

U.S. NATIONAL  
**STRAW SCULPTING**  
COMPETITION  
SEVENTH ANNUAL • AUGUST 12-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
*Fine Art in Straw*



*People's 1<sup>st</sup>, Artists' 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021*  
*Danica & Mark Rogers*



*Artists' 1<sup>st</sup>, Peoples' 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021*  
*Doreen White & Friends*

***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 Seventh Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition***  
***August 12 – 28, 2022***  
***On the Historic Campus in Mt. Morris, IL 61054***

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***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](mailto: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](http://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 \$300 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 12<sup>th</sup>.
- We'll do our best to help with transportation, if necessary please notify us in advance (may require an earlier build finish to schedule transportation, please notify us by August 5<sup>th</sup>).

## Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$600 (Public Voting)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$350 (Public Voting)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100 (Public Voting)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$400 (Artist Voting)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$250 (Artist Voting)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100 (Artist Voting)

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



*People's 3<sup>rd</sup>, Artists' Tie 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021  
Steve Lentz*



*Artists' Tie 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021  
Chris & Cecilia Mann*



*Artists' Tie 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021  
Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church*

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