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Shoebox float winners declared at 2023 Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 4, 2023) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s shoebox float contest were announced this week.

The contest, sponsored by TrueStim, allows children in first through sixth grade to decorate a shoebox to look like a miniature parade float. All floats entered are on display all 11 days of the festival in the Parke Building on the Florida Strawberry Festival grounds.

In the first and second grade category, Aubrey Sweeney won first place; Alfredo Gonzalez won second place and Cooper Maxwell won third place.

In the third and fourth grade category, Brady Peace won first place; Selena Smith won second place and Jackson Sherrard won third place.

In the fifth and sixth grade category, Aryona Talbot won first place, KyLee Maxwell won second place and Ginny Shouse won third place.

In the exceptional student education category, Mrs. White’s Class at Wendell Watson Elementary School won first place, Donisio Gomez- Martinez at Cork Elementary School won second place and Mrs. Garcia’s Class at Robinson Elementary won third place.

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 2023 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held March 2 through March 12 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest23).

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