FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL®

ADULT NEIGHBORHOOD VILLAGE COMPETITION SPONSORED BY

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92nd Florida Strawberry Festival
March 4 – March 14, 2027
Plant City, Florida

Neighborhood Village is located on the south side of the Administration Building right next to Gate 4, off Lemon Street, next to the Kiddie Korral.

ADULTS ONLY
(18 yrs or older)

NO ENTRY FEE

NO PRE-REGISTRATION
(Pre-Registration required for Cake Decorating Department only)

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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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

****Please read our rules carefully as changes have been made for the 2027 Festival****

ALL DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC RULES & REGULATIONS ARE LOCATED ON THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT PAGES

SECTION 1 – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Rule 1 – Open to bona fide Florida residents who are 18 years of age or older and have graduated from high school.

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 23, 2027, from noon to 6:00pm. Judging will be Wednesday, February 24, 2027.

B. **Perishables** will be accepted at the Florida Strawberry Festival in the Neighborhood Village on Monday, March 1, 2027, from noon to 6:00pm. Judging will be Tuesday, March 2, 2027.

No one will be allowed in the 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. The 2027 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 2026; made entirely by the person whose name appears on the entry form. Items entered in previous years will not be accepted, no exceptions***.

Rule 5 – Items ***must be clean; free of spoilage; odor free and suitable for public display***.

SECTION 2 – EXHIBITOR DUTIES & PRIVILEGES

Rule 1 – If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has made any false statements 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 16, 2027**, from noon to 6:00pm ONLY. No exhibits will be released early. **Exhibits will not be released without the claim form, no exceptions**. Upon request of the 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 6:00pm on the day of release Tuesday, March 16, 2027**.

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 assume 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 Chairperson 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(s) 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 16, 2027**, from **12:00pm to 6:00pm**.

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 Championship 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. 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. All recipes entered may be considered for publication in a future Neighborhood Village at the Florida Strawberry Festival® cookbook.

2027 Neighborhood Village Adult Department Rules

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DEPARTMENT I – QUILTS

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson:	Anna Davis	813-966-6115	davisrlty@aol.com
Co-Chairperson:	Debbie Coleman	813-505-5046	debbie.coleman6@verizon.net

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- To be judged as a QUILT, each entry must:
  - Consist of three layers: top, batting and backing
  - **AND** either "**a running stitch that passes through top, batting and backing**" or "**tying the quilt through all three layers at regular intervals**."
- Entries may be quilted by hand, sewing machine or tied.
- All entries must have been made and/or completed since **April 2026**. A quilt finished prior to this date, which has been altered or modified for entry this year will not be accepted.
- Quilts must fit the size requirements and/or categories listed.
- Entering a previously entered quilt with someone else's name is not acceptable.
- All quilts must have a label, preferably a fabric label with the name and address of the maker attached to the backside of the quilt. Baste a piece of fabric or attach a piece of paper over the name so the judges cannot see it.
- Hanging sleeves are not required.
- Do not include photos, notes, etc. with your quilt.
- Longarm quilters names are not required.
- It will be up to you, the exhibitor, to choose the category for each entry.
- One quilt in each of the 6 categories or you may also enter 2 different quilts in the SAME category. For example, if you have two PIECED quilts, you may enter both in the PIECED category and then place your other quilts in any ONE of the remaining categories listed below.
- You may not enter more than 7 quilts TOTAL.
- Use the following list to determine the Category for your entries. (To save time, please choose the category before you bring your quilt(s) for entry).

CATEGORY 1 – HOLIDAY

Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc. or OTHER THEME (baseball, motorcycle, Gators, nursing, etc.) **NOT** strawberries.

CATEGORY 2 – MIXED TECHNIQUES

When TWO or more construction techniques are used as major design components in a quilt. For example, PIECING and APPLIQUE is when a quilt is pieced together and a satin stitch, blanket stitch, decorative stitch is used to attach a cutout to the quilt. If fusible web is used, the applique(s) must be sewn on. PIECING and EMBROIDERY is when a quilt is pieced together AND machine or hand embroidery has also been used.

CATEGORY 3 – PIECED

The quilt fabric is joined, by hand or by machine to simulate a single piece of fabric. This category DOES NOT include APPLIQUE or EMBROIDERY.

CATEGORY 4 – EMBELLISHED

Surface designs like thread painting, beadwork, painting, which make a major impact on the quilt, not just a subtle addition. Sharp objects are not allowed.

CATEGORY 5 – SMALL QUILTS

Up to 36" in LENGTH or WIDTH. Intended for personal use, not as a bed quilt. Small quilts CANNOT be entered in other categories.

CATEGORY 6 – STRAWBERRIES

Anything strawberry related has been incorporated in your quilt.

SUGGESTIONS

- Quilts should have a nice appearance and hang well with no pencil marks on the front or back.
- Unfinished, torn or soiled quilts will not be accepted.
- Trim threads and use a lint roller to remove loose threads.
- Colors should work well together.
- Keep the quilting evenly distributed.
- Attach the binding carefully and line up and match the points on your quilt.
- Keep your stitches strong and even.
- Square the corners, keep the binding and edge smooth and the width consistent.

Entries in all categories are judged on:

General Appearance	Visual Impact
Construction	Degree of Difficulty

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move a quilt into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Quilter may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT II – HOME DECORATION ITEMS

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson:	Jeanette Scarboro	813-598-6991	scarborodesigns@gmail.com
Co-Chairperson:	Sheri Dusse	813-928-4107	sheridusse@gmail.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- ***New for this year*** – Items with vinyl embellishments may be accepted. Items accepted must fall within a category listed below and have vinyl applied on the item.
- Exhibitor may only enter one (1) item per category.
- ***ALL WALLHANGINGS MUST BE COMPLETELY READY TO HANG ON THE ENTRY DAY, NO EXCEPTIONS.***
- Any quilted wall hangings will be judged by the Home Decoration department standards only, not on the actual quilting technique. (If you would like to be judged on quilting techniques, please enter your item into the Quilting Department.)
- Knitted, Crocheted or Tatted items must be entered into the Knitted, Crocheting, Tatting Department.
- Wooden items must be entered into the Woodworking Department.

CATEGORY 1 – TABLETOP	CATEGORY 2 – LINENS
Centerpieces	Place Mats
Knick-Knacks	Oven Mitts
Table Runners	Potholders
Floral	Napkins
Doilies	Tablecloths (up to 60")
Blown Glass	Pillows

CATEGORY 3 – WALL DECORATIONS	CATEGORY 4 – GARDEN ART
Pictures (up to 24" x 36")	Bird Houses
Wreaths	Planters & Containers
Shadow Boxes	Wind Chimes
Wall Art (up to 24" x 36")	Gourds
Collage (up to 24" x 36")	Garden Flags

CATEGORY 5 – ACCESSORIES
Basket Weaving
Macrame
Tree Skirts
Rugs (up to 24" x 36" or 36" round)
Tuffetts

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Workmanship	Creative Design
Harmony of color and materials	Overall Presentation

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Exhibitor may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT III – KNITTING, CROCHETING, TATTING

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Marsha Passmore 813-245-2244 mappmore@msn.com
Co-Chairperson: Dodie White 813-927-0595 dodiewhite@msn.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two (2) crocheted OR two (2) knitted items in each category listed below and it MUST be two (2) different items. Total of eight (8) items MAXIMUM.
- 90% of the item being submitted must be either knitted, crocheted or tatted.
- For the item to be judged, there should be no backing or overlay sewn onto the back of the piece. The stitches front and back must be visible.
- Items that fit in this department but entered elsewhere on take-in day will not be accepted in this department for judging.
- Items will be displayed at the discretion of the department chairs and remain there until the end of the Festival.
- Items **must be clean, spot free, odor free** to be judged.

CATEGORY 1 – WEARING APPAREL	CATEGORY 2 – ACCESSORIES
Baby Item (0-24 months)	Tote Bags
Child's Items (2-12 years)	Purses
Adult Cape/Stole	Scarf
Adult Sweater	Bandana
Adult Blouse/Dress/Skirt	Gloves

CATEGORY 3 – HOME DECORATIONS	CATEGORY 4 – NOVELTY
Lap Quilts	Toys
Pillows	Dolls
Doily	Puppet
Afghan/Bed Coverlet	Games
Wreaths	

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Evenness of stitches	Seams, finishing & working in ends
Degree of difficulty	Suitability of the yarn, material for the project

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of

entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Exhibitor may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT IV – WEARING APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Betty Roney 813-453-0303 lmtthndr@aol.com
Co-Chairperson: Julynn Gaede 813-679-9260 cool9frog@aol.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.
- This department is to showcase your sewing skills and creativity.
- Entries should contain examples of basic sewing techniques, demonstrating the sewing process, understanding and application of sewing procedures.
- No store-bought or pre-made items are permitted, with the exception of notions.
- Items entered in previous years will NOT be accepted, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Embellishments and appliques must be 100% hand or machine sewn to the item entered and must enhance the appearance of the entry.
- Design source will need to be noted on the intake form.
- Embroidery and assembly stitching will be considered in judging these items.
- All items are judged individually. You are not in competition with other entries.
- Formal/bridal, Florida Strawberry Festival theme and Costumes should be entered in one of the categories stated below.

CATEGORY 1 – WOMEN'S WEAR	**CATEGORY 2 – MEN'S WEAR**
CATEGORY 3 – INFANT WEAR (0-24)	**CATEGORY 4 – CHILDREN'S WEAR (2T-12)**
CATEGORY 5 – PURSES	**CATEGORY 6 - TOTES**
CATEGORY 7 – ACCESSORIES	**CATEGORY 8 – MACHINE EMBROIDERY DESIGNS**

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Degree of workmanship/construction	Overall appearance
Originality of design	Practicality of application

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Exhibitor may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT V – UPCYCLED – DECORATED WEARABLES

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Margaret Thompson 813-767-6703 emtea3@gmail.com
Co-Chairperson: Diane Houston

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- ***New for this year*** – Items with vinyl embellishments may be accepted. Items accepted must fall within a category listed below and have vinyl applied on the item.
- Items in this department can be purchased/ready-made but **at least 50% of the item must be upcycled, decorated and/or embellished by hand**.
- Exhibitors may enter two (2) items per category.

CATEGORY 1 – CLOTHING	CATEGORY 2 – EMBROIDERY

CATEGORY 3 – ACCESSORIES	CATEGORY 4 – UPCYCLED DENIM
Apron Belt Purse/Tote Shoes Kitchen/Bath Hat	Jacket Vest Apron Tote

CATEGORY 5 – TIE-DYED/BLEACHED
Clothing Shoes Tote

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Degree of Workmanship
- Fabric & thread choice, uniformity of stitches, seam finishes and proper application of construction techniques

Suitability of Fabrics & Notions to Pattern Choice
- Properly cut, i.e. bias/plaid, trim/notions match or accent of fabric

Originality of Design

Overall Appearance
- i.e. clipped threads/finished pressed

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to

move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Exhibitor may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT VI – HAND EMBROIDERY NEEDLEWORK

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Karen McArthur 253-670-3378 mcarthurkjean@gmail.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.
- Items must have been completed since April 2026, not prior to that date.
- **Framed items** are not to exceed **36"**; frames will not be considered in judging of picture.
- Exhibits must be ready to hang and must have a wire hanger, strong enough to hold the weight of the frame and contents. ***No cardboard or saw tooth brackets***.
- **All entries** will state on the entry form what technique category the entry is being entered.
- **Hand sewn** pieces only in this Department. No machine sewn pieces will be accepted.

CATEGORY 1 – COUNTED CROSS-STITCH	**CATEGORY 2 – CREWEL EMBROIDERY**
CATEGORY 3 – HARDANGER	**CATEGORY 4 – SWEDISH WEAVING**
CATEGORY 5 – NEEDLE/THREAD PAINTING	**CATEGORY 6 – BARGELLO**
CATEGORY 7 – MISCELLANEOUS	

TECHNIQUES DEFINED:

- **Cross-Stitching**: Simple x-shaped stitches. Usually applied to unmarked, woven, grid-patterned fabrics (such as Aida cloth, Jobelan and Jute style linen) providing a guide for even stitches. You can count the threads on the piece of fabric in each direction so that the stitches are uniform sized.
- **Crewel Embroidery**: Crewelwork is a type of surface embroidery that uses two wool threads at once. The technique is usually used to follow a design outline and can be rendered using a variety of stitches.
- **Hardanger**: Characterized by a combination of drawn thread work and satin stitch and often includes cutwork and kloster blocks. The designs are geometric and symmetrical and typically feature white-on-white or white-on-ecru fabrics.
- **Swedish Weaving**: A form of embroidery that blends a bit of surface embroidery with weaving. Its name comes from huck cloth, which is the most common material used for this style and as its alternate name suggests, huck embroidery originated in Sweden. It is most often seen on table linens and towels.

- **Needle/Thread Painting**: Thread painting, also called needle painting, is an approach that uses a combination of long and short straight stitches and a variety of colors to produce embroidery that has the same qualities as a painting.
- **Bargello**: A type of needlework consisting of upright flat stitches laid in a mathematical pattern to create motifs. Bargello is traditionally stitched in wool on canvas. Embroidery done this way is remarkably durable. It is well suited for use on pillows, upholstery and even carpets, but not for clothing. In most traditional pieces, all stitches are vertical with stitches going over two or more threads.
- **Miscellaneous**: Any type of needlework that does not fit one of the other named categories.

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Workmanship	Design of Item
Color Selections	Overall Appearance

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Exhibitor may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT VII – TOYS, GAMES, DOLLS

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Pamela Colburn 863-899-9143 pjc.colburn@gmail.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.
- All items in the DOLLS categories – the apparel and the Doll/Stuffed Animal must be made by the exhibitor entering the item.
- Doll Apparel should be presented on a doll.
- Travel Cases should not exceed 12"x12". Doll Houses will not exceed one (1) story level.
- Doll Furniture can have up to 3 individual pieces and will be judged as a set.
- Doll Bedding should be made for an 18" doll and come with two (2) pieces. Doll Bedding should have a three (3) layer quilt measuring no smaller than 17.5"x14.5" or not exceed 19"x24". Doll Bedding is required to include a coordinating pillow.
- Exhibits with more than one (1) piece must have all pieces secured together for entry.
- Puzzle pieces must be fastened to a sturdy background or secured in a bag that accompanies the toy/game.
- All themed toys must be 51% theme oriented.
- All entries may be made from fabric, yarn, string, ribbon, rope, foam and/or felt.
- ***Items knitted, crocheted, made of leather or wood must be entered in that department***.

CATEGORY 1 – GAMES	CATEGORY 2 – DOLLS
Board	Stuffed Animal
Teaching	Puppet
Puzzle	Doll
Challenge	

CATEGORY 3 – TODDLER TOY	CATEGORY 4 – DOLLS – OTHER
Activity Book/Board	Furniture
Soft Sculpture	Doll Bedding (2 pieces, see above guidelines)
Plush Play Set	Doll House (see above guidelines)
Quiet Book	Travel/Play Cases (Set/Multiple Pieces/Theme)

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Workmanship	Selection of Design
Suitable Selection of Materials	Overall Appeal

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of

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DEPARTMENT VIII – JEWELRY

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson:	Nina Megginson	813-967-3712	thebeadinglady1@gmail.com
Co-Chairperson:	Debby Conejo	813-293-0351	ad.conejo@verizon.net

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.

CATEGORY 1 – GLASSWORK	**CATEGORY 2 - STRINGING**
CATEGORY 3 – CHAINS FROM RINGS	**CATEGORY 4 – WEAVING**
CATEGORY 5 – PMC	**CATEGORY 6 – WIRE WRAPPING**
CATEGORY 7 – SILVERSMITH	**CATEGORY 8 – MISCELLANEOUS**

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Level of Difficulty	Workmanship
Originality and Creativity	Use of Color

Judges' comments, noted on the back of the entry form will include both positive and useful suggestions. Judges, Festival staff, or Department leaders reserve the right to reject any entry or to move an item into a different category. At the discretion of the judges and based upon the number of entries, each category may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion Ribbon, and a Novice or Beginner Exhibitor may also be awarded a Grand Champion Ribbon, regardless of the category entered.

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DEPARTMENT IX – PAPER CRAFTS

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Aria Beamon ariabell97@aol.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- ***New for this year*** – Traditional and digital scrapbooking categories have been added to this department.
- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.
- ***All items must be created with paper***.
- To enter **Card Making**, **Hand Lettering** and **Adult Coloring**, please bring two (2) differently designed cards or coloring pages.
- All **Adult Coloring** and **Hand Lettering** entries require one (1) framed individual sheet with one (1) additional non-framed sheet for judging (2 total sheets). Must be framed and ready to hang with a wire or string hanger, no cardboard or saw tooth brackets. Both pages will be judged as a unit, but only the one framed sheet will be displayed. Each piece must be labeled on the back of the piece with your complete name.
- Any **Quilling** entry that is entered must be framed and ready to hang with a wire or string hanger. No cardboard or saw tooth brackets.
- If any stamps, stickers or premade embellishments are used on cards, they will not be entered in the **Free Hand Card Making** category.
- Anything precut or cut out by a machine or tool other than scissors will be entered in the **Original Card** category or **Card Kits** category.
- **3-D cards** will be entered one of the three card categories, not the **3D** category.
- **Traditional Scrapbooking** must measure 12”x12” or 8.5”x11”. One (1) double page layout of your choice will be judged.
- **Digital Scrapbooking** can be any size up to 12”x12” and the entire album will be judged.

CATEGORY 1 – FREE HAND CARD MAKING Made with scissors, felt pens, paint all done by hand. No cut-outs, stickers or stamps.	**CATEGORY 2 – CARD KITS** Made with Stampin’ Up kits, Cricut type machines can be used.

CATEGORY 3 – ORIGINAL CARD Made with Cricut type machines and other tools allowed, but no kits can be used.	**CATEGORY 4 – HAND LETTERING/CALLIGRAPHY**

CATEGORY 5 – ADULT COLORING	**CATEGORY 6 – QUILLING**

CATEGORY 7 – ORIGAMI	**CATEGORY 8 – 3D** Paper mache or other 3D paper crafts, no cards.

CATEGORY 9 – TRADITIONAL SCRAPBOOKING Paper pages with embellishments that are placed onto the page by hand.	**CATEGORY 10 – DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING** Pre-printed books using digital scrapbooking software to create.

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Workmanship
Originality/Creativity
Overall Appeal
Color Selections
Design of the Item

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DEPARTMENT X – WOODWORKING, CARVING, METAL ART

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Coy Permenter 813-767-7423 permentercoy@yahoo.com
Co-Chairperson: Kristen Permenter 813-562-1457 khollychasteen@yahoo.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- ***New for this year*** – Carving and Metal Arts have been added to this department.
- Exhibitors may enter two (2) items per category.
- Items submitted should not be limited to descriptions listed below as examples.

CATEGORY 1 – FURNITURE	CATEGORY 2 – HOME DÉCOR
(Not to exceed 24"x18")	(Not to exceed 18"x18")
Small Table	Wall Hanging
Small Bench	Shelf
Chair	Coasters (Set of 4)
Stool	Bookends
Box	Metal Sculptures

CATEGORY 3 – KITCHEN	CATEGORY 4 – TOYS
Cutting Board	Puzzle
Charcuterie Board	Board Game
Kitchen Misc.	Musical Instrument
Cup/Mug	Lawn Game
Utility Knife	

CATEGORY 5 – CARVINGS
(Not to exceed 18"x18")
Animal/Figure
Serving Utility
Bowl

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Workmanship	Design of the Item
Finish of the Item	Overall Appearance

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DEPARTMENT XI – LEATHERCRAFTS

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Tuesday, February 23, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson:

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.
- Entries must not show signs of wear or use.
- Ballpoint pen and pencil marks should not show.
- Visible backsides of items (belts, coasters, etc.) should be cleaned and finished.
- Check for neatness of the insides – no glue smudges, no pulled, stretched or wrinkled liners, check that folds have no cracks and watch for bulkiness of wallets.
- Check for neatness of antiquing and dyes – dye work should be tidy and should not completely obscure leather-working techniques, use of acrylics or color should not completely obscure the grain of the leather, oil can darken leather and that's ok.
- Check for uniformity of lacing or stitching, making sure the ends are finished correctly.
- Items submitted should not be limited to descriptions listed below as examples.

CATEGORY 1 – CASES	CATEGORY 2 – POCKET ITEMS
Holsters	Billfold
Sheaths	Wallet
Purses	Checkbook
Handbags	Card Cases
Shoulder Bags	Key Cases
Fanny Packs	Key Fob
Sporrans	Eyeglass Cases
Books	Coin Purses
Binders	Clutch Purses
Book Covers	

CATEGORY 3 – WEARING APPAREL	CATEGORY 4 – HORSE GEAR
Belts	Saddles
Hats	Breast Collars
Vests	Halters
Jackets	Harnesses
Tops	Bridles
Pants	Reins
Chaps	Nose Bands
Footwear	Hobbles
Leather Buckles	Carrying Cases
Gloves	Crops
Suspenders	Whips
Utility Straps	Quirts

CATEGORY 5 – HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Valet Trays
Bottle Holder
Flowers
Pet Items

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Overall Design
Degree of Difficulty
Overall Presentation
Quality of Workmanship
Originality

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DEPARTMENT XII – FOOD PRESERVATION

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Monday, March 1, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Wendi Bergin 609-330-6222 wendi@joyfulprep.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter three (3) items per category.
- **Recipe and Processing Method**:
  - **All entries MUST include the recipe and the USDA approved processing method.**
  - This information must be submitted on the official Recipe Form provided on the last page of these Rules & Regulations.
  - Processing methods must follow the National Center for Home Food Preservation's Principles of Home Canning (available at www.nchfp.uga.edu).
- **Containers and Preparation**:
  - **All entries MUST be prepared using USDA recommended methods**.
  - Entries must be submitted in plain, regulation canning jars filled to the appropriate headspace.
  - Lids must be securely attached and free from rust.
  - Rings must be removed before submission but must accompany each entry.
- **Paraffin-sealed jars will not be accepted**. NO FOOD COLORING can be added.
- **Approved Sealing Methods**:
  - **All entries MUST be sealed using either a water bath canner or a pressure canner**.
  - Open-kettle canning, oven canning and the inversion method are strictly prohibited.
- **No Alcohol**:
  - No wines, craft beers, liqueurs or liquor in liquid form will be accepted.
  - Alcohol may only be used as a flavoring ingredient, not as an intoxicant.
  - Recipes using alcohol (e.g., flavored extracts) are permitted only if the alcohol is cooked off and this is clearly noted in the recipe instructions.
- **Entry Requirements**:
  - **Each entry must consist of three (3) jars of the same product** (see individual categories for required jar sizes).
  - **Entries may not have been submitted in previous years by the exhibitor or any family member.**
  - Ordinarily, only one (1) jar will be opened and taste-tested by the judges; all jars will be displayed.
- **Labeling and Appearance**:
  - **Each jar must be labeled with the exhibitor's first and last name and the food product contained in the jar**.
  - Labels must adhere securely to the jars (Avery brand labels are recommended).
  - Appearance matters: jars within an entry should match in uniformity and overall presentation.

- **Jar Regulations**:
  - All foods must be canned in colorless, heat-tempered, mason-type home-canning jars (regular or wide-mouth) with threaded, self-sealing lids.
  - Entries in containers other than those specified will not be judged (4oz. jars are not permitted).
  - No decorations (e.g., lace, ribbons) are permitted.
  - Jars must be clean on the outside.
- **Jar Size Requirements by Category**:

  Jelly, Jam, Preserves, Chutney and Butters_____Half-Pint (8oz) or Pint (16oz) jars
  Relish, Sauces, Pickles and Fermented Foods_____Quart (32oz), Pint (16oz) or Jelly Jars
  Canned Foods_____Quart (32oz) or Pint (16oz) jars
- **Champion Entries**:
  - Champion recipes cannot be entered in succeeding years.
- **Special Diet Entries**
  - Recipes for special diet entries must clearly indicate any modifications, such as low sugar, low fat, low salt or substituted ingredients.
  - These modifications must be noted on the official Recipe Form.
- **Preservation Timeline**:
  - **All entries must have been preserved within the past year (12 months)**.
  - For contest purposes, preserved means foods that are shelf-stable at room temperature and do not require refrigeration or cooling for safety.
  - Refrigerator products are not considered preserved and are not eligible.
- **Product Condition**:
  - Unsealed entries or products showing any signs of spoilage will not be judged.
- ***PLEASE NOTE* – Recipe Form Requirement**
  - **All food preservation entries MUST include the Recipe Form provided on the last page of these Rules & Regulations.**
  - Forms must be typed or printed clearly for readability.
  - Additional copies of the Recipe Form may be made as needed.

CATEGORY 1 – SINGLE FRUIT JELLIES/JAMS	**CATEGORY 2 – MULTI-FRUIT JELLIES/JAMS**
(Made with 1 Fruit)	**(Made with more than 1 Fruit)**
Jellies	Jellies
Preserves	Preserves
Jams	Jams
Butters	Butters
Marmalades	Marmalades
Curds	Curds
Pie Fillings	Pie Fillings

CATEGORY 3 – CANNED FOODS	**CATEGORY 4 – RELISHES**
Fruit	Relishes
Vegetables	Chutneys
Beans	Salsa
Meats	Picante
Poultry/Seafood	
Soups	

CATEGORY 5 – SAUCES	**CATEGORY 6 – PICKLES/FERMENTED FOODS**
Chili Sauce Barbeque Sauce Ketchup Spaghetti Sauce Syrups	Pickles Fermented Foods

Categories and Descriptions

1. **Jellies, Preserves, Jams, Butters and Marmalades (Fruit)**
    a. **Jellies**: Semi-solid mixtures of fruit juice and sugar, clear and firm enough to hold shape but spreadable. Should not contain pieces, except pepper jelly which may include small pieces. (Examples: grape jelly, apple jelly, pepper jelly)
    b. **Preserves**: Whole or large pieces of fruit preserved with sugar, clear and shiny, with syrup ranging from honey-like to soft jelly in thickness. (Examples: peach preserves, cherry preserves)
    c. **Jams**: Cooked crushed or chopped fruits with sugar until thickened. Should be uniform with no separation of fruit and juice. (Examples: strawberry jam, raspberry jam, mixed berry jam)
    d. **Fruit Butters**: Made by cooking fruit pulp and sugar to a thick, spreadable consistency. May include spices. Texture may be smooth or fine. (Examples: apple butter, pumpkin butter)
    e. **Marmalades**: Soft jellies containing small pieces of fruit or peel suspended evenly in the jelly, traditionally citrus-based. (Examples: orange marmalade, lemon marmalade)

Entries may use a single fruit or a combination, including wild fruits. Herbs (e.g., mint) and no-sugar/dietary variations are permitted.

2. **Relishes**
    a. **Relishes**: Prepared from fruits and/or vegetables, chopped and cooked in a spicy vinegar solution. May be sweet, hot or a combination. (Examples: corn relish, cucumber relish, hot pepper relish)
    b. **Chutneys**: Sweetened fruit preserves that may also include onions, nuts or savory ingredients for a chunky texture. (Examples: apple chutney, mango chutney)
    c. **Salsa**: May include fruits, vegetables or both. Typically contains tomatoes, onions, peppers, herbs and spices; fruit may also be included. (Examples: tomato salsa, peach salsa, corn salsa)
    d. **Picante**: A spicier preparation, usually containing tomatoes, onions, peppers and vinegar.
3. **Sauces**
    a. **Chili Sauce**: A cooked condiment that may be sweet or spicy, typically made with chili peppers, vinegar, sugar, salt and spices.
    b. **Barbeque Sauce, Ketchup and Spaghetti Sauce**: May be made from single fruits/vegetables or combinations of both. (Examples: classic ketchup, tomato, spaghetti sauce, smoky barbeque sauce)
    c. **Fruit-Based Sauces**: Sauces made primarily from fruits. (Examples: apple sauce, cranberry sauce, peach sauce, plum sauce, apricot sauce, berry sauces, mango or pineapple sauce)
    d. **Other Sauces or Syrups**: Any additional cooked sauces not covered above, prepared with **safe canning methods**.

4. **Pickles and Fermented Foods**
    a. **Pickles**: Vegetables preserved in vinegar. May be sweet, dill or bread & butter, with added spices for flavor. (Examples: dill pickles, sweet pickles, bread & butter pickles)
    b. **Fermented Foods**: Vegetables preserved in an acid brine (distinct from vinegar pickles). (Examples: sauerkraut, kimchi, fermented carrots)
5. **Canned Foods**
    a. **Fruits or Vegetables** (Examples: peaches, pears, apples, carrots, corn, peas)
    b. **Beans** (Examples: green beans, baked beans, kidney beans)
    c. **Meats** (Examples: beef, pork, venison)
    d. **Poultry/Seafood** (Examples: chicken, turkey, fish, shellfish)
    e. **Soups** (Examples: vegetable soup, chicken soup, beef stew)

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Exhibitor #	Ribbon

Florida Strawberry Festival

Recipe Sheet for Food Preservation

Recipe Title: _____ Category: _____

Submitted By: _____ Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

CATEGORIES

Jellies/Jams **Relishes** **Sauces** **Pickles/Fermented Foods** **Canned Foods**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, AND ONLY ONE RECIPE PER FORM
Use abbreviations: pt., qt., pkg., env., c., tsp., T., oz., lb., gal., doz., sm., med., lg.

Ingredients:

Directions:

*If more room is needed, please use another recipe form and staple together.

DEPARTMENT XIII – BAKING

Sponsored by Alessi Bakeries

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Monday, March 1, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Sheri Dusse 813-928-4107 sheridusse@gmail.com
Co-Chairperson: Gay Smith

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item per category.
- All entries may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion ribbon in their categories at the discretion of the judges. All Grand Champion ribbon winners may be eligible to receive the President's Choice ribbon at the discretion of the Florida Strawberry Festival President. There will be only one (1) President's Choice ribbon awarded for the entire Adult Perishables/Baking Competition (akin to a Best in Show award).
- **CONTEST IS OPEN TO AMATEUR/HOME BAKERS ONLY**.
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECIPES THAT REQUIRE NO REFRIGERATION**.
- No cream cheese frosting.
- Any recipe that has been previously entered and received a blue ribbon, may not be re-entered by an exhibitor or family member.
- All entries may be used in a future Neighborhood Village at the Florida Strawberry Festival cookbook.
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE RECIPE FORM LOCATED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. MAKE AS MANY COPIES OF THE FORM AS NEEDED**.
- All entries must be covered. Judging will take place the day after entry. Exhibitors may wish to bring items in a **disposable**, airtight container to preserve freshness. Containers can be aluminum foil packaging, plastic boxes, resealable bags, etc. **NO PLATES, DISHES OR CONTAINERS WILL BE RETURNED**.
- Items submitted should not be limited to descriptions listed below as examples.

CATEGORY 1 – BREADS/COFFEE CAKES	**CATEGORY 2 – CAKES**
Yeast Breads Quick Breads Whole Grain Biscuits Muffins Coffee Cakes, etc. • Entries may be sweet or savory. • Entries will consist of a minimum **HALF** of loaf of bread or other single unit item.	Layer Cakes Cupcakes Pound Cakes Sheet Cakes, etc. • Entries will consist of a minimum **HALF** of cake or other single unit item. • Entries will consist of a minimum **12** cupcakes or other multiple unit item.

• Entries will consist of a minimum **12** rolls, muffins, biscuits or other multiple unit item.	

CATEGORY 3 – COOKIES	**CATEGORY 4 – CANDIES**
Bar Cookies Drop Cookies Rolled Cookies Iced Cookies Brownies • Entries will consist of a minimum **12** cookies, brownies or other multiple unit item.	All types of candies are accepted. • Entries will consist of a minimum **12** candies or other multiple unit item.

CATEGORY 5 – PIES

Fruit Pies
Nut Pies
Any recipe that does NOT contain eggs or dairy

- May be single or double crust.
- Must be entered with no additional work required (e.g. servers are unable to add special toppings or sauces prior to judging).
- **No canned pie filling or pre-made store bought crust is allowed. No pies that require refrigeration, no dairy or cream pies will be accepted**
- Entries will consist of one whole, uncut 8-10" pie.

Entries in all categories are judged on:

Overall Flavor
Overall Appearance
Texture (doneness, moisture, over/under baked, etc.)
Color (uniformity, appropriate for recipe or type of entry, etc.)

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ATTENTION

Please feel free to make as many copies of the recipe form as needed.
Make sure the copies you have are clear and legible.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY WHEN FILLING OUT THE RECIPE FORM

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Exhibitor #	Ribbon

Florida Strawberry Festival

Recipe Sheet for Baking

Recipe Title: _____ Category: _____

Submitted By: _____ Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

CATEGORIES

Breads & Coffee Cakes **Cakes** **Cookies** **Candies** **Pies**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, AND ONLY ONE RECIPE PER FORM
Use abbreviations: pt., qt., pkg., env., c., tsp., T., oz., lb., gal., doz., sm., med., lg.

Ingredients:

Directions:

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DEPARTMENT XIV – CAKE DECORATING

Enter: Neighborhood Village – Monday, March 1, 2027, 12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Department Chairperson: Nicole Zimmerman 863-393-8379 nicolecullen1994@hotmail.com

Please read and follow the General Rules pages for all Neighborhood Village entries as well as ones specific to this Department.

Pre-Registration is Required:

- Please email nicolecullen1994@hotmail.com for pre-registration information for cake decorating and gingerbread house decorating. Include details/questions and contact information. Chairperson will contact you to confirm.

This Department has two divisions – *Professional and Non-Professional*

- ***Professional* by definition:** You have sold a cake to someone, taught classes or work at a professional level. If you are not sure, please ask the Department Chairperson via email or on Entry day.
- All categories offer *Professional* and *Non-Professional* divisions. Entrants must indicate their division at the time of entry.

Department Specific Rules and Guidelines

- **Entries are NOT judged against each other. Each entry is judged using a point system**.
- Grand Champion premium for Cake Decorating is $75 in both *Professional and Non-Professional*.
- Grand Champion premium for Cookie Decorating and Gingerbread Houses is $50 in each category.
- All categories may be eligible to receive a Grand Champion ribbon in their categories; at the discretion of the judges. All entries must be clean, fresh and suitable for public display and must have been made since April 2026.
- Each entrant must select a division and submit all their entries in that one division.
- All designs must be realistic and can stand on their own, once the cake/cookies/cupcakes are placed by the exhibitor, no one will fix or touch the entry before judging. Cakes may be moved to create more space, if stability is a concern, please let a chairperson know so that exhibit is not to be touched.
- Cakes, cookies and gingerbread houses must be realistically designed.
- Appropriate artificial decorations on the cake, gingerbread house or base are permitted, but decorations made primarily from food products will be given a higher consideration during judging.
- No fountains or candles are permitted. You can use battery-operated, food-safe light sources.
- No personal signs or advertising is allowed. Signage displayed will be those provided only by the Neighborhood Village.
- All decorative themes must be designed with the nature and spirit of the Florida Strawberry Festival in mind.

CAKE DECORATING:

- There are **four (4)** categories under Decorated Cakes, a participant may enter in each category once and must enter under the **same division for each category**.
- All cakes must be presented on a firm and sturdy base, not to exceed 30 inches width.
- No height restrictions.
- All cakes must be created using Styrofoam form or non-edible material. Rice crispy cereal used to create certain accent pieces are acceptable. **NO EDIBLE CAKES WILL BE ACCEPTED**.
- All cakes must be placed on a proper base and must securely stand on their own.
- Cakes need to be structurally sound and once in place will be judged as they sit.
- Must be realistically made.

CATEGORY 1 – TIERED CAKES	**CATEGORY 2 – FESTIVAL THEME**
Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*	(Based off of the current year Florida Strawberry Festival theme) Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*

CATEGORY 3 – TV, MOVIE AND FILM	**CATEGORY 4 – OTHER**
Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*	(Does not fit into any other category) Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*

COOKIE DECORATING:

- There are **five (5)** categories. A participant may enter each category once and must enter under **the same division in each category**.
- Entries must include **6 – 12** cookies for judging. No single cookies will be accepted.
- Gingerbread Houses – Entries must be submitted on form and presented on a sturdy base, not to exceed 20" in width or height. Must be realistically made.
- Base of houses must be created from Gingerbread.

CATEGORY 1 – FESTIVAL THEME	**CATEGORY 2 – TV, MOVIE AND FILM**
(Based off of the current year Florida Strawberry Festival theme) Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*	(Based off of the current year Florida Strawberry Festival theme) Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*

CATEGORY 3 – TV, MOVIE AND FILM	**CATEGORY 4 – OTHER**
Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*	(Does not fit into any other category) Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*

CATEGORY 5 – GINGERBREAD HOUSES
Specify if *Professional or Non-Professional*

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