



# News Release

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### **Photography Contest winners declared for 2025 event.**

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 14, 2025) – The best in show in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s photography contest was awarded last week at the event grounds in Plant City.

The highest award, best of show, was awarded to a photo taken by Barbara Lee.

In the animal category, Susan Hill won first place, Eileen Wadie won second place, Eric Guess won third place, Jennifer Pfenning won fourth place and Tim Lain won fifth place.

In the black and white category, Don Ashley won first place, Rick Alexander won second place and third place, Ashley Walker won fourth place and Jeff Kurtis won fifth place.

In the humans category, Eileen Wadie won first place, Bryan Katz won second place, Rick Alexander won third place, Shane White won fourth place and Brandy James won fifth place.

In the miscellaneous category, Samantha Lleras won first place, Don Ashley won second place, Aiden Post won third place, Rick Alexander won fourth and Marian Kingry won fifth place.

In the places category, Diana Wheeler won first place, Marian Kingry won second place, Bryan Katz won third, Beatrice Rodgers won fourth place and Rick Alexander won fifth place.

In the plants category, Stephanie Riley won first place, Nate Kurtis won second place, Shane White won third place, AnnMarie Picnic won fourth place and Don Ashley won fifth place.

In the theme category, Samantha Lleras won first place, Donna Boman won second place, Donna Boman won third place, Ryan Spicer won fourth place and Olivia Thornton won fifth place.

In the professional category, Misty Jones won first, second and third place; Samantha Lleras won fourth place.

In the kids category, Liz Cale won first, third and fourth place; won second place and Angie Pippin won fifth place.

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In the youth category, Peyton Boehm won first place, Christian Martinez won second place, Zander Jent won third place, Morgan Smith won fourth and Ava Jent won fifth place.

The photography competition is sponsored by Spivey Concessions and is on display all 11 days of the Festival in the Neighborhood Village. 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 650,000 visitors enjoy the Festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival takes place February 26 - March 8 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X, YouTube (#berryfest26).

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