

U.S. NATIONAL
STRAW SCULPTING
COMPETITION
TENTH ANNUAL • AUGUST 8–24th, 2025
Fine Art in Straw



*People's 1st, Artists' 2nd Place Tie 2024
Danica & Mark Rogers*



*Artists' 1st, Peoples' 3rd, 2024
Steve Lentz*

*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 all to enjoy... Made of Straw!
Register soon to reserve one of 20 available slots.
Competition Information and Rules are on next page.*

*The Tenth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition
August 8 – 24, 2025
On the Historic Campus in Mt. Morris, IL 61054*

Registration:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Note: New Straw Sculptors, please send 3 photos of previous sculptures in any material.

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

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

(Registration is also on-line at StrawUSA.com)

Competition Rules & Information

- Create a Straw Sculpture individually or with a team.
- Send a sketch of your idea (a simple line drawing—no shading).
- Artists will receive a \$400 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, IL by 4pm August 8th.
- We'll do our best to help with local transportation, if necessary, please notify us in advance (may require an earlier build finish to schedule transportation, please notify us by August 1st).

Awards

1st Place: \$800 (Public Voting)
2nd Place: \$400 (Public Voting)
3rd Place: \$150 (Public Voting)

1st Place: \$500 (Artist Voting)
2nd Place: \$300 (Artist Voting)
3rd Place: \$150 (Artist Voting)

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



Artists' 2nd Place Tie 2024
Chris & Cecilia Mann



People's 2nd, 2024
Jenna Springer

US National Straw Sculpting Competition information at [StrawUSA.com](https://www.strawusa.com)
Additional information about *ENCORE! Mt. Morris* at [EncoreMtMorris.com](https://www.encoremtramorris.com)