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2023 Winners of Warrens Cranberry Festival Contests

2023 Biggest Berry Contest Winners

Myla Nemitz Wins Biggest Berry Contest

The winner of the 2023 Warrens Cranberry Festival's Biggest Berry Contest is Myla Nemitz of Warrens. Myla's Crimson King cranberry tipped the scales at 6.60 grams. She will receive a trophy and a \$50 cash prize sponsored by Paul's Machine and Tool of Warrens.

Myla is the daughter of Adam and Sandy Nemitz. Her prize-winning cranberry was grown on the JR Nemitz Cranberry Company marsh, owned by her father and grandparents, Robert and Vicki Nemitz.

Myla's younger sister, Ada, received an Honorable Mention award for having the second-largest cranberry, also a Crimson King grown on the Nemitz marsh that weighed 6.44 grams. Ada is also a past winner of the Biggest Berry Contest. She won the top award both in 2022 and 2021.

Crimson King is a variety bred by the Grygleski family on their Valley Corporation cranberry marsh outside Valley Junction. It is a cross between another of their varieties – BG – and a Ben Lear and Stevens cross.

A second Honorable Mention ribbon was awarded to Eliza Hintz of Nekoosa. She entered a Vasanna cranberry grown on her family's Rezin Berries marsh in Wisconsin Rapids that weighed 5.20 grams. Eliza's grandparents, Chris and Lisa Rezin, planted two beds with Vasanna – a variety released in 2019 – just last year.

Vasanna was developed by Rutgers University cranberry breeder Nick Vorsa. A cross between Crimson Queen and an unpatented variety, Dr. Vorsa named the variety in memory of his parents, Vas and Anna, immigrants of Belarus.

The first-place ribbon winners in each variety class are as follows:

- Ben Lear – Emma Allen, Potter Cranberry Company, 4.12 grams.
- Bergman – Lily Bennet, Bennet Cranberry Company, 2.41 grams.
- Crimson King – Myla Nemitz, JR Nemitz Cranberry Company, 6.60 grams.
- Crimson Queen – Myla Nemitz, JR Nemitz Cranberry Company, 4.59 grams.
- Crowley – Emma Allen, A&K Cranberry, 2.10 grams.
- Demoranville – Lily Bennet, Bennett Cranberry Company, 4.26 grams.
- GH1 – Emma Allen, Potter Cranberry Company, 3.40 grams
- Haines – Eliza Hintz, Rezin Berries, 4.27 grams.
- McFarlin – Lily Bennett, Bennett Cranberry Company, 3.11 grams.
- Mullica Queen – Eliza Hintz, Rezin Berries, 4.41 grams
- Pilgrim – Ada Nemitz, Beaver Creek Cranberry, 3.65 grams
- Potter's Favorite – Emma Allen, Potter Cranberry Company, 3.15 grams
- Ruby Star – Lily Bennett, Bennett Cranberry Company, 4.60 grams
- Searles – Emma Allen, Potter Cranberry Company, 3.04 grams.
- Stevens – Katilea Jensen, Paradise Valley Cranberry, 4.23 grams.
- Sundance – Rhonda Jensen, Jensen Cranberry Bogs, 4.93 grams.
- Vasanna – Eliza Hintz, Rezin Berries, 5.20 grams.

There are more than 150 varieties of cranberries grown commercially. Any variety may be entered in the Biggest Berry Contest. There were 65 entries in 17 classes in this year's contest.

2023 Winners of Warrens Cranberry Festival Contests Continued....

2023 Button Design Contest Winners

Debra DeStarkey, *Hobart, WI*—1st Place - Adult Design
Renee Christensen, *Chicago, IL* – 2nd Place– Adult Design
Bruce Riggs, *Warrens WI* —1st Place—Youth Design
Emerson Rauvola, *Warrens, WI* – 2nd Place– Youth Design

2023 Marsh Medallion Hunt Winner

Matt Kikta, *Milwaukee, WI*- \$100 cash prize, he found the medallion by the Post Office downtown.

2023 Photography Contest Winners

Best of Show—Adult Division

Heidi Tubbs, Hixton

Best of Show—Youth Division

Margaret Ashburn, Warrens

Favorite Festival Fotos – Adult Division

First Place – Heidi Tubbs, Hixton
Second Place – Heidi Tubbs, Hixton
Third Place – Heidi Tubbs, Hixton

Favorite Festival Fotos – Youth Division

First Place – Hannah Tubbs, Hixton
Second Place – Hannah Tubbs, Hixton
Third Place – Hannah Tubbs, Hixton

Cranfest Royalty – Adult Division

First Place – Heidi Tubbs, Hixton
Second Place – Heidi Tubbs, Hixton
Third Place – Pat Johnson, Warrens

Marsh Madness – Youth Division

First Place – Margaret Ashburn, Warrens
Second Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Third Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah

Marsh Madness – Adult Division

First Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens
Second Place – Grace Hughes, Fitchburg
Third Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens

Marsh Flora & Fauna – Youth Division

First Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Second Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Third Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah

Marsh Flora & Fauna – Adult Division

First Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens
Second Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens
Third Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens

Enjoying Outdoor Warrens – Youth Division

First Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Second Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Third Place – Tayler Gebhardt, Warrens

Enjoying Outdoor Warrens – Adult

First Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens
Second Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens
Third Place – Sara Moseley, Warrens

Marsh Flora & Fauna – Youth Division

First Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Second Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah
Third Place – Eva Betthausen, Tomah

2023 Scarecrow Contest Winners

Best of Show—

Cody Copper, Warrens

Unique Division

First Place– Aleda, Ana, Susie Moseley

Traditional Division

First Place—Moseley Roadside Market, Warrens
Second Place—Emme Roberts, Warrens

School Youth - Traditional Division

First Place—5th Grade Group 2, Warrens
Honorable Mention:
5th Grade Group 1, Warrens
5th Grade Group 3, Warrens