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Festival announces Neighborhood Village winners

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 4, 2019) – 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 sewn, wearing apparel not sewn, needlepoint, needlework and plastic canvas, toys and dolls, knitting, crocheting, tatting and bobbin lace, paper crafts, jewelry, vinyl, woodworking, 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 Noma Riley, Claudia Ingram, Tammy Zinkosky, Cindy Baily and Judy DePaul.

In the home decoration division, the grand champion winners are Claudia Ingram, Shelley Murrell, Caryl Kelley, Cynthia Stephens and Judy McIlrath.

In the wearing apparel sewn division, the grand champion winners are Cindy Falck, Deborah Yates, Cheryl Haynes, Deborah Condosta, Linda Wolka and Susanti Hollander. Wanda Cox won two grand champions.

In the non-sewn wearing apparel division, the grand champion winners are Annalise Gendron and Judy Hoover.

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

In the needlepoint, needlework and plastic canvas division, the grand champion winners are Charles Sides and Joanne Hartline.

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In the knitting, crocheting, tatting and bobbin lace division, the grand champion winners are Joanne Moore and Darlene Henry. Marlene Jordan won two grand champions.

In the jewelry division, the grand champion winners are Dolores Areias, Christy Gorrow and Jerri Heer.

In the toys and dolls division, the grand champion winners are Eva Farmer and Mary Spence. Mary won two grand champions.

In the paper crafts division, the grand champion winners are Dawn Weber, Justine Kukwa, Gina Recio and Stephanie Stuart. Jill Zakaroff won two grand champions.

In the vinyl division, the grand champion winners are Sarah Walker and Dawn Weber.

In the woodworking division, the grand champion winners are John Smik and George Giovannucci

In the food preservation division, the grand champion winners are Jackie Fath, Susan Weeks, Virginia Aldridge, Olinda Green, Dovie Delapaz, Gregg Granger and Judy Hoover.

In the baking division, the grand champion winners are Joni Hartzler, Kadie Cox, Katye Blackmon and Karol Hughes.

In the cake decorating division, the grand champion winners are Jaida Klyeman, Judy Hoover and Megan Malin.

In the cupcakes, gingerbread, cookie decorating, and cake pops division, the grand champion winners are Judy Hoover, Megan Malin, Diana Knapp, Jaida Klyeman, Adela Basic, Katherine Bentley and Aixa Aylor.

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 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, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest19).

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