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Festival announces Neighborhood Village winners

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 1, 2018) – Officials at the Florida Strawberry Festival’s Neighborhood Village announced today the grand champion winners in its competition of homemade goods.

Divisions in the non-perishables category include quilting, home décor, wearing apparel and accessories, needlepoint, needlework and plastic canvas, toys and dolls and knitting, crocheting, tatting and bobbin lace, paper crafts, jewelry and photo scrapbooking. The perishables category includes food preservation, baking, cake decorating and cupcakes. All entries in both categories are entered by citizens of Plant City and surrounding communities.

In the quilting division, the grand champion winners are Terry Beitler, Shelley Murrell and Debbie Williams. Claudia Ingram won two grand champions.

In the home decoration division, the grand champion winners are Michael Daramus, Linda Jarvis, Karen Major and Judy Shively.

In the wearing apparel and accessories division, the grand champion winners are Wanda Cox, Annalise Gendron, Donna Robbins and Linda Wolka.

In the photo scrapbooking division, the grand champion winners are Tori Carpenter, Cathie McKenzie, Alice Ward and Jennifer Wolfgang.

In the needlepoint, needlework and plastic canvas division, the grand champion winners are Joanne Hartline, Ashley Scarpa and Lucille Tobey.

In the knitting, crocheting, tatting and bobbin lace division, the grand champion winners are Barbara Banks, Marlene Jordan, Joanne Moore and Edith Wooley.

In the jewelry division, the grand champion winner is Ruth Smith.

In the toys and dolls division, the grand champion winners are Eva Farmer, Cindy Green, Karen Major and Mary Spence.

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In the paper crafts division, the grand champion winners are Christine Mansell, Leah Relyea, Debbie Scourtes and Joan Tubbs.

In the food preservation division, the grand champion winners are Virginia Aldridge, Shelly Egbert and Judy Hoover. Erica Hall won two grand champions.

In the baking division, the grand champion winners are Susan Weeks and Steve Delph. Heather Howell won two grand champions.

In the cake decorating division, the grand champion winner is Kelly Burton.

In the cupcakes division, the grand champion winners are Tiffany McEachern and Diana Knapp. Megan Malin won three grand champions.

The Neighborhood Village competition and display, sponsored by Kitchen Craft, has a long-standing history at the Florida Strawberry Festival. The Neighborhood Village building also houses the Queen's Hall of Fame and Plant City Garden Club Horticulture Show.

Entries in the competition will be on display 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, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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