

Hanson's Garden Village Scarecrow Contest 2020

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 Saturday, September 19th until Saturday, October 17th.

OFFICIAL SCARECROW CONTEST RULES

1. Registration Begins September 1st, 2020.
2. Your entry must be on display by Saturday, September 19th at 9:00am.
3. Limit one entry per person or group.
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, snow); 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 at the display site. 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. Please do not put out valuables and make sure to securely fasten all props.
12. All entrants agree to allow use of their name(s) and photos for promotional purposes.
13. Exhibits must be taken down and removed from Hanson's by Saturday, October 24th. We are busy getting our plants and greenhouses ready for winter, so please clean up or dispose of your scarecrow.

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 in-person ballot vote starting Saturday, September 19th and ending on Saturday, October 17th. Spread the word and have your family, friends and group members stop out to vote!
- c. Winners will be contacted once voting ends and prizes will be awarded.
- d. Prizes Include:

1st Place - \$300 cash prize

2nd Place - \$200 cash prize

3rd Place - \$100 cash prize

Name of Person/Business/Organization: _____

Title of Scarecrow or Scene: _____

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 September 19th at 9:00am, must be kept on display until October 17th and must be removed by Saturday, October 24th.

Signature: _____

Date: _____