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Vermont Retailer of the Year

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A Colchester florist is Vermont's retailer of the year.

Claussen's Florist and Greenhouse received the first-ever award from the Vermont Retail Association. The business was one of about two dozen businesses across the state that were nominated. Claussen's once operated six different stores in Vermont and New York-- and has been in business in Colchester the last 39 years.

"The cost of utilities and goods have escalated in the last few years and we really work hard to make sure that we do things right and this award is recognition of that I guess," said Chris Conant of Claussen's.

The committee said it chose Claussen's because of its ability overcome to obstacles while maintaining quality products and service.

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