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Over the last 30 of his 40+ years of experience, Patrick Ahearn FAIA has proudly preserved the beauty of Martha's Vineyard's natural historic environment. With over 200+ completed residential and commercial projects on the island, Patrick has dedicated himself to enhancing island life by esteeming the historic aesthetic of the locale, while addressing the needs of contemporary lifestyles. While we praise Patrick for the timeless gambrels, unified neighborhood imagery, and the revitalized historic Edgartown village, none of this could have been realized without our fellow Vineyarders who are the true foundation of this island lifestyle. Patrick Ahearn Architect LLC would like to extend a tremendous thank you to our friends, families, clients, and everyone who voted for us for Best of the Vineyard. It has been a great honor to enhance the island environment over the years and it is an even greater honor to be recognized for such endeavor.

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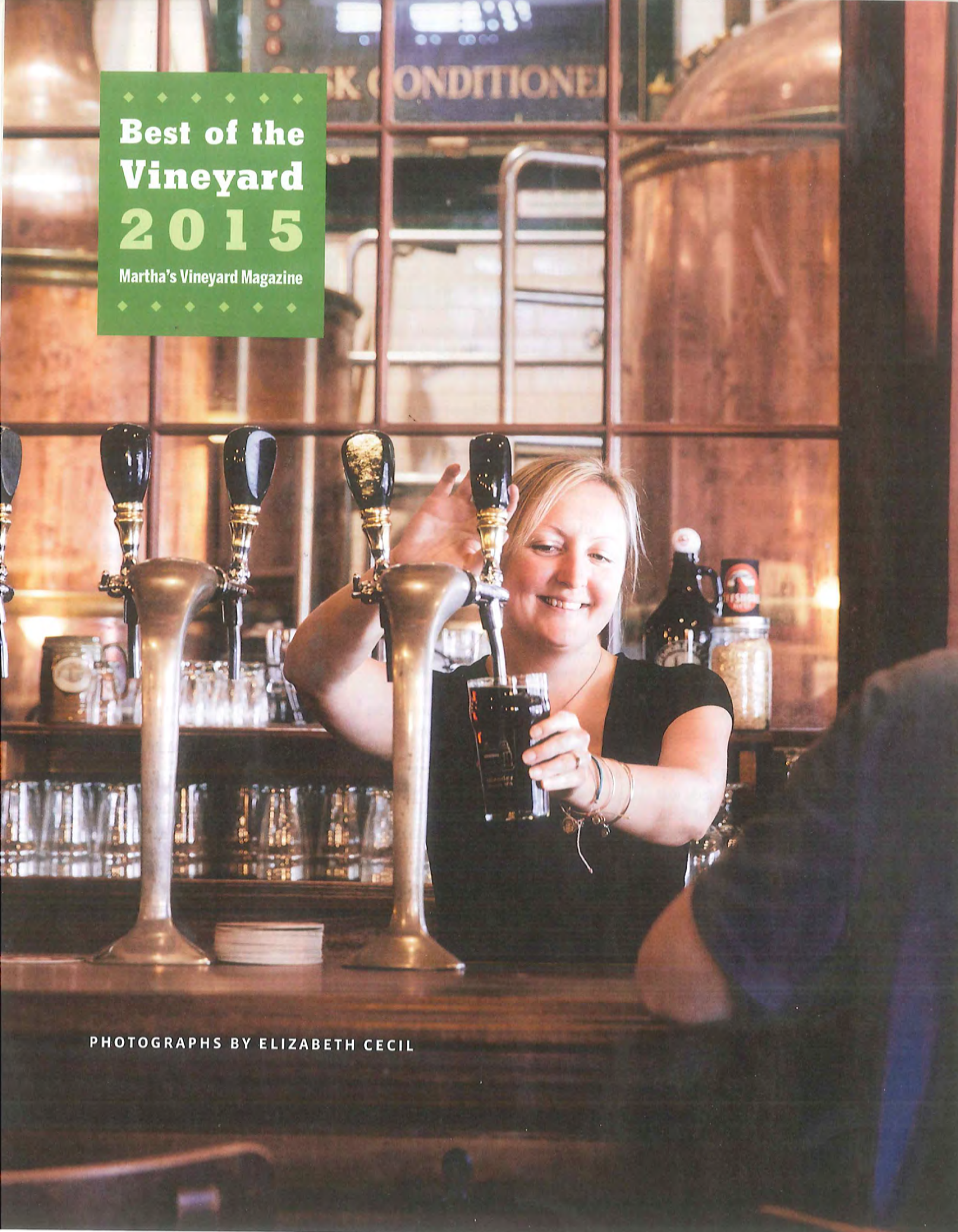
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Winners 2015

More than three thousand voters cast nearly fifty thousand votes in eighty-four categories. The results are in, so without further ado, we give you... Everything you need to know about Martha's Vineyard according to you.

Our readers determine the overall results by voting online, and the following write-ups are by Ivy Ashe, Sydney Bender, Sara Brown, Alison L. Mead, Nicole Grace Mercier, Moira Silva, and Remy Tumin.

FOOD AND DRINK

< **Best Bar/Pub: Offshore Ale Company**

30 Kennebec Avenue,
Oak Bluffs, 508-693-2626,
offshoreale.com

Runner-up:

Lookout Tavern
8 Seaview Avenue,
Oak Bluffs, 508-696-9844,
lookoutmv.com

Solo at the bar or with a large group of friends, you're always at home at Offshore Ale. The changing variety of brews and extensive list of excellent pub food make this gathering spot a place to return to again and again. For Bruins and Sox fans, head over to the Lookout Tavern for great beers and wings or margaritas and fish tacos.

Facing page: Amy Clapp draws a tall one at Offshore Ale Company.

Best Bakery: Back Door Donuts/ Martha's Vineyard Gourmet Café & Bakery

5 Post Office Square, Oak Bluffs,
508-627-3688, mvbakery.com

Runner-up:

Scottish Bakehouse
977 State Road, Vineyard Haven,
508-693-6633,
scottishbakehousemv.com

Two words: apple fritter. The long line for fresh-out-of-the-fryer donuts at Back Door Donuts is an annual harbinger of summer. And don't miss the gorgeous cakes sold during the day through the front door of the Oak Bluffs bakery. For a variety of seasonal baked goods, stand-bys, and great gluten-free options, head over to the Scottish Bakehouse in Vineyard Haven.

Best Breakfast: ArtCliff Diner

39 Beach Road, Vineyard Haven,
508-693-1224

Runner-up:

Linda Jean's Restaurant
25 Circuit Avenue, Oak Bluffs,
508-693-4093,
lindajeansrestaurant.com

With all of the delicious choices at ArtCliff Diner, it's hard to know where to start. How about the Farmer's Market Frittata with fresh herbs, spinach, tomato, mushrooms, and chevre? Or Katama Almond and Honey Crepes? No, wait, the Bull's Eye – codfish cake, two eggs, arugula, spicy hollandaise, and mustard oil. See what we mean? In Oak Bluffs, Linda Jean's serves up classic breakfast favorites year after year with its family-friendly hometown feel.

SERVICES ON-ISLAND

Best Architectural and/ or Residential Design Company: Patrick Ahearn Architecture

Nevin Square, 17 Winter Street,
Edgartown, 508-939-9312,
patrickahearn.com

Runner-up: Sullivan + Associates Architects

52 Narragansett Avenue,
Oak Bluffs, 508-693-0500,
sullivanassociatesarchitects.com

From historic renovations to new home designs, Patrick Ahearn has long been in the business of making your vision a reality. This year he also designed the much coveted 2015 HGTV Dream Home, a Cape Cod-style house in Katama. Sullivan + Associates specializes in residential and commercial projects around the Island.

Best Bank: Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank

Branches in Chilmark,
Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Vineyard
Haven, West Tisbury,
508-627-4266, mvbank.com

Runner-up:

Edgartown National Bank
Branches in Edgartown, Oak
Bluffs, and Vineyard Haven, 508-
627-1100, yourislandbank.com

Between the friendly staff, warm atmosphere, and free lollipops, customers might start looking for excuses to stop by Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank. Thankfully, even extra trips are always convenient with several branches around the Island and two in Falmouth. Edgartown National Bank, the oldest community bank on the Vineyard, has a long history of success.

BINK'S AUTO

Best Auto Repair Shop: Bink's Auto

29 Winthrop Avenue, Oak Bluffs,
508-693-2168

Runner-up: deBettencourt's Service Station

83 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs,
508-693-0751

When the dreaded engine light comes on, or worse, many head straight to Bink's Auto. The friendly, knowledgeable staff can assist you with an oil change or brakes on the fritz, and will send you on your way with a smile. deBettencourt's Service Station is there for everything from state inspections and a gas refill to more serious repairs.



The Binks crew (left to right):
George Fauteux, Michael
Michalski, and Susan and
Will deBettencourt.