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Winners of horticulture show selected at Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 1, 2018) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s Plant City Garden Club Horticulture Show were selected today.

The horticulture show is divided into three divisions of competition: junior gardeners, intermediate gardeners and adult gardeners. Each entry in the competition is on display all 11 days of the festival in the Neighborhood Village building.

In the adult gardeners division, Donna Schoen won best in show, and Sue Dennis won best in show hanging. Bess Treadwell won the African violet award; Jan Griffin won the bromeliad award and an award of merit; Ceressa Snyder won the cactus award; Kelly Ecerhart won the dish garden award; Sue Dennis won the orchid award; Laurette Valdez won the succulent award; Richard Zeiner and Jodi Stevens won awards of merit. Mary Collins won two awards of merit.

In the intermediate gardeners division, Damian Stare won best in show, and Will Bennett won best in show hanging basket. Caleb Bennett won the bromeliad award; Sawyer Bridges won the cactus award, the dish garden award, the succulent award and two awards of merit. Damian Stare also won an award of merit.

In the junior gardeners division, Meredith Zarycki won best in show and the bromeliad award, and Gilberto Cerro-Canjo, courtesy of Jackson Elementary, won best in show hanging basket. Dylan Brewington won the dish garden award; Tucker LeClair, courtesy of Robinson Elementary, won the cactus award; Brianna Marquez, courtesy of Jackson Elementary, won the succulent award. Julia Switch, Emma Barnes and Steve Domingues, courtesy of Jackson Elementary, won awards of merit.

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

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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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