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TAPROOM OR TASTING ROOM

Maine Reer Company Freeport

FINALISTS

Allagash Brewing Company

Portland Scarborough

Bigelow Brewing Company

Skowhegan

Musquito Harbor Brewing Co. Winter Harbor

Bryant's Brewing Hartland

FARMERS' MARKET

Brunswick Farmers Market

Brunswick

FINALISTS

Belfast Farmers' Market Relfast

Boothbay Farmers' Market

Boothbay

Rockland Farmers' Market

Rockland

United Farmers Market of Maine

Relfast

CHEESEMAKER

Pineland Farms

New Gloucester

FINALISTS

Fuzzy Udder Creamery

Whitefield

Crooked Face Creamery

Skowhegan

Winter Hill Farm

Freeport

Lakin's Gorges Cheese

Waldoboro

Fredrikson Farm China



ANTIQUES STORE

Wiscasset Antiques Mall Wiscasset

FINALISTS

The Rusticators **Emporium**

Hallowell

Fairfield Antiques Mall Fairfield

Antiques at 10 Mechanic Camden

Indian Trail Antiques Newcastle

Half Moon Vintage Market Wells

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Shelter Institute Moolwich

EINALISTS

Knickerbocker Group Boothbay, Portland

O'Shea Builders Waterford

Barrett Made Dontland

Conant Androws Dunham

Senecal Construction Services Brunswick

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Knickerbocker Group Boothbay, Portland

FINALISTS. Woodhull

Portland

Barrett Made

Dontland

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HARDWARE **STORE**

Ames True Value Hardware & Supply Wiscasset

FINALISTS

Damariscotta Hardware Damariscotta

Maine Hardware Dontland

Grover's Hardware Boothbay Harbor

RZR Ace Hardware Waldoboro

GARDEN CENTER OR NURSERY

Longfellow's Greenhouses Manchester

FINALISTS **Moose Crossing**

Garden Center Waldohoro

Skillins Greenhouses Brunswick,

Cumberland. Falmouth

Estabrook's Kennebunk, Yarmouth

Plants Unlimited Rockport, Trenton

DÉCOR SHOP

The Rusticators Emporium . Hallowell

FINALISTS

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Knickerbocker Group Studio

Boothbay

On the Docks Windham

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SPOTLIGHT: Blue Dahlia Wooden Florals

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When Katie York was searching for flowers for her wedding, she wasn't wild about the options. Fresh blooms were pricey, and she didn't love the look of paper alternatives. Then she found lifelike flowers crafted from flexible wooden sheets. She decided to try her hand at painting them and wound up with a bridal bouquet of peach and cream-colored roses interspersed with electric-blue roses and zinnias. Now, she creates everlasting wooden arrangements for other brides, as well as floral décor for the home. York says folks frequently comment on how realistic her flowers look. But if a bride wants, say, navy-blue mums to match a wedding theme, she can bring those to life too. - S.S.