

2015  
THE BEST OF

# Mississippi



Vivian Gross of Madison admires a cake-stand full of hot and delicious biscuits from this year's Best of Mississippi winner for *Best Bakery/Sweet Shop*, **The Biscuit Shop** in Starkville. They are placed on a cake-stand from the **Everyday Gourmet**, winner of *Best Kitchen Store*. Vivian is wearing a dress from the winner of *Best Children's Apparel*, **PolkaTots** in Starkville. Her bracelets are provided by **Deep South Pout**, winner of *Best Place to Find Trendy Clothing*.

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# dining out

by anna beth higginbotham

## BEST APPETIZER

### Harvey's, Broccoli Bites

Starkville, Columbus, Tupelo  
662.327.6982 | eatwithharveys.com

Harvey's broccoli bites are truly a mouth-watering treat. These delicious bites are loaded with broccoli, cheese, bacon, onion, and jalapeños and fried until golden. It's easy to see why they are a crowd favorite at Harvey's, which prides itself on providing delicious food, great service, and memories every time you dine.



Amerigo - Cheese Fritters, Ridgeland  
Babalu - Guacamole, Jackson  
Georgia Blue - Turnip Bites,  
Multiple Locations  
Market Café - Fried Pimento Cheese,  
Louisville

## BEST DESSERT

### Stromboli's, Cookie Dough Bites

Starkville | 662.615.4080 | strombolismsu.com

Stromboli's Italian Eatery should definitely be on your list of places to grab a bite when visiting Starkville, and be sure not to leave without trying their memorable cookie dough bites. Warm, decadent, and served with rich chocolate dipping sauce for an extra indulgence, these treats are sure to please every sweet tooth—and leave you yearning for more.



Amerigo - Tiramisu, Ridgeland  
Crescent City Grill - White Chocolate Bread Pudding, Hattiesburg  
Harvey's - Bread Pudding, Starkville,  
Columbus, and Tupelo  
Oby's - Bread Pudding, Starkville  
and Oxford

## BEST NEW RESTAURANT

### Saltine

Jackson | 601.982.2899 | saltinrestaurant.com

If you're in Mississippi and love oysters, Saltine is the place to be. Located in the bustling Fondren district, Saltine offers delicious, fresh oysters delivered straight from the Gulf. From the seafood to its landlubber options—which include everything from gravy fries to Nashville hot chicken to grilled quail—this new restaurant offers tasty twists on Southern classics.



Lou's Full-Serv, Jackson  
Old 82, Columbus  
Seafood R'evolution, Ridgeland  
1933, Ruleville

## BEST PIZZA

### Lost Pizza Company

Multiple locations | 662.887.1555  
lostpizza.com

Taste buds are taken to a whole new level when visiting Lost Pizza Company, which offers delicious options that every pizza lover will enjoy. Go traditional, build your own, or be adventurous and enjoy creative offerings like Hector's Taco Pie, The Popeye, and even Fat Boy's Bacon Cheeseburger. Lost Pizza also offers salads, pastas, and yummy desserts, along with a fun atmosphere.



Pizza Shack, Byram, Jackson, and  
Madison  
Sal & Mookie's, Jackson  
Soulshine, Flowood, Ridgeland, and  
Oxford  
Stromboli's, Starkville

## BEST STEAK

### Shapley's

Ridgeland | 601.957.3753  
shapleysrestaurant.com

Shapley's has been one of the state's superior steakhouses since 1985. Owners Julie and Scott Koestler strive to provide the best cuts of meat and freshest seafood, all prepared to their high standards with customers in mind. Having been recognized nationally for its dining experience, Shapley's is more than just a premier steakhouse—it's a Mississippi tradition.



Anthony's, West Point  
Doe's Eat Place, Greenville  
Old Hickory, Columbus  
Tico's, Ridgeland

## BEST BURGER

### Mugshots

Multiple Locations | 601.271.2299  
mugshotsgrillandbar.com

Ron Savell and Chris McDonald met in college and shared a dream to one day open a restaurant, and, in 2004, Mugshots became a reality. More than the average burger joint, the restaurant offers guests many unique options—including favorites such as the Savell, the McDonald, and Da Big Kahuna—all served on its signature bun. With locations throughout the state, visit Mugshots and be transported to a cheeseburger paradise.



Babalu, Jackson  
Burgers & Blues, Ridgeland  
Christy's, Columbus and Starkville  
Doug & Hazel's, Columbus

## BEST FRIED CHICKEN

### Julep

Jackson | 601.362.1411 | juleprestaurant.com

Not only has Julep garnered national attention, but it has also won over the most discerning of fried chicken critics—Mississippians. Their scrumptious recipe, with a honey and rosemary glaze, is truly a twist on your grandmother's traditional fried chicken, but it will never disappoint. You may also request to have your chicken served grilled...but why would you ever do such a thing?



George's, New Albany  
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville  
Two Sisters' Kitchen, Jackson  
Walnut Hills, Vicksburg

## BEST BARBECUE

### The Little Dooeey

Starkville | 662.323.6094 | littledoey.com

If you are a barbecue fan, The Little Dooeey in Starkville is the spot for you. Their barbecued selections of pulled pork, chicken, beef brisket, and pork ribs have attracted diners from all over the country, and even some celebrities. This barbecue destination offers catering for you to enjoy during MSU football games or at your next backyard party and sells its signature sauces and rubs so you can bring the taste of Dooeey's home.



Leatha's Bar-B-Que Inn, Hattiesburg  
Petty's, Starkville  
Pig & Pint, Jackson  
The Shed, Ocean Springs

## BEST CORNBREAD

### Ajax Diner

Oxford | 662.232.8880 | ajaxdiner.net

Soul food is the standard at Ajax Diner, a popular spot on the Square in Oxford. With a menu full of Southern staples, Ajax delivers on every front—and its hefty pieces of savory jalapeño cornbread aren't just a side item, but a standout.



Café on Main, Columbus  
Cock of the Walk, Ridgeland and  
Pocahontas  
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville  
The Veranda, Starkville

## BEST CATFISH

### Cock of the Walk

Ridgeland, Pocahontas | 601.856.5500  
cockofthewalkrestaurant.com

Get ready to go back in time to the historic Mississippi riverboat era. Sit down and enjoy exceptional fried Mississippi catfish in the casual, rustic atmosphere of Cock of the Walk. You can also enjoy Southern favorites such as turnip greens, hushpuppies, fried chicken, and cornbread at this special spot.



Jerry's, Florence  
Little Dooeey, Starkville  
Old Taylor Grocery, Taylor  
Penn's Fish House, Multiple  
Locations

## BEST SUSHI

### Umi

Starkville and Columbus | 662.323.5258  
weareumi.com

The ultimate sushi experience awaits diners at Umi Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar. Choose from traditional sushi rolls or try one of Umi's unique creations such as the Green Hulk roll, the Smoking Mountain roll, or the MSU roll. Sip a green tea, and enjoy any of the extensive menu's offerings, all while dining in a chic atmosphere.



Edo, Hattiesburg  
Nagoya, Jackson and Madison  
Sake Sushi, Meridian  
Sakura Bana, Jackson, and Little  
Tokyo, Ridgeland

## BEST MEXICAN

### Mi Toro

Columbus | 662.329.4099  
mitoroaurant.com

When you dine at Mi Toro, you are treated like family. Choose from authentic Mexican favorites—right here in Mississippi—while snacking on fresh chips and salsa. Mi Toro offers a lively atmosphere, making it a perfect spot for everyone.



Mexican Kitchen, Hattiesburg  
La Terresa, Starkville  
Salsarita's, Starkville  
Sombra, Ridgeland

## BEST ICED TEA

### McAlister's

Multiple Locations | 662.234.1363  
mcalistersdeli.com

We've all heard the phrase "McAlister's Famous Sweet Tea," and it upholds its name by continuing to please anyone who gives it a try. This Southern staple is made with a blend of black tea and pure cane sugar and is always freshly brewed. Enjoy it with a slice of lemon and you'll be set for an afternoon on the porch.



Little Dooeey, Starkville  
Newk's, Multiple Locations  
Oby's, Starkville and Oxford  
Sweet Pepper's, Multiple Locations

## BEST ITALIAN

### Amerigo

Ridgeland | 601.977.0563 | amerigo.net

For a taste of Italy right here in the Magnolia State, look no further than Amerigo. Enjoy classic and modern Italian dishes like homemade lasagna and smoked chicken ravioli, all served in a casual setting. Make sure to try their famous tiramisu for an after-dinner treat. Trust us, you'll be back again.



Bravo!, Jackson  
Old Venice, Oxford and Starkville  
Stromboli's, Starkville  
Tabella, Hattiesburg

## OTHER ETHNIC

### Keifer's

Jackson | 601.355.6825 | keifers.net

Keifer's is known for being Mississippi's Mediterranean mainstay for more than 30 years. Enjoy traditional Greek dishes, most of which are served with their famous feta dressing, and make sure to try a side serving of cottage fries to complement your meal. Many guests love to dine on Keifer's beautiful wrap around porches, which can be enjoyed year-round.



Aladdin, Jackson  
Jutamas, Hattiesburg  
Spice Avenue, Jackson  
Thai Siam, Starkville.

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## BEST BLUE PLATE

### The Veranda

Starkville | 662.323.1231 | verandastarkville.com

Enjoy a delicious blue plate special every week-day at The Veranda. Choose from classic offerings such as chicken and dumplings, pork chops, red beans and rice, catfish, and, of course, fried chicken smothered in gravy. Served with three home-style sides, plus cornbread or a biscuit, and a drink for only \$9, The Veranda has something every true Southerner will enjoy.



Ajax Diner, Oxford  
Café on Main, Columbus  
Georgia Blue, Multiple Locations  
Primos Café, Flowood and  
Ridgeland

## BEST SEAFOOD

### Seafood R'evolution

Ridgeland | 601.853.3474  
seafoodrevolution.com

Seafood R'evolution—owned by award-winning chefs John Folse and Rick Tramonto—is a culinary coup for the state's dining repertoire. Seafood R'evolution is more than just a seafood restaurant, it is a fine-dining experience that celebrates Mississippi's heritage and the delicacies that are so plentiful in its coastal waters. From the amazing raw bar, caviar, and beer-battered crab beignets to the Mississippi catfish tacos and customizable fish dishes, seafood aficionados and hard-core foodies will relish every bite.



Half Shell Oyster House, Biloxi,  
Gulfport, and Hattiesburg  
Mayflower Café, Jackson  
Mary Mahoney's, Biloxi  
Saltine, Jackson

## BEST FINE DINING

### Walker's Drive-In

Jackson | 601.982.2633 | walkersdrivein.com

When the opportunity arose for James Beard-nominated chef Derek Emerson to buy a 1950s diner in the heart of the Fondren district, he didn't hesitate. Since then, Walker's Drive-In has become one of Mississippi's most elite restaurants, and Emerson has been wowing guests with his unique, exceptional dishes. Enjoy knowing that the ingredients are all regional, and the meat and seafood are hand-selected by Emerson himself.



Ely's, Ridgeland  
J. Broussard's, Columbus  
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville  
Shapley's, Ridgeland

## BEST BUFFET

### Mama Hamil's

Madison | 601.856.4407 | hamils.com

If you can't seem to choose from a menu which Southern dish is your favorite, enjoy them all from the buffet at Mama Hamil's. Savor the taste of recipes passed down for more than four generations, all of which you can enjoy day or night at an affordable price. Just like home, this restaurant is great for the entire family.



Berry's Seafood, Florence and  
Magee  
Movie Star, Hattiesburg  
Taylor's Fish and Steak, New Albany  
Two Sister's Kitchen, Jackson

## BEST DELI

### Broad Street Baking Company

Jackson | 601.362.2900 | broadstbakery.com

Every day, lunch crowds flock to Banner Hall's Broad Street Baking Company. Each artisan sandwich is served on your choice of freshly baked bread—the focaccia is always a favorite—with premium toppings and handcrafted spreads. Also offering delicious salads, daily quiche and soup, pasta, and pizza (and not to mention those bakery treats), the entire Broad Street menu is truly irresistible.



City Bagel, Starkville  
McAlister's Deli, multiple locations  
Newk's, multiple locations  
Sweet Peppers, multiple locations

## BEST BREAKFAST

### Starkville Café

Starkville | 662.323.1665

Nestled on Main Street, Starkville Café offers Mississippians the perfect breakfast experience. Customers rave about the waffles served with Duck Butter—a special, house-made syrup that elevates every bite—and can also enjoy other breakfast classics like biscuits and gravy, sausage and country ham, and made-to-order eggs. With a comfortable setting and friendly staff who will never let your coffee run out, you'll feel as though you're at your grandmother's breakfast table.



Big Bad Breakfast, Oxford  
Broad Street Baking Company,  
Jackson  
City Bagel, Starkville  
Primos Café, Flowood and Ridgeland



Vivian's dress and shoes were styled by **Helen's Young Ages**, one of our state's MList winners for *Best Place to Find Children's Apparel*, and her headband is from **Deep South Pout**, winner of *Best Place to Find Trendy Clothing*. She is ready for a fabulous dinner at Mississippi's *Best Seafood Restaurant*, **Seafood R'evolution** in Ridgeland.

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## BEST BRUNCH

### Restaurant Tyler

Starkville | 662.324.1014  
eatlocalstarkville.com

With a Sunday menu that boasts Southern classics like chicken and waffles, Vardaman sweet potatoes, and cheese grits, along with unique signatures—think savory French toast sandwiches and po'boys topped with eggs Benedict—Restaurant Tyler clearly knows how to brunch. Chef Ty Thames not only creates delicious meals, but he also focuses on utilizing natural, local ingredients. Good for your taste buds and the environment? Win, Win!



Char, Jackson  
Julep, Jackson  
The Grill, Columbus, Starkville, and  
Tupelo  
The Veranda, Starkville

## BEST KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

### Sal and Mookie's

Jackson and Biloxi | 601.368.1919  
salandmookies.com

Not only will your kids have a blast eating at Sal and Mookie's, this fun restaurant also offers exceptional pizza the whole family will enjoy. Dozens of options from the vast menu ensure that both your picky and adventurous eaters will be pleased. Award a "happy plate" with a sundae for dessert—kids can choose their flavor and toppings from the adorable ice cream parlor located inside the restaurant.



Lost Pizza, multiple locations  
McAlister's, multiple locations  
Mugshots, multiple locations  
Plaid Rhino, Hattiesburg

## BEST SWEET SHOP/ BAKERY

### The Biscuit Shop

Starkville | 662.324.3118 | thebiscuitlady.com

Mississippians love biscuits, but a visit to The Biscuit Shop in Starkville goes beyond your typical biscuit experience. This precious bakery offers different flavors of Southern-style biscuits every day, including Mixed Berry, Butterfinger, Sprinkles, Banana, and Maple Bacon. Make sure to get there early because these hot biscuits are so tasty, they go quickly!



Broad Street Baking Company,  
Jackson  
Campbell's Bakery, Jackson  
La Brioche, Jackson  
Sugaree's, New Albany

## BEST TAMALES

### Doe's Eat Place

Greenville | 270.443.9006  
doeseatplace.com

Doe's Eat Place hasn't changed a thing since 1941. Made fresh daily, their original all-beef tamales are a true taste of the Delta. Grab a coffee can full to take home or settle in at a table and try the Signa family's exceptional recipe that has won national accolades and has been enjoyed by Mississippians for decades.



Fat Mama's, Natchez  
Mexican Kitchen, Hattiesburg  
Shapley's, Ridgeland  
Tony's Tamales, Ridgeland

## BEST OUTDOOR DINING

### Babalu Tacos and Tapas

Jackson | 601.366.5757 | babalutacos.com

Located in the heart of the lively Fondren district, Babalu's outdoor space is the perfect spot to drink or dine on a sunny day. Have a seat on the colorful porch, sip on a cool drink, and enjoy fresh guacamole made tableside by the always-friendly staff. Babalu offers amazing Spanish-style tapas, an expansive beverage menu, and a unique atmosphere.



BIN 612, Starkville  
Keifer's, Jackson  
Patio 44, Hattiesburg  
Proffit's Porch, Columbus

## BEST COFFEE HOUSE

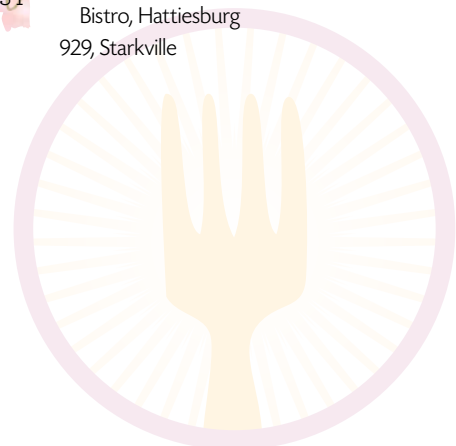
### Strange Brew

Starkville | 662.320.7022  
strangebrewcoffeeshop.myshopify.com

Liven up your daily grind with a morning pick-me-up from Strange Brew Coffee House in Starkville. Not just your average cup of joe, Strange Brew offers fresh, Mississippi-roasted brews—in a variety of flavors, like the popular Blueberry Cobbler—and specialty espresso drinks. Can't get to Starkville to try it out? No problem—you can have it shipped right to your door.



AC's, New Albany  
Cups, Multiple Locations  
The Depot Coffee House and  
Bistro, Hattiesburg  
929, Starkville





BEST HIKING AREA /  
DESTINATION

### Natchez Trace

662.680.4025 | nps.gov/natr

Spanning three states, this 444-mile scenic drive only becomes more alluring when passing through Mississippi. There are ample stops to explore, hike, and learn about the rich history of those who previously inhabited the lands, and the abundance of natural beauty on this route makes it a worthwhile destination.

- LIST Lake Lowndes State Park, Columbus
- Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, Brooksville
- Tanglefoot Trail, New Albany
- Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo

BEST WEDDING VENUE

### The South Warehouse

Jackson | 601.939.4518

A cocktail of old Southern charm with an elegant and modern twist, the South Warehouse creates the perfect setting for a dream celebration. With the work of owner Wendy Putt and Fresh Cut Catering and Floral, the rustic ambiance of the South Warehouse blossoms into an enchanting setting.

- LIST The Antler, Tupelo
- The Barn at Bridlewood, Hattiesburg
- The B'nai B'rith Club, Vicksburg
- Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point

BEST PARK

### Winner's Circle Park

Flowood | 601.992.4440

ci.flowood.ms.us/Recreation.asp

Always bustling with activities and entertainment, this beautiful park is equipped with a playground, tennis courts, amphitheater, and walking track. Have a family picnic or host events at the open-air pavilions. Whether you're with a party or just relaxing under the arbors around the park, Winner's Circle promises hours of fun.

- LIST Ballard Park, Tupelo
- Park Along the River, New Albany
- Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo
- Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

BEST PERFORMING VENUE

### Thalia Mara Hall

Jackson | 601.906.1537

Built in 1968, the 2,040-seat auditorium has hosted numerous plays, concerts, and other performances. Located in the heart of downtown Jackson, Thalia Mara is a definite stop for a taste of Mississippi's rich cultural and artistic heritage.

- LIST Bologna Performing Arts Center, Cleveland
- Duling Hall, Jackson
- Gertrude Ford Center, Oxford
- New Stage Theatre, Jackson

BEST BED AND  
BREAKFAST

### Historic Fairview Inn

Jackson | 888.948.1908 | fairviewinn.com

Built in 1908, this Colonial mansion exudes antiquity and charm. Stop by 1908 Provisions and the Library Lounge for dinner and drinks, or treat yourself to a day in the Nomispa. No matter the occasion, the Fairview is a unique abode for all who want a Southern experience in Jackson.

- LIST Anchuca Mansion, Vicksburg
- Cedar Grove Inn, Vicksburg
- Dunleith Inn, Natchez
- Meador Homestead, Hattiesburg

BEST DOWNTOWN AREA

### Oxford

662.232.2477 | visitoxfordms.com

Since its incorporation in 1837, Oxford has flourished from its small-town origins into a blend of traditional and modern flair, attracting people from around the country to its scenic Square. Browse trendy boutiques, sample diverse dining options, and enjoy music venues that circle the historic Lafayette County Courthouse. Explore and discover the town that inspired writers like William Faulkner.

- LIST Fondren (Jackson)
- New Albany
- Ocean Springs
- Starkville

BEST FARMERS MARKET

### Livingston Farmers Market

Madison | 601.401.5040 | thetownoflivingston.com

Every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., the Livingston Farmers Market comes to life in Madison, promising a fun-filled evening for family and friends. Come listen to live music, sample hot meals from featured chefs, and purchase fresh produce from local farmers.

- LIST Biscuits and Jam Farmers Market, New Albany
- City of Hernando Farmers Market, Hernando
- Hitching Lot Farmers Market, Columbus
- Starkville Community Market, Starkville

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## BEST SOURCE FOR THE WELL-DRESSED MAN

### George Sherman

Starkville | 662.323.2326

georgeshermandclothing.com

Since 1973, George Sherman has provided Mississippi's men with specialty products and great service. With quality apparel and a welcoming staff, a trip to George Sherman is sure to be an exceptional—and stylish—experience.



Great Scott, Jackson  
Kinkade's, Ridgeland  
Reed's, Tupelo, Columbus, and  
Starkville  
The Rogue, Jackson

## BEST PLACE TO FIND TRENDY FASHIONS

### Deep South Pout

Starkville and Columbus | 662.324.6055

deepsouthpout.com

Find the most popular brands and latest styles at Deep South Pout. Starkville's college students and the Golden Triangle's style-conscious can count on DSP to know what's trending in fashion, footwear, and accessories to keep their closets cool and current.



Friendgirl Things, McComb  
Material Girls, Multiple Locations  
Libby Story, Ridgeland and Starkville  
Style Revel, Starkville

## BEST BRIDAL SHOP

### The Bride & Groom

Columbus | 662.327.4337

thebrideandgroomms.com

Nestled in a gorgeous building in historic downtown Columbus, The Bride & Groom is a one-stop shopping experience for the entire wedding party. Beyond a bridal store, The Bride & Groom strives to provide customers with memorable experiences, so that the day they've always dreamed of will be a beautiful one.



Faulkenberry's, Philadelphia and  
Meridian  
Imaginations, Brookhaven  
Kay's Kreations, Tupelo  
The Bridal Path, Jackson

## BEST KITCHEN SHOP

### Everyday Gourmet

Ridgeland | theeverydaygourmet.com

601.977.9258

Whatever your kitchen aspirations may be, Everyday Gourmet is an attainable source for any culinary need. With everything from cookbooks and cutlery to timeless serving dishes and the newest gadgets, Everyday Gourmet is the state's one-stop shop for entertaining, making it a popular registry spot for Mississippi's brides.



Gourmet Galley, Bay St. Louis  
The Kitchen Table, Hattiesburg  
Thyme, Starkville  
Viking Cooking School Store,  
Greenwood

## BEST MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE SHOP

### The Bridal Path

Jackson | 601.982.8267

bridalpathinc.com

Mother knows best—and Mississippi mothers know that Southern hospitality, excellent service, and a serious dose of glamour await them at the Bridal Path. With beautiful gowns from a variety of popular designers, every member of the wedding party is sure to find her perfect look.



CoatTails, Ridgeland  
Fashion Post, Jackson  
Imaginations, Brookhaven  
The Bride and Groom, Columbus

## BEST PLACE TO FIND A GREAT BOOK

### Lemuria

Jackson | 601.366.7619

lemuriabooks.com

With floor-to-ceiling shelves stocked with a variety of genres and an incredible collection of first editions, Lemuria lives up to Mississippi's rich literary history. The vast selection and brilliant staff, paired with in-store signing events and the Oz children's book section, make the expansive, yet cozy, Banner Hall store a haven for book lovers of all ages.



Main Street Books, Hattiesburg  
Square Books, Oxford  
Turning Pages, Natchez  
Turnrow, Greenwood

## BEST PLACE FOR GREAT FURNITURE

### Miskelly Furniture and Ashley Home Store

Multiple Locations | 601.939.5303

miskellys.com, ashleyfurniturehomestore.com

Home to the South's largest collection of furniture and accessories, Miskelly Furniture and Ashley Home Store offer high-end pieces for the home at affordable prices. Over 35 years ago, three brothers founded Miskelly's with the vision to serve both their customers and community. Having been named by Home Furnishings Business as the #1 Independent Furniture Retailer, Miskelly's and Ashley are ideal destinations for the stylish and budget-savvy shopper.



Batte Furniture and Interiors,  
Jackson  
J. Allan's, Brookhaven and  
Hattiesburg  
Ross Furniture, Flowood  
SummerHouse, Ridgeland

## BEST PLACE TO FIND NEW COLLECTIBLES/HOME ACCESSORIES

### Aspen Bay

Starkville | 800.819.7631

aspenbaycandles.com

When strolling down Starkville's Main Street, the creative window displays of Aspen Bay are sure to catch your eye—and that's only the beginning. Step inside, breathe in the welcoming aroma coming from the company's Mississippi-made, globally-loved candles, and browse an array of unique home goods like vintage throws, modern kitchen wares, gorgeous pottery, and, yes, lots and lots of candles.



J. Allan's, Brookhaven and  
Hattiesburg  
MODA, New Albany  
Sprout, Starkville  
SummerHouse, Ridgeland

## BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT ANTIQUES

### Beard's Antiquities on 5th

Columbus | 662.386.6157

beardsantiques.com

Searching for the place to find that special, one-of-a-kind addition to your home? Look no further than Beard's Antiquities on 5th in Columbus. With new pieces of estate furniture and jewelry, art, décor, and repurposed antiques arriving often, Beard's is home to an array of vintage treasures for shoppers on the hunt for unique pieces.



Antique Shops of Jackson, Jackson  
Captain Kidd's Treasure House,  
Hattiesburg  
Interior Spaces, Jackson  
Russell's Antiques, Greenwood

## BEST PLACE TO FIND ART

### Brown's Framing and Fine Art

Jackson | 601.982.4844

brownsfineart.com

What began as a small storefront in 1965 has grown into a 6,000-square-foot gallery of diverse pieces that will make a lasting first impression in any space. Brown's seeks to highlight Mississippi talent and also features unique regional and national work appealing to the eclectic Southern buyer. The gallery features a variety of styles, mediums, and options for any budget and provides customers with a warm, attentive shopping experience.



Rosenzweig, Columbus  
Southern Breeze, Ridgeland  
The Attic, Vicksburg  
VIEW GALLERY, Jackson

## BEST GIFT SHOP

### Apple Annie's

Brandon and Madison | 601.992.9925

shopappleannies.com

Providing delectable treats, trendy jewelry, and plenty in between, Apple Annie's is a one-stop gift shop for any occasion. The signature gourmet appetizer and dessert mixes—specially made for the store—have become something of a tasty tradition throughout Mississippi. With two locations in the Jackson metro area, Apple Annie's also offers clothing, accessories, and décor, ensuring there's something for everyone on your list.



Aspen Bay, Starkville  
Giggleswick, Starkville  
Persnickety, Madison  
Purple Elephant, Starkville and  
Columbus

## BEST YARD AND GARDEN SHOP

### Lakeland Yard & Garden

Flowood | 601.939.7304

lakelandyardandgarden.com

Encompassing a sprawling 17 acres, Lakeland Yard & Garden serves as Mississippi's largest retail nursery. Whether you're an experienced landscaper or a gardening novice, Lakeland Yard & Garden's top-quality plant materials, variety of garden supplies, furniture, and accessories, and friendly, knowledgeable staff can help bring out the green thumb in everyone.



Bloomer's, Caledonia  
Callaway's Yard and Garden,  
Ridgeland  
Martinson's Garden Works,  
Ridgeland  
Sprout, Starkville

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## BEST PLACE TO FIND A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

### Flowers by the Bunch

Starkville | 662.323.9580  
flowersbythebunch.biz

From a simple "just because" bouquet to large events and weddings, Starkville's Flowers by the Bunch provides fresh, creative designs. Having worked in the floral industry for over a decade, owner and creative director Monti Winston King is devoted to creating unique arrangements that not only serve as artistic statements, but also touch the lives of those who receive them.



A Daisy a Day, Jackson  
Mostly Martha's, Ridgeland  
Oxford Floral, Oxford  
Soirée Gifts and Floral, Madison

## BEST CONSIGNMENT OR RESALE SHOP

### Repeat Street/Repeat Street Revolution

Ridgeland and Starkville | 601.605.9123  
repeatstreet.net, consignrevolution.com

Ever changing and always eclectic, the inventory at Repeat Street makes for quite the shopping adventure. Housing over 17,000 square feet of consignment fashions and furniture in its Ridgeland location, it's easy to see how Repeat Street has become the premier consignment shop for those seeking unique additions to their home or wardrobe.



Bloomingdeals, Jackson  
Forget Me Nots, Brandon  
Lucky Rabbit, Hattiesburg  
Orange Peel, Jackson

## BEST PLACE TO FIND ANTIQUE JEWELRY

### Juniker Jewelry

Jackson | 601.366.3754  
junikerjewelry.com

For a sparkling way to celebrate life's milestones, Juniker Jewelry is Mississippi's ultimate source of antique fine jewelry. For four generations, the Ravenstein family has remained passionate about providing one-of-a-kind pieces from eras past and has also launched the popular Heritage Collection, which creates vintage-inspired rings for modern buyers with classic tastes.



Allen's Fine Jewelry, Winona and  
Grenada  
Beard's Antiquities on 5th,  
Columbus  
Nancy Price, Jackson  
Van Atkins, New Albany

## BEST PLACE TO FIND FINE JEWELRY

### Van Atkins

New Albany | 662.534.5012  
vanatkins.net

Diamonds are a girl's best friend, but Van Atkins doesn't just stop there. With a collection of superior diamonds, silver, gold, and one-of-a-kind estate pieces, discerning shoppers are sure to find a piece that will be cherished for years to come. Revered as one of the country's most prized diamond retailers, Van Atkins is a true Mississippi gem.



Albriton's, Jackson  
Allen's, Winona and Grenada  
Juniker Jewelry, Jackson  
Lights Jewelers, Hattiesburg

## BEST PLACE TO FIND SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

### Maison Weiss

Jackson | 601.981.4621  
maisonweiss.com

From the first step through the front door, it's clear that the Maison Weiss shopping experience will be one of luxury. With an attentive staff and impressive roster of high-end shoe, handbag, and accessory labels, the Highland Village staple has become the destination for chic shoppers seeking the perfect finishing touches for their ensembles.



Arco Avenue, Ridgeland  
CoatTails, Ridgeland  
Deep South Pout, Starkville and  
Columbus  
Reed's, Tupelo, Columbus, and  
Starkville

## BEST SOURCE FOR THE WELL-DRESSED WOMAN

### CoatTails

Ridgeland | 601.853.1313  
coattailsllc.com

Mississippi's most stylish ladies look to CoatTails when seeking the finest that fashion has to offer. Located in a beautiful two-story space in Ridgeland, CoatTails provides shoppers with access to some of the most sought-after luxury brands in apparel, accessories, and beauty. The experienced sales associates ensure each customer is dressed their best, whatever the occasion.



Deep South Pout, Columbus and  
Starkville  
Maison Weiss, Jackson  
Treehouse Boutique, Jackson  
Village Tailor, Oxford



Vivian plays dress-up in beautiful couture gowns and shoes, high-end jewelry, and handbags at **CoatTails** in Ridgeland, winner of the *Best Source for the Well-Dressed Woman*.



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## BEST STATIONERY SHOP

### Fresh Ink

Jackson | 601.982.0235  
fresh-ink.myshopify.com

At Fresh Ink, it's about much more than just paper. The store prides itself on providing a personal experience for customers, whether by creating a wedding suite, designing a unique birthday invitation, or jazzing up snail-mail with a stylish personal card. From party planning to party decor, Fresh Ink also has a great assortment of party goods and gift options.



Forrest Paper Company, Hattiesburg  
Holmes Stationers and Gifts,  
Summit  
Party & Paper, Columbus  
The Paper Place, Jackson

## BEST PLACE TO PAMPER A PET

### Diva Dog

Ridgeland | 601.856.1616

When Fido needs a new toy or a new 'do, Diva Dog is the spot for all of your pooch's needs. The apparel and product boutique offers a range of items, while the exclusive pet spa provides services like grooming and teeth cleaning, as well as fun extras like hair dye and pet earrings. No matter which Diva Dog service you select, your four-legged friend is sure to be pampered.



Briarwood Pet Shop, Jackson  
Shaggy Hound, Starkville  
Tailwaggers, D'Iberville  
The Dog Wash, Jackson

## BEST SALON

### Tokros

Starkville | 662.324.1967  
tokrossalon.com

Located on Starkville's Main Street, Tokros has provided Golden Triangle residents with exceptional styling for over a decade. If you're seeking a fresh cut, new color, or any other salon services Tokros has to offer, the talented and fun staff will ensure that you leave feeling your best and that you have a great time while you're there.



Barnette's, Jackson and Ridgeland  
Blush, Hattiesburg  
LaCru, Flowood  
Salon 11, Ridgeland

## BEST DAY SPA

### Aqua the Day Spa

Ridgeland | 601.898.9123  
aquathedayspa.com

Exceptional service and the most current treatments have made Aqua the Day Spa a Best of Mississippi mainstay. The spa's serene facilities and array of facial and body treatments provide a relaxing escape from the everyday hustle and bustle, allowing customers to leave refreshed and rejuvenated.



The Alluvian, Greenwood  
Brickerton Day Spa, Columbus  
Bella Derma, Columbus  
Vitality Spa, Starkville and Columbus

## BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT BABY ITEMS

### Sweet Dreams

Madison | 601.856.2080

Sweet Dreams of Madison offers apparel and accessories with Mississippi's littlest residents in mind. Stop in for a variety of everyday options, as well as special occasion items, monogrammed pieces, and personalized handprint pottery—sweet, indeed!



Giggleswick, Starkville  
Nursery Rhymes, Jackson  
Polka Tots, Starkville  
Sprout, Starkville

## BEST PLACE TO FIND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

### Polka Tots

Starkville | Polka-tots.com  
662.324.2114

Tots of all ages can find great looks at Polka Tots, a children's boutique nestled on Main Street in Starkville. With a variety of sets and jonjons for the youngest gentlemen and glitzy pieces from The Fancy Boutique sure to delight the littlest ladies, Polka Tots has it all, making it a favorite of Mississippi moms.



Helen's Young Ages, Jackson  
Pop Fizz, Jackson and Ridgeland  
Punkin Patch, Cleveland  
Sweet Dreams, Madison

