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Festival Art Show winners announced at 2026 event

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 8, 2026) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced yesterday the winners in its 2026 Fine Art Show presented by the East Hillsborough Art Guild and sponsored by Good Health Saunas.

In the adult division, the highest award, best in show, was awarded to Tifane Worsley, and the strawberry theme award was given to Anna Shermerhorn.

In the adult professional oils division, Katie Michelle won first place; Alan Metzger won second place; Heather Jo Esposito won third place; Estrella Olivas won fourth place.

In the adult professional acrylics division, Sue Downes Allen won first place; Paul DuJat won second place; Sheryl Phelps won third place; Danny Lewis won fourth place.

In the adult professional watercolor division, Meletha Everett won first place; Deborah Biasetti won second place; Sandra Lallemand won third place; Roxanne Tobaison won fourth place.

In the adult professional graphics, Sheryl Unwin won first place; Mary Worsley won second place; Dave Letterfly won third place; Douglas Steinbarger won fourth place.

In the adult professional mixed media, Beth Smedley won first place; Sherry Ross won second place; Hetal Kanani won third place.

In the adult amateur oils division, Barbara Tudek won first place; Joyce Owens won second place; John Paul Jones won third place; Lisa Herget won fourth place.

In the adult amateur acrylics division, Sondra Pryor won first place; Marie Schadt won second place; Yurley Jaimes won third place; Carolyn McBride won fourth place.

In the adult amateur watercolors division, Carla Dennard won first place; Mari Spainhoward won second place; Lisa Echols won third place; Diane Smeed won fourth place.

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In the adult amateur graphic, Martha Cannon won first place; Janet Goldman won second place; Susan K. Smith won third place; Alana Brown won fourth place.

In the adult amateur mixed media, Janet Elaine Kirby won first place; Michael Crumley won second place; Katelin Crumley won third place; Regina Belli won fourth.

In the adult miniature art division, Evonne Miller won first place; Melody Townsend won second place; Wayne Chunat won third place; Chris Klein won fourth place.

In the youth division, the highest award, best in show, was awarded to Alani Jackson.

In the youth oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics division, ages 16 to 17 years old, Roberto De La Rosa won first place; Breanna Maynor won second place; Arianna Cortez Orando won third place; Avery Marchetti won fourth place.

In the youth oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics division, ages 14 to 15 years old, Subbang Jha won first place; Reed Walker won second place; Ellis Wolfe won third place; Sarah Feldmeyer won fourth place.

In the youth oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics division, ages 12 to 13 years old, Sai Ria Sridhay won first place; Ishanni Sabniveesu won second place; Nishant Navuluri won third place; Atiksh Mishra won fourth place.

In the youth oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics division, ages 10 to 11 years old, Katelyn Ballard won first place; Melissa Petty won second place; Urvi Kalmady won third place; Surya Venumula won fourth place.

In the youth oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics division, ages 8 to 9 years old, Sriyanvi Sabniveesu won first place; Maanvi Samala won second place; Pranav Ganesh won third place; Jiya Tadalaru won fourth place.

In the youth oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics division, ages 6 to 7 years old, Cody Chen won first place; Pradhyumna Collur won second place; Aanya Nandur won third place; Meher Bhalla fourth place.

Michael Crumley won the Tony Lee State Farm Business Leader Choice Award; Melinda Tew-Cantrell won the Arts Council of Plant City Business Leader Choice Award; Melinda Tew-Cantrell won the Unity in the Community Business Leader Choice Award; Carolyn McBride won the Plant City Entertainment Business Leader Choice Award; Estrella Olivas won the O'Brien's Irish Pub Business Leader Choice Award; Sandra Lallaman won the Osprey Observer Business Leader Choice Award; Tifane Worsley won the Jarrett Scott Ford Business Leader Choice Award; Jennifer Milone won the On- Point IT Solutions Business Leader Choice Award; Maanvi Samala won the On- Point Co- Work Space; Katelin Crumley won the Dignity Wells Memorial & Event Business Leader Award; Barbara Tudek won the All Saints Carpet Cleaning Business Leader Award; John Dispennette won the Corey's Custom Construction Business

Leader Award and Korra Athey, Baani Bhalla, Alani Jackson, Anna Schermerhorn, Elia DiBetta won the Brewington's Towing Award.

Deborah Biasetti won the Joseph and Edna Lessard Honor Award.

All pieces in the fine art show will be on display in the Neighborhood Village all 11 days of the festival.

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 650,000 visitors enjoy the Festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its world-famous strawberry shortcake. The 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival will be held February 26 through March 8 in Plant City, Florida where we're "Still Growing!" For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and Twitter (#berryfest26).

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