

August 15th, 2023



2023 WINNERS OF THE 40TH ANNUAL SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST

The 40th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest took place this past Saturday, August 12th from 9am-1pm. A total of 13 teams took to the beach to compete in building the best, most unique sand sculpture, turning Grand Haven City Beach into a work of art. Participants of all ages took part in this event. Participants, spectators, and beachgoers have been able to admire the sand sculptures along the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline on what turned out to be a beautiful day.

A panel of local celebrity judges including: Mark Allen, Chamber of Commerce; Talya Chambers-Cortez, Lake Michigan Credit Union; Hadley Streng, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation; Holly Cole, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation; Mary Ellen Murphy, WGHN; Nicki Allen, TowerPinkster, and Erica Layton, Tri-Cities Historical Museum, judged the sculptures crowning these winners:

Individual's Category of 15 years or older:

1st Place: Random Density

2nd Place: Little Nessy

3rd Place: Triplett

Crew Category of 15 years or older:

1st Place: ReSolve

2nd Place: Screaming Opossum

3rd Place: The Goonies

Youth Individual's Category under 15 years of age:

1st Place: Eagles

Youth Crew Category under 15 years of age:

1st Place: Cooler in Summer

The People's Choice: Screaming Opossum

Lake Michigan Credit Union presented the 2023 Sand Sculpture Contest along with The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg. "It is amazing to see participants turn a pile of sand into a work of art!" Claudia Dantuma, Contest Manager, said. "I love seeing the community and visitors come together to enjoy our beautiful Grand Haven City Beach".

The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg would like to thank the Sand Sculpture Contest sponsors: Lake Michigan Credit Union, Lakeshore Orthodontics, ReSolve Grand Haven Physical Therapy, Preferred Automotive Dealership, and ProLift Garage Doors.

About the Sand Sculpture Contest

The Sand Sculpture Contest is an annual event that occurs the following weekend of the Coast Guard Festival. Each year residents and visitors of the Grand Haven area enjoy building and admiring art in the sand. Participants of the contest are given two-and-a-half hours to create their sand sculptures, which are then judged by a panel of local celebrity judges. Prizes are then awarded to the winning teams and individuals.

For more information, visit the Sand Sculpture Contest page at www.facebook.com/sandsculpturecontest/ or the website at www.grandhavenchamber.org



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