



The February issue of **Country Roads Magazine** gives awards to "A Few of Your Favorite Things" in several categories. The favorite things were submitted by the magazine's readers. Louisiana Main Street communities racked up in the reader's favorites. Here are the selections:

Best Main Street or Downtown District:

Winners: St. Francisville, Denham Springs

Best of the Rest: Abbeville, Clinton, Eunice, Morgan City, Ponchatoula, St. Martinville, Natchitoches, Donaldsonville

Best Place to Take a Visitor:

Winner: The Myrtles Plantation, St. Francisville

Best of the Rest: St Francisville; Rosedown Plantation, St. Francisville

Best Weekend Getaway Destination:

Winner: St. Francisville

Best of the Rest: False River, New Roads; Natchitoches

Favorite Local Shop:

Winner: Grandmother' s Buttons, St. Francisville

Best Kept Secrets:

The Felicianas (Clinton and St. Francisville) , Opelousas, the people of St. Francisville

Favorite Local Chef:

Winners: Chef John Folse, Donaldsonville; Cynthia Schneider, The Grapevine, Donaldsonville

Best of the Rest: Brian Blanchard, Café JoJo, Morgan City; Martha Haynes, Eight Sisters, St. Francisville; Castin Harrell, Feliciana Delights, Clinton; Randy Cheramie, Dean of John Folse Culinary Institute, Thibodaux

Favorite Small Town Dining Destination:

Winners: The Grapevine, Donaldsonville; Magnolia Café, St. Francisville

Best of the Rest: The Birdman Gallery and Books, St. Francisville; Eight Sisters, St. Francisville; Guidry's Restaurant, Plaquemine; Lagniappe II, New Iberia; Ma Mama's, New Roads; Taste of Bavaria, Ponchatoula; The Oxbow, St. Francisville

Favorite Venue for Live Performance:

Winner: Magnolia Café, St. Francisville

Best of the Rest: Libery Theatre, Eunice; LeBayou Legendaire, Abbeville

Favorite Festival:

Best of the Rest: Louisiana Renaissance Festival, Hammond; Red, White & Blueberry Festival, Clinton; Giant Omelette Celebration, Abbeville

