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Photography Contest winners declared for 2026 event

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 23, 2026) – The Florida Strawberry Festival has announced the winners of its annual Photography Contest, sponsored by Spivey’s Concession, held during the 2026 event in Plant City.

The Best in Show honor was awarded to Shannon Cook for an outstanding photographic entry selected from among all categories.

Winners in each category are as follows:

Animals

- 1st – Andy Glogower
- 2nd – Andy Glo
- 3rd – Liz Stokes
- Honorable Mention – Eileen Waldie
- Honorable Mention – Don Ashley

Places

- 1st – Andy Glogower
- 2nd – Tim Lain
- 3rd – Janelle Pruitt
- Honorable Mention – Frank Spicer
- Honorable Mention – Grace Quandt

Agricultural

- 1st – Frank Spicer
- 2nd – Donna Boman
- 3rd – Kelsey Guill
- Honorable Mention – Jane Jergensen

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Honorable Mention – Madalyn Rangel

Miscellaneous

1st – Patricia Njoroge

2nd – Amy Maciver

3rd – Leiton Slusher

Honorable Mention – Ann Martin

Honorable Mention – Kim Evans

Architecture

1st – Jesse Higbee

2nd – Robert Solifo

3rd – Brandon Harris

Honorable Mention – Madalyn Rangel

Honorable Mention – Kristine Varley

Black & White (B&W)

1st – Don Ashley

2nd – Olivia Thornton

3rd – Brandon Harris

Honorable Mention – Yesenia Montefusco

Honorable Mention – Jessica Morgan

Kids

1st – Kinley White

2nd – Kinley White

3rd – Addie Townsend

Honorable Mention – Haley Williams

Honorable Mention – Janice Savoie

Humans

1st – Eilen Waldie

2nd – Jena Willis

3rd – Aubrey Lyons

Honorable Mention – Ella Sharp

Honorable Mention – Mary Bonze

Plants

1st – Ciara Martin

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2nd – MK Johnson
3rd – Jen Lenhof
Honorable Mention – Amy Malver
Honorable Mention – Kristine Varley

Professional

1st – Misty Jones
2nd – Misty Jones
3rd – Ella Sharp
Honorable Mention – Misty Jones
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Youth (Ages 14–18)

1st – Caylee O’Keefe
2nd – Avery Scribner
3rd – Blake Sanchez
Honorable Mention – Crystal Saunders
Honorable Mention – Zachary Laney

The annual Photography Contest showcases the creativity and talent of amateur and professional photographers throughout the community, featuring a wide range of subjects including agriculture, people, landscapes and more. The contest remains a popular exhibit for Festival guests and highlights the artistic perspective of those who capture the spirit of the Florida Strawberry Festival®.

ABOUT THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest in Eastern Hillsborough County. Each spring, visitors from across the state and beyond gather in Plant City to enjoy headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and agriculture, and a wide variety of food and attractions. The Festival is committed to preserving its agricultural heritage while providing quality entertainment and supporting local nonprofit organizations. The 2027 Florida Strawberry Festival takes place March 4 – March 14 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X, YouTube (#berryfest27).

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