



# News Release

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### **Photography Contest winners declared for 2023 event.**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 8, 2023) – The best in show in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s photography contest was awarded Monday at the event grounds in Plant City.

The highest award, best of show, was awarded to a photo taken by Susan Hill.

In the animal category, Bailey Risner won first place, Kellie Barnes won second place and Majia Lawrence won third place.

In the black and white category, Kelly Sires won first place, Annmarie Picnic won second place and Rick Alexander won third place.

In the humans category, Eileen Wadie won first place, Richard Moody won second place and Amanda Bybee won third place.

In the miscellaneous category, Bryan Katz won first place, Eileen Wadie won second place and Kelly Sires won third place.

In the places category, Logan Jacobs won first place, Bryan Katz won second place and Rick Alexander won third place.

In the plants category, Margaret Stevens won first place, Susannah Monnik won second place and Richard Moody won third place.

In the theme category, Amy Rand won first place, Martha Hamilton won second place and Ronnie Reed won third place.

In the professional category, Kenneth Macejka won first place, Misty Jones won second place and Amber Favorite won third place.

In the youth category ages 14 to 18 years old, Patrick McQuaig won first place, Connor McQuaig won second place and Alyssa Hudson won third place.

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In the kids category, ages 8 to 13 years old, Luke Sills won first place, Ashley Bailey won second and Piper Stevens won third place.

The photography competition is sponsored by Spivey Concessions and is on display all 11 days of the festival in the Milton E. Hull Armory Building. Winning photos can be seen on mounted displays, and all entries are played on slideshows in the display.

### **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, more than 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2023 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place March 2 - March 12 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter (#berryfest23).

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