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Festival announces Neighborhood Village winners for 2022 event

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 9, 2022) – Officials at the Florida Strawberry Festival’s Neighborhood Village announced last week 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 and cake decorating. All entries in both categories are entered by citizens of Plant City and surrounding communities.

In the quilting division, the grand champion winners are Mary Mahoney, Claudia Ingram, Debbie Williams and Judy DePaul.

In the home decoration division, the grand champion winners are Bonita Robinson, Bruce Hildreth, Mary Spence and Claudia Ingram won two grand champions.

In the wearing apparel sewn division, the grand champion winners are Sandra McInturff, Deborah Condosta, Jacie Crabb, Patricia Miller, Michelle Benefield, Jill Zakaroff and Alice Ward.

In the photo scrapbooking division, the grand champion winners are Michelle Benefield, Jill Zakaroff and Alice Ward.

In the needlepoint, needlework and plastic canvas division, the grand champion winners are Mary Brower and Shirley Hammock.

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In the knitting, crocheting, tatting and bobbin lace division, the grand champion winners are Edith Wooley, Katie Pitt and Cathy Fultz.

In the jewelry division, the grand champion winner is Colleen Ross.

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

In the paper crafts division, the grand champion winners are Gina Recio and Jill Zakaroff.

In the vinyl division, the grand champion winners are Liz Pigott and Tammy Zinkosky.

In the woodworking division, the grand champion winner Jim Ethington.

In the food preservation division, the grand champion winners are Katy Blackmon, Dovie DeLapaz and Tara Mecum and Ruby Lee Butteris.

In the baking division, the grand champion winners are Neena Lamb, Joni Hartzler, Lauren McNair and Laurette Valdez.

In the cake decorating division, the grand champion winners are Kelly Burton and Heather Howell.

In the cupcake, gingerbread and cookie division, the grand champion winner is Paige Peck, Katherine Bentley and Jackie Faith.

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 2022 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place March 3 - March 13 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest22).

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