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We would like to showcase the beautiful trophies awarded at this year's Optinam, as they received so many compliments at the awards ceremony!

They were made as a collaboration between Jen Bethel of Beached Treasures Nassau and Celestine Albury of Celestine's Woodcarvings.

Jen works with sand, sea glass and shells to create unique jewelry and home accent pieces with resin art. Celestine, an acclaimed Bahamian athlete and the first Bahamian female woodturner, produces magnificent pieces in local woods.

The idea for the awards was that of Emma Tinkler, director of The Bahamas National Sailing School, committee member of OPTINAM and also owner of Emma Rachel Designs. The concept of drone-footage inspired pieces appears to be something not done before on trophies, so Emma worked on aerial Opti images with Jen to put together these unique pieces, enhanced by the use of local sand. Celestine used local Madeira wood (Bahamian mahogany) to create the plaques on which the pieces were mounted.

Emma, Jen and Celestine are delighted that the creations are now housed in countries throughout the world being enjoyed by many, particularly the well deserved recipients!

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