



# News Release

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### **Festival's 2019 fine art show winners announced**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Feb. 28, 2019) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winners in its 2019 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 Alan Metzger, and the strawberry theme award was given to Karen Olszewski. The Suncoast Credit Union Purchase award was given to Lurline Tanner.

In the adult professional oils division, Alan Metzger won first place; James Villa won second place; Christopher Klein won third place; Jose Eliu Vazquez won fourth place.

In the adult professional acrylics division, Wayne Chaunat won first place; Dora Nolan won second place; John Brennan won third place; Suzanne Desnelex won fourth place.

In the adult professional watercolor division, Sandra Lallemand won first place; Deborah Biasetti won second place; Krystal White-Blanton won third place; Irene Foxx won fourth place.

In the adult professional graphics/mixed media division, Jame Lemieux won first place; Douglas Steinbarger won second place; Rick Edgemon won third place; Callie Johnson won fourth place.

In the adult amateur oils division, Katie Maddox won first place; Diane Lindsay won second place; Ron Horn won third place; Dorothy Banker won fourth place.

In the adult amateur acrylics division, William Hood won first place; Shelly Bankov won second place; Jo Ellen Falany won third place; Marie Schadt won fourth place.

In the adult amateur watercolors division, Barbara Moore-Canning won first place; Brenda Michaels won second place; Julia Gibson won third place; Deborah Haver won fourth place.

In the adult amateur graphic/mixed media division, Zach Glaros won first place; Vicky Luffman won second place; Julia Gibson won third place; Betty Hagen won fourth place.

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In the adult miniatures division, Carlene Earl won first place; Peggy Little won second place; Gunni Nilsson-Price won third place; Angela Santos won fourth place.

In the adult sculptures division, Julia Gibson won first place; Joshua McCarty won second place; Loretta Burns won third place; Ruth Bolles won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 15 to 17 years old, Penelope Donetti won first place; Mia Rocamora won second place; O'Hanna Duncan won third place; Kadey Carrington won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 12 to 14 years old, Rashi Lakhotia won first place; Malysa Ollar won second place; Akshita Kumar won third place; Sasnui Prasad won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 9 to 11 years old, Radhika Rangwala won first place; Stella Grimes won second place; Gagyatri Borra won third place; Chavi Lakhotia won fourth place.

In the youth division, ages 6 to 8 years old, Mason Toole won first place; Delancy White won second place; Hansi Gunda won third place; Grant Cerdan won fourth place.

In the youth sculpture division, ages 6 to 9 years old, Gavin Stuart won first place; Dylan Brewington won second place; Braeden Emery won third place.

In the youth sculpture division, ages 10 to 13 years old, Grace Gifford won first place; Corey Austin Neal won both second place and third place.

In the youth sculpture division, ages 14 to 17, Hailey Wessinger won first place, and Katelin Crumley won second place.

Braeden Emery won the Tony Lee State Farm Business Leader Choice Award; Regina Espitia won the Arts Council of Plant City Business Leader Choice Award; Jose Eliu Vazquez won the Unity in the Community Business Leader Choice Award; Mamie Robinson won the Plant City Entertainment Business Leader Choice Award; Christopher Klein won the O'Briens Irish Pub Business Leader Choice Award; Bhoomi Shah won the St. Clement Catholic Church Business Leader Choice Award; Sharon Hester won the Osprey Observer Business Leader Choice Award; Peggy Hart won the Winthrop Arts, Inc. Business Leader Choice Award; Barbara Moore-Canning won the Family Estate Advisors Business Leader Choice Award; Cathy Smead won the Your Attorney Gretchen Elizabeth Business Leader Choice Award; Virginia Butler won the Trombley & Hanes Business Leader Choice Award; Loretta Burns won the Williams Consulting Business Leader Choice Award; Suzanne Desneux won the CentralComp Business Leader Choice Award; Kathleen Beale won the Cruise Planners Business Choice Award; Corey Austin Neal and Mary Hummel won the America's Oil Express Business Leader Choice Awards; Ron Horn won the Roney Auto Sales Business Leader Choice Award; Sharon Hester won the GMS Landscape Services Business Leader Choice Award; Kshama Darji won the Brewington's Towing & Recovery Business Leader Choice Award; Janae Landcaster-Charles won the Bob Fields Business Leader Choice Award; Katelin Crumley won the Walden Lake Car Wash Business Leader Choice Award.

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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 world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2019 Florida Strawberry Festival, where "It's A Hit!" will be held Feb. 28 through March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest19).

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