

# Hanson's Garden Village Scarecrow Contest 2017

Create your own scarecrow to be put on display at Hanson's Garden Village for a chance to win a prize! Scarecrows will be on display at Hanson's Garden Village during regular business hours from October 7th until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Enter in one of three categories: Individual/Family, Business and Non-Profit/School Group

## **OFFICIAL SCARECROW CONTEST RULES**

1. Registration Begins September 18, 2017.
2. Your entry must be on display by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
3. Limit one entry per family, business or service club.
4. An entry may include multiple figures or a scarecrow scene.
5. Entries must be appropriate for a family event.
6. Scarecrows must be handmade and not purchased from a retailer.
7. Scarecrow construction tips:
  - a. One straw bale per group will be provided by Hanson's Garden Village and can be picked up at our garden center.
  - b. Plastic bags and soil bags make good stuffing. Newspaper and water-soluble peanuts are not recommended.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. Accessories make the difference! Add hats, gloves, shoes, a scarf or other props.
  - f. Suggestions for scarecrow head materials include: old milk jugs, flower pots, gourds, wood, basketballs, plastic pumpkins, stuffed pillowcases or burlap.
  - g. Scarecrow design should take into consideration: theme, creativeness, presentation/appearance and durability.
8. You may build your entry off site and assemble it at Hanson's Garden Village or coordinate to build it on site.
9. Scarecrows must be built to withstand the elements (wind, rain, sun); their construction must be durable and all ornamentation securely attached. All scarecrows should be built in a manner that allows them to be left unattended. You may want to monitor your display to be sure that it is holding up for the duration of the event.
10. Scarecrows must be freestanding, supported by a prop or built around a frame. One support stake (metal T-post) will be provided if needed. At the end of the event, that stake must be left behind. If you need additional supports to hold up your scarecrow or scene, you must supply them.
11. Hanson's Garden Village is not responsible for anything damaged, lost or stolen.
12. All entrants agree to allow use of their name(s) and photos for promotional purposes.

13. Exhibits must be taken down between November 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 between 8am and 5pm. Any scarecrows not picked up will become the property of Hanson's Garden Village, and may be used as decorations at future events, or disposed of.

14. Scarecrow Judging:

- a. All scarecrows must be submitted with an entry form and will be tagged with an entry number that will be made visible for judging purposes.
- b. Judging will be done by the public, through ballot vote starting Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and ending on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Most of the voting will take place on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> during Hanson's Fall Fest.
- c. Winners will be contacted once voting ends after October, 31<sup>st</sup> and prizes will be awarded.
- d. Prizes Include:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual/Family Entry - \$100 gift certificate for Hanson's Garden Village

1<sup>st</sup> Place Business Entry - \$100 gift certificate for Hanson's Garden Village

1<sup>st</sup> Place Non-Profit/School Group Entry - \$300 cash prize

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Category (Circle One): **Individual/Family** **Business** **Non-Profit/School Group**

Name of Person/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have read the "Official Scarecrow Contest Rules" and I agree to abide by them, and I understand that if I do not, my entry will be disqualified from the contest.

\_\_\_ I understand that my entry must be in place by October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and must be kept on display until October 31<sup>st</sup>, and must be removed between November 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_