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Beverly Hills Pie Bake a'la Beverly Hills and Piesta Winners Announced Emma Nica's Gluten Free Peach-Mango Pie Won First Place and Betsaida Shakhian's Peach Blackberry Pie Won Pieutiful



Winners and judges are all smiles at the Farmers Market Pie Bake a'la Beverly Hills & Piesta. Standing L to R: Katie Kelley, Clementine Café & Bakery; Simone Friedman, Chairperson, Recreation and Parks Commission; Brooke Cipolla, 2nd place winner from Petaluma; Emma Nica, 1st place winner from Beverly Hills; Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., Betsaida Shakhian, "Most Pieutiful" from Beverly Hills; Jennifer Bradshaw, 3rd place winner from Tarzana; Joy Mosse, 2014 1st Place Winner. Seating L to R: Councilmember Nancy H. Krasne; and Scott Redston, Team Beverly Hills.

First place winner Emma Nica moved to Beverly Hills from Alaska in January and wanted to become more engaged in her new community so she decided to enter the contest. "This was the first contest for me," said Emma. "I was more than surprised that I actually won first place. I don't bake pies that often so when I decided to enter I wanted to make sure the pie ingredients were indigenous to Southern California. I baked four test pies before baking the award-winning one. I used a gluten-free crust because more people are eating gluten-free and I thought making this kind of crust would be more challenging and I'm always up for a challenge."

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