



# News Release

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### **Festival's fine art show winners announced**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Mar. 2, 2018) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winners in its 2018 fine art show presented by the East Hillsborough Art Guild and sponsored by Good Health Saunas.

The highest award, best in show, was awarded to Esme Coward, and the strawberry theme award was given to Heather Esposito.

In the adult professional oils division, Mary Ann Freeman won first place, Christopher Klein won second place, Sharon Burger won third place and Colleen Justin won fourth place.

In the adult professional acrylics division, Wayne Chumat won first place, Lynn Rattray won second place, Bonita Mosley won third place and Joyce Owen won fourth place.

In the adult professional watercolor division, Deborah Biasetti won first place, Roxanne Tobaison won second place, Sue Tihansky won third place and James Villa won fourth place.

In the adult professional graphics/mixed media division, Jennifer Watson won first place, John Guiseppi won second place, Sheryl Unwin won third place and William Gura won fourth place.

In the adult amateur oils division, Diane Lindsay won first place, Peggy Warren won second place, Susan Goldberg won third place and Vanessa Bunton won fourth place.

In the adult amateur acrylics division, Carolyn McBride won first place, Diane Mask won second place, Margret Battig won third place and Jennifer Herring won fourth place.

In the adult amateur watercolors division, Karen Odell won first place, JoEllen Hicks Falany won second place, Brenda Michaels won third place and Sonal Prabhune won fourth place.

In the adult amateur graphic/mixed media division, Lynn Hoff won first place, Kyndil Rogers won second place, Michelle Shroger won third place and Mary Worsley won fourth place.

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In the adult miniatures division, John Brennan won first place, Marie Schadt won second place, Carlene Earl won third place and Gunni Price won fourth place.

In the adult sculptures division, Ruth Bolles won first place, Meghan Cuthbertson won second place, Michelle Shyoger won third place and Joshua McCarty won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 15 to 17 years old, Shoun Khanvilkar won first place, Esha Bhat won second place, Aurora Rodriguez won third place and Sanika Kende won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 12 to 14 years old, Tanishq Bajaj won first place, Zachary Trammell won second place, Rujuta Kansava won third place and Abby Vance won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 9 to 11 years old, Radhika Rangwala won first place, Aarna Patel won second place, Ashrith Kolli won third place and Austin Neal won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 6 to 8 years old, Yash Sharma won first place, Dylan Brewington won second place, Mehak Bhargav won third place and Chetna Pitta won fourth place.

Austin Neal won the Tony Lee State Farm Business Leader Choice Award. Deborah Biasetti won the Arts Council Business Leader Choice Award. Monali Rangwala won the Hopewell Funeral Home Business Leader Choice Award. Esme Coward won the Unity in the Community Business Leader Choice Award and the My Flying Onion Business Leader Choice Award. William Hood won the Plant City Entertainment Business Leader Choice Award. William Gura won the O'Briens Irish Pub Business Leader Choice Award. Karya Senthilkumar won the St. Clement Catholic Church Business Leader Choice Award. Chetna Pitta won the Osprey Observer Business Leader Choice Award. Riya Patel won the Winthrop Business Leader Choice Award. Colleen Justin won the Family Estate Advisors Business Leader Choice Award. Bonita Mosley won the Gretchen Elizabeth Atty Business Leader Choice Award.

All pieces in the fine art show will be on display in the Hull Armory Building all 11 days of the Festival.

### **About the Florida Strawberry Festival**

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival where we're "Building New Memories!" will take place March 1-11 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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