



Scarecrow Contest Information and Rules

- Scarecrows must be freestanding, supported by a prop or built around a frame. FREE six-foot tall scarecrow frames are available at the Garden Gift Shop daily 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Entries must include a waterproof sign no larger than 8.5 x 11" indicating the name of the exhibitor and the name of the scarecrow.
- Scarecrows must be in good taste. Those that reflect controversial social or political situations will not be accepted.
- Scarecrows must be made to withstand weather conditions.
- No perishable goods (squash, pumpkins, etc.) may be used in the construction of the scarecrow.
- Plastic bags make the best stuffing. Newspaper and water-soluble peanuts are not recommended because they do not hold up in wet weather.
- Facial expression of the scarecrow is important, and the first thing a viewer notices. The face can be sad, cheerful, beautiful, ugly or angry – even a famous person or cartoon character.
- Hair can be made from a variety of materials, including yarn, pipe cleaners, shredded plastic, beads, moss, rope, raffia, a mop head or torn fabric.
- Accessories make the difference! Add hats, gloves, shoes, a scarf and other props.
- Suggestions for scarecrow head materials: old milk jugs, flower pots, gourds, wood, basketball, plastic pumpkin, stuffed pillowcase or burlap.