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David Slays Goliath in Condé Nast Traveler Readers Choice Awards

The Stephanie Inn in Cannon Beach, Ore. beats top West Coast hotels

Cannon Beach, Ore.— Such giants as the W Hotel in Seattle, the Fairmount in San Francisco, Lowe's Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica and the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego all seemed to be ignored by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. Instead, the readers chose the Stephanie Inn, located in tiny Cannon Beach, Oregon as one of Condé Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Award, Top Hotels, USA. The Stephanie Inn is the only hotel west of the Mississippi to make it into the top three.

"I can't believe that we are taking home the award again—that makes two years in a row," said Ryan Snyder, President of Martin Hospitality, parent company of the Stephanie Inn. "It is amazing to think a little inn in a city of around 1,600 can receive national recognition. To be acknowledged on a list with such admirable companies is truly inspiring and a testament to the vision of Steve Martin."

Questionnaires were randomly delivered to subscribers and online readers; over 32,000 voted. They were polled about such features as comfort, staff, location and amenities. The Stephanie Inn was recognized for remarkable service, comfortable rooms, beautiful views of Haystack Rock, and exceptional dining at the onsite restaurant, the Stephanie Inn Dining Room.

Additionally Sharon Major, the general manager of the Stephanie Inn, was just named by the Oregon Lodging Association as Innkeeper of the Year for 2008.

Condé Nast Traveler is one of the world's most respected travel publications. Every year the magazine facilitates the oldest and largest independent poll (second in size only to the U.S. Census) of travel consumers resulting in the Readers' Choice Awards. Winners were announced at a gala dinner last night in New York City at the New York Public Library. The hotels that came in first and second place this year are The Peninsula in Chicago and the Elizabeth Pointe Lodge on Amelia Island in Florida.

The complete results of the awards can be found in the November 2008 issue of Condé Nast Traveler available on newsstands October 21. Only 3 other hotels from Oregon placed on the top 100 list.

The Stephanie Inn is an elegant, sophisticated and enchanting New England-style country inn situated on the picturesque edge of the Cannon Beach shoreline. Often revered for its romantic charm, the Stephanie Inn is the perfect getaway for couples looking for relaxation amidst the hectic nature of their everyday lives. The Stephanie Inn not only offers a variety of unique getaway packages but also holds special events, such as winemaker dinners. For more information about the Stephanie Inn go to www.stephanieinn.com, or call 1.800.633.3466.

Conveniently located to both Portland and Seattle, Martin Hospitality has created an accessible sanctuary on the ocean's shore. Martin Hospitality is the Northwest's premier hospitality management company. The company specializes in quality resorts, inns and restaurants in Cannon Beach and Seaside, Oregon, including the Stephanie Inn, which was named by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler as one of the Top Hotels, Mainland U.S., for two years in a row. Martin Hospitality also manages the Stephanie Inn Dining Room, the newly renovated Surfsand Resort, Wayfarer Restaurant & Lounge, the Inn of the Four Winds and The Lumberyard Rotisserie & Grill. Martin Hospitality is a 28-year-old company with 240 employees and is headquartered at 264 Third Street in Cannon Beach. For more information, visit www.martinhospitality.com.

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