

88th FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 9, 2025

PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

Theme: *"The Stage is Set!"*

ADULT NEIGHBORHOOD VILLAGE COMPETITION

Sponsored by



* **Location*** Neighborhood Village is located on the south side of the Administration Building right next to Gate 5, off of Lemon Street, next to Kiddie Korral.

ADULTS ONLY (18 yrs. and older)

NO ENTRY FEE

NO PRE-REGISTRATION

If you have any questions please direct all calls to the Chairman or Coordinator of the Department for your concerns, listed on the following pages

Coordinator: Overall Chairperson of the Neighborhood Village – Dawn Kicklighter

813-760-8820 or dawnkick@hotmail.com

Coordinator: Volunteers & Demonstrators – Kelli Smith

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Coordinator: Recordkeeping – Courtney Murrell

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Coordinator: Event Planning – Jayde Schou

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

*****PLEASE READ OUR RULES CAREFULLY, AS CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE 2025 FESTIVAL*****

ALL DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS ARE LOCATED ON PAGE 4.

SECTION 1 – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Rule 1 - Open to all Adults - Age 18 and over, graduated from high school, and is limited to bona fide residents of Florida.

Rule 2 - Entries for competition;

A. Items **other than perishables**, will be accepted at the Florida Strawberry Festival in the Neighborhood Village on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from Noon to 6:00 pm. Judging will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

B. **Perishables** will be accepted on Monday, February 24, 2025, from Noon to 6:00 pm. Judging will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

No one will be allowed in judging area during judging, except the Chairman. Judges' decisions are final. All categories may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon at the discretion of the judges.

*All entries are judged individually and not in competition with other entries.

Rule 3 – Exhibitors may make only **one (1) entry in each category** in certain departments. Rules governing the various entries are printed on the schedule for each department. Entry forms will be provided on the days,

exhibits are accepted. No changes will be allowed after exhibits have been entered for competition. 2025 Strawberry and Strawberry Festival annual theme can be in any category and will count towards your total items accepted.

Rule 4 - All entries must be made and/or **completed since April 2024; made entirely by the person whose name appears on the entry form; must be clean; free of spoilage; odor free and suitable for public display. Items entered in previous years will not be accepted, no exceptions.**

SECTION 2 – EXHIBITOR DUTIES & PRIVILEGES

Rule 1 – If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has made any false statement in regard to any article or exhibit or interfered with the judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competition and forfeit all premiums.

Exhibitors must stay out of all display areas when dropping off or picking up exhibits.

Rule 2 - Exhibits in all departments will be released after the Festival is over, on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025** from 12 PM to 6:00 PM ONLY. No exhibits will be released early. **Exhibits will not be released without the claim form, no exceptions.** Upon request of exhibitor, items may be released to relatives or friends upon presentation of the aforesaid claim form.

*****PLEASE NOTE*** The Florida Strawberry Festival® will not be responsible for articles not picked up, and will dispose of any articles or exhibits left after 6:00 PM on the day of release Tuesday, March 11, 2025.**

Rule 3 – Every effort will be made to display entries in an attractive arrangement. However, items entered for competition will be displayed only through Red Ribbon; others will be displayed only **as space is available** and at the discretion of the Department chairperson. The Florida Strawberry Festival® reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is **objectionable** in any way, if it requires **excessive space**, or if the **capacity** of a department has been reached. Disqualified items will be rejected and not displayed.

Rule 4 – All reasonable efforts will be exercised to prevent damage or accident of any kind to entries. However, the Florida Strawberry Festival®, Neighborhood Village, nor Department Chairpersons and their volunteers will assume no responsibility for damage to any entries.

Rule 5 – Any protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Said protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Festival Manager by the opening day of the festival.

Rule 6 – **Any questions regarding the Rules and Regulations should first be directed to the Department Chair-person and then to the co-chair.** Their telephone numbers can be found under each of the department listings. Calls made to anyone else will be directed back to the person in charge of that department.

SECTION 3 – PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

Rule 1 – All premium monies will be paid from the awards as **decided by the judges**, and not from the ribbon that may be attached to the exhibit. Judges are instructed not to award a premium or premiums unless item or items are deemed worthy of the placing awarded. Judges will also be asked to make comments on the back of the entry form to encourage the participant.

Rule 2 – All premium payouts for Neighborhood Village will be issued on the day the items are released. Items will be released on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Rule 3 – Monetary awards are based on a point system as follows:

Blue Ribbons \$20 (1st place)

Red Ribbons \$10 (2nd place)

White Ribbons (Honorable Mention) for items worthy of display, for each category within a department.

Grand Champion Ribbons \$50, will be chosen and awarded as selected from the Blue Ribbon (1st place) awards according to the tally sheets completed by our judges.

Cake Decorating will be awarded \$75 for Grand Champion in cakes.

All other categories in Cake Decorating department will be awarded \$50 for Grand Champion Ribbons, \$20 for Blue Ribbons and \$10 for Red Ribbons.

All RIBBON WINNERS may be eligible to receive the President's Choice ribbon at the discretion of the Florida Strawberry Festival President. There will be 10 President's Choice ribbons awarded for the ADULT NON-PERISHABLE/PERISHABLE DIVISIONS. This award is a RIBBON ONLY AWARD.

Rule 4 - Anyone participating in this contest by way of entry hereby agrees and consents to the use of any picture of contestant in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, Internet, etc., that the Florida Strawberry Festival® may desire.

*****NOTE*****

We ask that you do not call or email any Chairperson or the Florida Strawberry Festival to inquire about judging finals.

2025 Neighborhood Village Adult Department Rules

1. DEPARTMENT I - QUILTS
2. DEPARTMENT II- HOME DECOR
3. DEPARTMENT III- KNITTING - CROCHETING- TATTING
4. DEPARTMENT IV- WEARING APPAREL & ACCESSORIES
5. DEPARTMENT V - EMBELLISHED - UPCYCLED WEARABLE
6. DEPARTMENT VI - HAND EMBROIDERY NEEDLEWORK
7. DEPARTMENT VII - TOYS, GAMES, DOLLS
8. DEPARTMENT VIII - JEWELRY
9. DEPARTMENT IX - PHOTO SCRAPBOOKING
10. DEPARTMENT X - PAPER CRAFTS
11. DEPARTMENT XI - ADHESIVE & HEAT TRANSFER VINYL CRAFTS
12. DEPARTMENT XII - WOODWORKING
13. DEPARTMENT XIII- FOOD PRESERVATIONS
14. DEPARTMENT XIV - BAKING
15. DEPARTMENT XV - CAKE DECORATING