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NASFT Honors Five Specialty Food Retailers

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The National Association for the Specialty Food Trade, Inc., (NASFT) and *Specialty Food Magazine* have announced their Outstanding Specialty Food Retailers of 2009. They are: Straub's, St. Louis, Mo.; Taste Unlimited, Virginia Beach, Va.; The Market and More, Casper, Wyo.; Tony Caputo's Market & Deli, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Woodstock Farmers' Market, Woodstock, Vt.

The honorees were selected by a panel of specialty food experts. They range from a chain established more than a century ago to a single store opened just last year, and all demonstrate a passion for food and dedication to customer service.

"The winners are exceptional examples of the importance of creativity and dedication in specialty food retailing today," said Ann Daw, president of the NASFT. "Each retailer illustrates unique success in the specialty food business." The awards, a gold chef statue, will be presented at the Summer Fancy Food Show in New York at a special ceremony June 29 hosted by noted chef Ming Tsai.

Nominations for Outstanding Specialty Food Retailer were made by members of the NASFT, a not-for-profit trade association with more than 3,000 members in the United States and abroad. Retailers with the most nominations were asked to submit applications, including store photographs, press kits, media coverage, menus, newsletters, training manuals, promotional materials, and letters and comments from customers. The judges, including previous Outstanding Retailer winners, manufacturers, distributors and journalists, met at NASFT offices in New York to evaluate the entries and select winners.

The winners are:

Straub's Market

William A. Straub opened the first Straub's in St. Louis in October 1901. Today, Straub's Markets are owned and operated by Jack W. Straub Jr. and his son, J.W. "Trip" Straub, III. In 2008, Straub's opened a 40,000-square-foot store in Ellisville, Mo., with a large kitchen, production bakery and more than 120 employees. The retailer recently added a Culinary Center, which hosts business events and cooking classes. Web site: www.straubs.com.

Taste Unlimited

Founded in 1973, Taste Unlimited has six locations throughout Eastern Virginia. A family-owned business, the retailer seeks to provide "the good life" to customers by celebrating family, friends, food and fun. The company is known for its sandwiches on fresh-baked bread and other signature products. Web site: www.tasteunlimited.com.

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