

U.S. NATIONAL  
**STRAW SCULPTING**  
COMPETITION  
NINTH ANNUAL • AUGUST 9–25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
*Fine Art in Straw*



*People's 1<sup>st</sup>, Artists' 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023*  
*Danica & Mark Rogers*



*Artists' 1<sup>st</sup>, Peoples' 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023*  
*Chris & Cecilia Mann*

*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 Ninth Annual US National Straw Sculpting Competition*  
*August 9 – 25, 2024*  
*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 \$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 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup>).

## Awards

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

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

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



*People's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*  
*Doreen White*



*Artists' 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*  
*Steve Lentz*

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