."

- Newport News is for Lovers of *Dining* won by **Joshua Husak of Newport News**.

"I love how it's the center of Hampton Roads. We have several museums, a beach, attractions and fun nightlife. It's fun here on the peninsula."

- Newport News is for Lovers of *Attractions* won by **J. Adam Link of Newport News**.

"We love the culturally diverse population that consistently comes together as community to make Newport News a great place to live and raise a family."

- Newport News is for Lovers of *Sunsets* won by **Wendy Born of Newport News**.

"My family and I love our hometown of Newport News because of its diverse and delightful opportunities for culture, entertainment, lifestyle, work and education."

- Newport News is for Lovers of *Arts & Entertainment* won by **Sheri Petteys of Williamsburg**.

“Living Museum, parks, Mariners’ Museum, Celebration in Lights, CNU, Peninsula Fine Arts, history, Lee Hall, walking trails, shipyard, City Center, Ferguson Center, location and more!”

- Newport News is for Lovers of *Photography*, won by **Tabitha Pope of York County**.

“We love the ability to enjoy the shopping, restaurants all while being able to take our kids to do fun stuff in one area!”

A complete listing of prizes contained in each package is outlined below:

Lovers of the Outdoors (package valued at \$905.95)

- Family of four fishing passes at James River Fishing Pier
- 2-Night STAY, 2-Night PLAY at Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort
- The Mariners' Museum Noland Trail Sweatshirt
- 1-night camping, 1-hour paddleboat & 2 bike rentals at Newport News Park
- Gift Certificate to Wilcox Bait & Tackle

Lovers of Shopping (package valued at \$963)

- Gift Certificate to ACT II Consignment Boutique
- Gift Certificate to The Bead Store
- 1-hour Relaxation at DeStress Express, Inc.
- 2-Night STAY, 2-Night PLAY at Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort
- Gift Card to Madame & Monsieur Consignment Boutique
- Gift Certificate to Patrick Henry Mall
- Gift Certificate to Plantiques, Inc.

Lovers of Dining (package valued at \$684)

- Gift Certificate to Al Fresco
- Gift Card to Boathouse Live
- Gift Card to Circa 1918
- Gift Card to Dino's Pizza Shop
- Four "Build Your Own Pasta Bowl" certificates to Fazoli's
- Wine & Cheese Night at Indulge Bakery and Bistro
- Gift Certificate to Jose Tequilas Mexican Grill
- Gift Card to Juan's Mexican Café and Cantina
- Gift Card to Manhattan's NY Deli & Pub
- Gift Certificate to Ms. Mary's Restaurant
- Gift Certificate to Salsa's Mexican Grill
- Gift Card to Schooners Grill
- Gift Certificate to Tuscany Ristorante

Lovers of Attractions (package valued at \$665)

- Admission for four to Cozzy's Comedy Club
- Newport News VIP Passport for 4 people
- Gift Card to Play & Company
- Gift Card to Rebounderz
- Gift Card to Speed Club Center
- Four General Admission Tickets to the Virginia Living Museum

Lovers of Sunsets (package valued at \$1,193)

- Gift Certificate to Crab Shack Seafood Restaurant
- 1 Hour Relaxation at DeStress Express, Inc.
- Canon 35mm Digital Camera Package with Lens
- 2-Night STAY, 2-Night PLAY at Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort

Lovers of Arts & Entertainment (package valued at \$681)

- Two Gift Certificates to Board & Brush
- Gift Card to Boathouse Live
- Admission for four to Cozzy's Comedy Club
- Two complimentary show tickets to Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center
- Two Vouchers to Ferguson Center for the Arts
- Family membership & Cookbook from Peninsula Fine Arts Center
- Gift Certificate to Starving Artist Studio
- Two gift certificates to Wine & Design

Lovers of Photography (package valued at \$500)

- A 60-Minute Family Photography Session in Newport News with The Girl Tyler Professional Photographer
- Gift Certificate to Shutterfly.com

Newport News Tourism would like to thank all of the businesses who donated the prizes for each of the packages. Look for our next *“Where in the World ...”* contest to kick off May 5 in commemoration of National Travel & Tourism Week, May 5-11, 2019.

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