Neighborhood Village Youth  
Craft & Baking Competition

On display during the 2021 Florida Strawberry Festival

*Location*
Neighborhood Village Youth is located on the south side of the Administration Building at gate 4, off BerryFest Place.

Chairpersons: Connie Gerbasi and Ashlyn del Valle  
Information Contact: Connie Gerbasi: text (813) 431-7949  Ashlyn del Valle: text (813) 523-9634  
Competition open to: Hillsborough, Pasco & Polk County Youth - ages 5-18 (K-12th grade)  
Applications available: no application, no pre-entry, no entry fee  
Deadline: Bring entry to the *Location* on entry date given in departments below.

RULES & REGULATIONS
PLEASE REVIEW – SOME RULES HAVE CHANGED

1. Open to all Hillsborough, Pasco & Polk County Youth ages 5-18 (K-12th grade).
2. There is a Junior and Senior Division for each department. Juniors are ages 5-12, 2020-2021 school year. Seniors are ages 13-18, 2020-2021 school year.
3. Departments 1 thru 4 entries for competition and exhibit will be due at the Festival on Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Departments 5 thru 14 entries for competition and exhibit will be due at the Festival on Thursday, February 25, 2021, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6 p.m. only. NO ENTRIES AFTER 6:00 P.M.
4. All entries must have exhibit card attached. Exhibit cards are available when you bring your item or in advance by texting 813-523-9634.
5. All exhibits and ribbons will be released to the exhibitors from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021. Items are left at owner’s risk and may be picked up by calling the Florida Strawberry Festival at 813-752-9194. In order to claim article, you must show duplicate exhibit card stub showing item number. Items not claimed within 30 days of exhibit release date will be donated to charity and premiums will be refunded to the festival.
6. All champion award and blue ribbon money will be presented on Monday, March 15, 2021, when articles are picked up.
7. All entries must be “NEW” since May 1, 2020 and made by the person whose name appears on the entry.
All items and articles displayed must be CLEAN, free of spoilage, and suitable for public display.

*NOTE* Youth may enter only 1 item in each category in each department.

Blue and red ribbons will be awarded to outstanding articles in each department. Champions will be awarded rosettes and $20 in each deserving department. Blue ribbon winners will each receive $10.

All reasonable effort will be exercised to prevent damage or an accident of any kind. The Florida Strawberry Festival or the Department Chairs will not be held responsible for damage to any property.

POINTS MAY BE DEDUCTED FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.

Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry, hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet, etc., that the Florida Strawberry Festival may desire.

Please contact by email one of the chairpersons if there is any confusion about rules, eligibility, category placement etc. Ashlyn Del Valle-ashlyn511@gmail.com or Connie Gerbasi-conniegerbasi@gmail.com

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**DEPARTMENT 1  CAKE DECORATING**

Enter:  Saturday, February 27, 2021. Text (813) 523-9634 to reserve time.

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE PREPARED TO SHOW TECHNIQUES THE DAY OF JUDGING.

Entries judged on:

- Application & consistency of frosting 20
- How shells and other trimmings are applied 20
- Color coordination of flowers, design, etc. 30
- Overall appearance 30

1. Cake decorating entries must not exceed 20" square in size or 20” diameter round.
2. Styrofoam forms are required for decorations, because decorations only will be judged.
3. Junior division: use at least two tips/techniques and be proficient in techniques. Exhibitors must show judges your techniques on Saturday, February 27, 2021.
4. Senior division: use at least four tips/techniques and be proficient in techniques. Exhibitors must show judges your techniques on Saturday, February 27, 2021.
5. Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

**Categories:**

**BASIC DECORATING**

Examples:  Holiday, Birthday, Character, Festival Theme, Graduation, Strawberry

**MULTI-TIER**

Examples:  Wedding, Anniversary, Baby Shower etc.

**ADVANCED**

Examples:  Rolled Fondant, Gum/Sugar Paste, etc.

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**DEPARTMENT 2  FOOD PRESERVATION**

Enter:  Saturday, February 27, 2021  9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Entries will be judged on:

- Overall Attractiveness 15
- Condition 30
- Appearance of Contents 20
- Uniformity, ripeness, size 20
Food preservation entries (3 jars per entry) must include recipe and processing method attached on a 3x5 or 4x8 card with product. All foods must be preserved according to RECOMMENDED METHODS and in REGULATION CANNING JARS. Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

**Categories:**

- JAMS AND PRESERVES
- JELLIES AND MARMALADES
- PICKLES AND RELISHES
- FRUITS AND FRUIT JUICES
- VEGETABLES
- MEATS (EX. JERKY, DEHYDRATED MEATS, CANNED MEAT ETC.)
- MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT (EX. SAUCES, SYRUPS, DRY RUBS)

**DEPARTMENT 3 PIE**

Enter: Saturday, February 27, 2021, 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Entries will be judged on:

- Texture: 25
- Color: 20
- Flavor: 30
- General Appearance: 25

1. Baking entries must include recipe on a 3x5 or 4x8 card. Include your name and age, and attach with tape to baked good BEFORE dropping off.

2. Place entries in disposable pie pan. Recipes and exhibit cards must be securely attached to your entry. The Festival is not responsible for pans, plates, platters, etc.

3. You must indicate in which category you want your entry placed. The committee reserves the right to change category placements. ENTRIES WITHOUT CATEGORIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

4. Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

**Categories:**

- CREAM/CUSTARD
- FRUIT
- NUT (Ex. Pecan)
- SAVORY (Ex. Chicken Pie, Quiche)

**DEPARTMENT 4 BAKING**

Enter: Saturday, February 27, 2021, 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Entries will be judged on:

- Texture: 25
- Color: 20
- Flavor: 30
- General Appearance: 25

1. Baking entries must include recipe on a 3x5 or 4x8 card. Be sure your name and age are written on the back of your recipe card.
2. Place entry on a sturdy, oil-resistant, disposable tray cut to appropriate size. The Festival is not responsible for pans, plates, platters, etc.
3. Exhibit cards must be securely attached to your entry.
4. You must indicate in which category you want your entry placed. The committee reserves the right to change category placements.
5. No mixes can be used as part of the recipe.
6. Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

Categories: **One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.**

**YEAST BREADS** (submit 6 pieces or ½ loaf per entry)
- Examples: Plain Rolls, Plain Loaf, Decorated Loaf, Bagels, Pita, and English Muffins

**QUICK BREADS** (submit 6 pieces or ½ loaf per entry)
- Examples: Muffins, Coffee Cakes, Biscuits, Cornbread loaf, Sweet Bread

**COOKIES** (submit 6 pieces per entry)
- Examples: Molded (shaped with hands), Specialty (no-bake, decorated, meringues), Rolled (use cookie cutters), Pressed (cookie press), Dropped, Bar

**CANDY** (submit 6 pieces per entry)
- Examples: Fudge, Caramel, Hard Candies, Divinity, Crystallized, Molded

**CAKES** (submit ½ cake per entry)
- Examples: Layer Cakes, Sheet Cakes, Sponge/Angel, Fruitcake, Torte

**CUPCAKES** (submit 6 cupcakes)
- Examples: Frosted, Filled, Savory

**STRAWBERRY** (submit 6 pieces or ½ cake/loaf)
- Examples: Cake, Yeast Bread, Cookies, Quick Breads, Candy

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**DEPARTMENT 5 NEEDLEWORK** (only handwork will be judged)
Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

Entries will be judged on:
- Workmanship: 40 points
- Style and Suitability of article to purpose: 20 points
- Overall attractiveness: 15 points
- Harmony of color and material: 25 points

Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

Categories: **One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.**

**CROCHET/KNITTING – HOME**
- Examples: Blankets, Wall Hangings, Pot Holders, Home and Kitchen Accessories, Toys, etc.

**CROCHET/KNITTING - PERSONAL**
- Examples: Sweaters, Scarves, Decorated Clothing, Accessories, Hair Bows etc.

**HAND SEWING AND EMBROIDERY**
- Examples: Needlepoint, Cross Stitch, Smocking, Hand Embroidery, Hand Quilting, Latch Hook, etc.
DEPARTMENT 6  SEWING (only machine work/construction are judged, must be clean and unused)

Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

Entries will be judged on:

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Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

Categories: One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.

QUILTS

Examples: Bed Quilts, Baby Quilts, Quilted Throws, Quilted Throw Runners

HOME SEWING

Examples: Table Linens, Room Accessories, Comforters, Pillows, Curtains, School Logo, Doll Clothing, Stuffed Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Machine Embroidery, Machine Appliqué

PERSONAL SEWING


PERSONAL ACCESSORIES

Examples: Purses, Tote Bags, Hair Bow

DEPARTMENT 7  CRAFTS

Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

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Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.

Categories: One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.

HOME

Examples: Woodwork, Wood/Metal, Paper Crafts, Wall Hangings (non-sew), Wreaths, Ceramics, Baskets, Centerpieces, Holiday, Frames, Photo Albums, Candy Bouquets, Decorated Boxes etc.

PERSONAL

Examples: Decorated Clothing (non-sew), Soap Bath Bombs, Decorated Accessories etc.

DEPARTMENT 8  CITIZENSHP

Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

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Overall Presentation  25
Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions.
Entries may be created by individual students or by a group of students.

Categories:
GENEALOGY (Club or Group)
GENEALOGY (Individual)

1. Genealogy Category exhibit should be ½ size poster of family tree. Be sure name, age, address, telephone number, school and/or 4-H Club is on the back of your poster.
2. Short Explanation of project (2-3 pages) Include:
   A. Names and relationship of family members who helped with project.
   B. Why you decided to research your ancestors.
   C. List of references used to acquire information.
   D. Information you learned about your ancestors that may be special or unique.
   E. Trace back four generations on one lineage line, starting with yourself.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (Club or Group)
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (Individual)
   Ex: Volunteer Work, Mission Trips, Global Service

1. Include a 2-3 page report with the following information, in a 3 ring binder.
   A. Why did you decide to do the project?
   B. Who helped you with the project?
   C. What did you do?
   D. What happened as a result of your project?
   E. How many people were affected by your project?
   F. You may include photos and memorabilia.

DEPARTMENT 9  NATURAL RESOURCES
Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only
Entries will be judged on: Workmanship  30
   Theme  30
   Visual Impact  15
   Neatness  25
Check with chairpersons if your display is larger than 12 X 12 to check for available space.

Categories: One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.
NATURAL RESOURCES-LIFE SCIENCES
   Examples: Entomology, Agriculture, Beekeeping, Wildlife, Conservation, Marine Science, Aquaculture
NATURAL RESOURCES-EARTH SCIENCES
Examples: Forestry, Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy etc

DEPARTMENT 10  COLLECTIONS
Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

Entries will be judged on:  
Creativity  30  
Size of Collection  15  
Theme  25  
Attractiveness of Display  30

1. All reasonable effort will be exercised to prevent damage or accident of any kind to entries. The Florida Strawberry Festival or the Department Chairs will not be held responsible for damage to any entries.

2. A 5x7 card must be attached to your display and contain the following information:
   A. How you became interested in collecting.
   B. Number of items in your collection.
   C. How long you have had this hobby.

3. All collections MUST be securely attached in display box, scrapbook, etc.

DEPARTMENT 11  MODELS
Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

Entries will be judged on:  
Creativity  30  
Difficulty  15  
Assembly  25  
Overall Presentation  30

Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions. Call for authorization of oversized items due to space limitations. All reasonable effort will be exercised to prevent damage or accident of any kind to entries. The Florida Strawberry Festival or the Department Chairs will not be held responsible for damage to any entries. Models will be moved during judging so must be on a sturdy base. Every entry must be displayed on sturdy wood or foam board, minimum of 1/8” thick. No base larger than 15 X 15 unless you contact the department chairs for permission. Space is limited.

Categories:  **One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.**

**MODEL KITS**
Examples: purchased kits, online or purchased patterns/designs - cars, trucks, buildings, machines, planes, animals, etc.

**ORIGINAL MODEL**
Examples: designed by entrant - cars, trucks, buildings, machines, planes, animals etc.

**LEGO TYPE MODEL FROM KIT**
Examples: purchased kits - cars, trucks, buildings, machines, planes, animals, etc.

**LEGO TYPE MODEL ORIGINAL**
Examples: designed by entrant- cars, trucks, buildings, machines, planes, animals, etc.

**LEGO TYPE MODEL STRAWBERRY/FESTIVAL THEME**
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Examples: animals, flowers, vases, boxes etc.

DEPARTMENT 12   JEWELRY

Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

Entries will be judged on: 

- Craftsmanship 40
- Originality 15
- Overall attractiveness 20
- Color Selection 25

Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions. All reasonable effort will be exercised to prevent damage or accident of any kind to entries. The Florida Strawberry Festival or the Department Chairs will not be held responsible for damage to any entries. All entries must be “display ready”. You may use cardboard stands, velvet, frames etc.

Categories: One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories

NECKLACES

Examples: Beaded, Chains, Woven, Wire Wrapped, Wood, Clay etc.

EARRINGS

Examples: Beaded, Drop, Studs, etc.

BRACELETS

Examples: Beaded, Bangles, Woven, Wire Wrapped, Wood, Clay etc.

RINGS

Examples: Beaded, Woven, Wire, Hammered, Etc.

DEPARTMENT 13   ORIGINAL MUSIC

Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only

Entries will be judged on: 

- Originality 30
- Melody/Rhythm/Harmony 30
- Overall appeal 25
- Effect on Listener 15

All music must be original and burned to a CD. Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions. All reasonable effort will be exercised to prevent damage or accident of any kind to CD’s. The Florida Strawberry Festival or the Department Chairs will not be held responsible for damage to any entries so please keep a back-up copy. The Committee is not responsible for malfunctioning CD’s. Be sure your media will play on our CD player before leaving.

Categories: One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.

SONG WITH LYRICS

Examples: Folk, Country, Pop, Rock, Religious, Alternative etc.

INSTRUMENTAL COMPOSITION

Examples: Jazz, Classical, Pop, Alternative, Techno etc.
DEPARTMENT 14  HAND LETTERING

Enter: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. only
Entries will be judged on: Workmanship 40
Effective use of color/design/font 20
Overall presentation 15
Creativity 25

This includes any writing done by hand (NOT COMPUTER). Brush lettering, Calligraphy, Cursive, Print etc. All entries must have a hanger on the back for display purposes. Points may be deducted for failure to follow directions. The Florida Strawberry Festival or the Department Chairs will not be held responsible for damage to any entries.

Categories: One overall champion will be selected in each of these categories.

PERSONAL LETTER WORK
Examples: Stationery (cards, sheets, envelopes, place cards, invitations, business cards), Tableware (glasses, mugs, plates, serving piece) etc.

SIGNS
Examples: Wood, Posters, Canvas, Cloth, Chalkboard, Glass etc.
Tips for Success!

- Read and follow all rules carefully
- Make sure items are sturdy and able to be displayed
- If your item is large, make sure you have permission to bring it (our space is limited)
- Work on tidiness and presentation
- Craft an item that is age appropriate
- Be sure the items are CLEAN and UNUSED
- Exhibit cards are available at the festival office or from department chairs ahead of time. This is NOT required but will save you a lot of time on the day of entry. Be sure to fill out the ENTIRE form and keep the very bottom strip as a reminder to come back and get your items.
- If you have a conflict on pickup day it is your responsibility to have a friend or family member pick up your items for you.
- If you have something you have made and are not sure if you are allowed to enter it, PLEASE contact one of the chairpersons. We want you to take part in the fun of the competition.