

# Beach sculptures rise from sand

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BRADENTON BEACH – Festivities and a bold sand sculpture at the BeachHouse restaurant kept traffic at a standstill through this city Saturday. It was the ninth annual Sandblast, sponsored by Keep Manatee Beautiful, the city of Bradenton Beach, Manatee County Parks and Recreation Department and Team Sandtastic.

Nineteen teams took their places and began molding and shaping the pile of sand within their plot of beach. The entries ranged from a simple Christmas message on a bucket to a unique frog wedding scene.

Judging was divided into three themes – holiday, nautical and free form.

Bradenton Christian School Art Department's "Santa Line" took first place in the holiday theme and the AD-VANCE Talent Solutions team's "Hippo Holiday" was runner up.

Manatee High School Anchor Club Team's "Sponge Bob Square Pants" took first place in the nautical theme with the Anna Maria Island Privateers' "Treasure Chest" taking runner up.

State College of Florida's Earth Club took first place in free form with its "Seven Wonders" display and Bayshore High School's Art Honor Society was runner up with its "Frog Wedding."

Locally, the Anna Maria Island Sun sponsored Boy Scouts of America Cub Pack 7's wolf head with BSA on the snout was named Best Wolf Head and the city of Holmes Beach sponsored Girl Scouts of America Brownie Troop 316's display was named Best Snow Cave.



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The Bradenton Christian School Art Department team took first place in the holiday theme and these ladies dressed as Santa's helpers to add to the theme. Above right: Larry Hudson, of Team Sandtastic, adds detail to its display that faces Gulf Drive. The display, at right, is entitled "The Island of Misfit Toys."



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Above: This display, called Santa Line, won the top prize in the holiday theme for the Bradenton Christian School Art Department team. The Spongebob Square Pants display (right) won first place in the nautical theme.

