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Photography contest winners chosen at Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 1, 2018) – The best in show in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s photography contest was awarded today at the event grounds in Plant City.

The highest award, best of show, was awarded to a photo taken by Bob Waters.

In the animal category, Frank Starmer won first place, Bob Waters won second place, Alan Gambrell won third place, and Michael Martin and Toni Colon won awards of merit.

In the black and white category, Stephen Hodgins won first place, Bob Waters won second place, Abraham Schoenig won third place, and Michael Martin and Kayla Stewart won awards of merit.

In the human category, Sandra Muench won first place, Angela Otero won second place, Leonard Martin won third place, and Jamie Harrell and Jayme Fuerst won awards of merit.

In the miscellaneous category, Timothy Rooney won first place, Katie Sparkman won second place, Brenda Rooney won third place, and Toni Colon and Frank Starmer won awards of merit.

In the places category, Bob Waters won first place, Abraham Schoenig won second place, Chris Luke won third place, and D’Lynn Ryan and Toni Colon won awards of merit.

In the plants category, Bob Waters won first place, Sandra Muench won second place, Joni Bracewell won third place, and Stephen Hodgins and Taylor Thompson won awards of merit.

In the theme category, D’Lynn Ryan won first place, Liesel Williams won second place, Jayme Fuerst won third place, and Faith Kopycinski and Robyn Baker won awards of merit.

In the youth category, ages 8 to 13 years old, Dominic Burroughs won first place, Rylan Rollyson won second place, Abbie Heggemeir won third place, and Jaida Davis and Abbie Heggemeir won awards of merit.

In the youth category ages 14 to 18 years old, Drishti More won first place, Katie Morris won second place, Kate Turner won third place, and Haley Queen and Allison Pierce won awards of

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merit.

The photography competition is sponsored by Spivey Concessions and is on display all 11 days of the festival in the Milton E. Hull Armory Building. Winning photos can be seen on mounted displays, and all entries are played on slideshows in the display.

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, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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