

U.S. NATIONAL
STRAW SCULPTING
COMPETITION
SIXTH ANNUAL • AUGUST 13-29th, 2021
Fine Art in Straw



1st Place 2020
Danica & Mark Rogers



2nd Place 2020
Doreen White (Polished Hair and Nails / Hair on Main)

Mt. Morris, IL is the Home of a Unique Outdoor Art Gallery
Hosted by ENCORE! Mt. Morris, Fran Volz, advisor.

Artists sculpt wonderful creations for families to enjoy... Made of Straw!
Register soon to reserve one of 20 available slots.
Competition Information and Rules are on next page.

The Sixth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition
August 13 – 29, 2021
On the Historic Campus in Mt. Morris, IL 61054

(Return via email or address below)

Required: Please send us a sketch of your idea (a simple line drawing—no shading).
Also send 3 photos of previous sculptures in any material (not required for previous Artists 2016– 2020).

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Return by e-mail to:
straw@encoremtnorris.com

Or mail to: **ENCORE! Mt. Morris**
105 W. Lincoln Ave
Mt. Morris, IL 6105

(Application also on-line at StrawUSA.com)

Competition Rules & Information

- Create a Straw Sculpture individually or with a team.
- Artists will receive a \$250 stipend* for registered sculptures delivered on time to Mt. Morris.
- The sculpture must be at least 90% straw on the surface. Burlap, jute, sisal, twigs, etc., may be attached. Minimal spray paint for highlights / shadowing. (Inside framework can be any material.)
- Sculpture Size: minimum 6 ½ feet (in height, in length, or in width).
- Many methods of construction. The straw is frequently wrapped with twine.
- Average time: 2 weeks to construct. Shop home centers, or farms for wheat straw (or oat straw).
- Construct your sculpture to withstand high winds and rain. Tether connection points should be built into sculptures if required. Sculptures will be tethered to the ground if points are provided.
- Create your piece at home and then transport it to Mt. Morris by 4pm August 13th.
- We'll do our best to help with transportation, if necessary and please notify us in advance (may require an earlier build finish to schedule transportation, please notify us by August 6th).

Awards

1st Place: \$500 (Public Voting)
2nd Place: \$300 (Public Voting)
3rd Place: \$100 (Public Voting)

1st Place: \$300 (Artist Voting)
2nd Place: \$200 (Artist Voting)
3rd Place: \$100 (Artist Voting)

*Note: Sculptures become the property of *ENCORE! Mt. Morris* if stipend is accepted.



3rd Place People's Choice 2020
Steve & Michele Lentz



3rd Place Artists' Choice 2020
Chris, Cecilia & Ellen Mann

US National Straw Sculpting Competition information at StrawUSA.com
Additional information about *ENCORE! Mt. Morris* at EncoreMtMorris.com

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