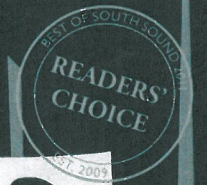


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BEST *of* 2011



An Adorable
Beach House

Olympia's Tasty
Bread Peddler

Tacoma's Historic
Little Theatre

Mount Rainier
Sunrise Hike

Inside Auburn's
Emerald Downs



Best Place to Work
TACOMA LUTHERAN
RETIREMENT
COMMUNITY

1301 North Highlands
Parkway, Tacoma

tacomalutheran.org

Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community provides a positive and fun environment for both its members and staff as one of the largest nonprofit retirement communities in the South Sound.

Runners Up:
Umpqua Bank,

multiple locations;
Rusty George
Creative, Tacoma

**Best Small
Business**

THE CLUB AT
GIG HARBOR
3201 Jahn Ave. Suite
200, Gig Harbor
theclubatgigharbor.com

As the The Club at Gig Harbor likes to put it, "We don't believe in average." This small business feels empowered to encourage community members to achieve the extraordinary by showing its compassion for the South Sound through hard work and reassuring enthusiasm.

Runners Up:
Discovery Village,
Gig Harbor;

Rusty George
Creative, Tacoma

**Best Creative
Company**

RUSTY GEORGE
CREATIVE

732 Broadway
#302, Tacoma
rustygeorge.com

You know its branding if you've ever looked at the mammoth mark on The Grand Cinema logo or seen the city's flower illustrated next to University Place. Rusty George Creative is the South Sound's leader in all things creative — an inventive company that does branding and advertising for local businesses and organizations.

Runners Up: BCRA,
Tacoma; Hemisphere
Design, Tacoma

BEST CORPORATE MEETING SPACE



Hotel Murano
1320 Broadway
Plaza, Tacoma
hotelmurano-tacoma.com

Hotel Murano is up to par with its tech-savvy Tacoma meeting facilities. With six different meeting rooms, the hotel is able to cater to large banquets or intimate meetings.

Runners Up:
Cedarbrook Lodge,
Seattle; Harbor
History Museum
Gig Harbor