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Festival's fine art show winners announced

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Mar. 3, 2016) – The Florida Strawberry Festival announced today the winners in its 2016 fine art show presented by the East Hillsborough Art Guild and sponsored by Good Health Saunas.

The highest award, best in show, was awarded to Jennifer Watson, and the strawberry theme award was given to Anna Schermerhorn. The Suncoast Credit Union Purchase Award was given to Brooke Stefanelli.

In the adult professional oils division, Jose E. Vazquez won first place, Sharon Burger won second place, Subhadra Ganapa Thiraju won third place and Anita Zorilla won fourth place.

In the adult professional acrylics division, Joanna Karpay won first place, John Brennan won second place, Joyce Owens won third place and Lynn Rattray won fourth place.

In the adult professional watercolors division, Sue Downes Allen won first place, Roxanne Tobaison won second place, Lois Staller won third place and Deborah Biasetti won fourth place.

In the adult professional graphics/mixed division, Susan Jenkins won first place, Monali Rangwala won second place, Jim Limieux won third place and Jossie Azorin won fourth place.

In the adult amateur oils division, Rhonda Norton won first place, Chrystal Wilson won second place, Diane Lindsay won third place and Vanessa Bunton won fourth place.

In the adult amateur acrylics division, Heidi Kelly Phillips won first place, Joe Castrigno won second place, Heidi Dahlgren won third place and Bea Castrigno won fourth place.

In the adult amateur watercolors division, Brenda Michaels won first place, Daniel Nolan won second place, Karen Odell won third place and Frances Walker won fourth place.

In the adult amateur graphics/mixed division, Sharon Hester won first place, Peter Watrous won second place, Fred Schreffler won third place and Emma Youmans won fourth place.

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In the adult miniatures division, Carlene Earl won first place, Peggy Little won second place, Gunni Nilsson Price won third place and Angela Santos won fourth place.

In the adult sculptures division, Harry Day won first place, Aleksandra Vargas won second place, Tony Mears won third place and Ira McEachern won fourth place.

In the youth drawing/painting division, ages 15 to 17 years old, Kerensa Trevelyan won first place, Marcus Holloway won second place, Kaydee Janes won third place and Shamaa Sidhiqui won fourth place.

In the youth drawing/painting division, ages 12 to 14 years old, Hannah Clor won first place, Sarah Jones won second place, Siri Gavini won third place and Bayli Feist won fourth place.

In the youth drawing/painting division, ages 9 to 11 years old, Zachary Trammell won first place, Emma Sierra won second place, Gwyneth Milone won third place and Reese Weicht won fourth place.

In the youth drawing/painting division, ages 6 to 8 years old, Aiden Alford won first place, Ethan Bunton won second place, Ananya Srivivasan won third place and Daniella Turner won fourth place.

In the business leader's choice awards, sponsoring businesses choose their favorite piece.

Felix Velazquez's piece was chosen by Kathy Collins from the Osprey Observer.

Anika Prasad's piece was chosen by Fr. Mike O'Brien from St. Clement Catholic Church.

Om Deshpande's piece was chosen by Chris Davis from Desco Printing Company, Inc.

Scott Lawson's piece was chosen by Mike Goodwin from O'Brien's Irish Pub.

Tom Wilke's piece was chosen by Tony Lee from State Farm.

Shirley Hawkin's piece was chosen by Nadine Clark from Nadine Clark Hairstyling.

Frances Walker's piece was chosen by Marsha Passmore from Hopewell Funeral Home.

Kris Belkale's piece was chosen by Dawn Galia from Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association.

Wayne Chumat's piece was chosen by Paul Hetrick from Plant City Entertainment, Inc.

Sandra Lallemand's piece was chosen by Audrey Montella from the Arts Council of Plant City.

Dawn Lannan's piece was chosen by Michaela Messer from The Cottage in Plant City.

Sheryl Unwin's piece was chosen by Dennis Peyton from Peyton & Associates, Inc.

Scott Robinson's piece was chosen by Katrina & Brien Hockman from My Flying Onion.

William Hood's piece was chosen by Scott (Mack) Macksam from Veterans' Art Center Tampa Bay.

Susan Goldberg's piece was chosen by Jerry Campbell from Stylgras.

Richard Wagner's piece was chosen by Michael Cameron from Cameron Financial Management.

Jack Mineo's piece was chosen by David Fialcosky from Grape Expectations.

Madison Jewell's piece was chosen by Kay & John Sullivan from Winthrop Arts.

Jim Jordan's piece was chosen by Judy Gaspar from Yoga Elements.

Karin Stechschulte's piece was chosen by Dr. Richard F. Gaspar.

All pieces in the fine art show will be on display in the Hull Armory Building 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, nearly 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2016 Florida Strawberry Festival takes place March 3 through March 13 in Plant City, Fla. and will be "Royal Fun for Everyone!" For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest16).

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