

COFFEE TALK

Can I eat that?

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Norman Love is a chocolate master, but the team he's assembled at Norman Love Confections in Fort Myers can compete with the best in the nation.

Chocolatiers (don't you love that title) Maura Metheny and Dan Forgery were named this year's national showpiece champions, along with winning Best Chocolate Showpiece at the Pastry Live 2013 National Showpiece Championship in Atlanta.

This isn't about lounging around and eating chocolates all day. The theme this year was the art of illusion, and the Norman Love duo created a magician-themed chocolate sculpture that took hundreds of hours and six months to perfect.

Metheny is Love's chef chocolatier in charge of design and innovation and Forgery is a chef chocolatier in charge of production. The competition involved seven teams of two chefs competing for six hours to build chocolate sculptures.

Hey, it's hard work being a chocolatier.

