

UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County – Recycled Yard Art Contest
at the Hillsborough County Fair

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The purpose of the Recycled Yard Art Contest was to increase environmental awareness and encourage reuse/recycling of materials into yard art. The competition involved two and three dimensional art created from items already used for their original purpose. During the eight days of the Hillsborough County Fair, attendees voted for the People's Choice award. The votes have been tallied, all 4,135 compared to last year's 1,543, and the winner is: Andy Hamilton Minion Mermaid, created with air tank, springs, pie pans and metal pieces.

Nicolette Tiedemann won the first place award by the panel of judges Planter Face, which she created using duct tape, glue, milk jugs and plaster.

On Target 4-H Club won first place for their creation of Pumpkin PVC Person, plastic water bottles, plastic bags, old chair frame, metal cans, used PVC pipes, trash can lid, old boots and Halloween pumpkin bucket..

The first place award for Elementary School went to Alisia Ramos who made a Bird House from tree branches, paper and a Christmas ornament.

All of these contest winning entries will be on display in our lobby at the UF/IFAS Extension Service for the next 30 days. We hope you will be able to stop by and see these wonderful recycled creations if you were not able to attend the Hillsborough County Fair.

We have been asked by the Florida State Fair, for the third year in a row, to again hold a Recycled Yard Art Contest with them, also. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the rules, please contact Lisa Meredith with our office, meredithL@hillsboroughcounty.org, or if you have questions regarding the contest, call Lisa at 744-5519 x 54146.

For assistance with gardening-related questions, contact the UF/IFAS Extension Hillsborough County, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner 33584, give us a call at 813-744-5519, visit our website at: <http://hillsborough.ifas.ufl.edu> and stroll through our demonstration gardens.