

SCARECROWS COMING TO TOWN 2016

October 22, 2016, 10 am to 5 pm is Pendleton's Fall Harvest Festival and visitors will be welcomed to town with scarecrows greeting them along the entrances into town and mounted on lampposts around the town square. Property owners along the main arteries will be asked to create a scarecrow for their yard and give special permission to allow other individuals, groups, families, clubs and businesses to use their property to display their creativity. Businesses will utilize the lamppost at their storefront to promote their product. Individuals and groups will decorate the remaining lampposts making the entire town a festive celebration of Fall. Every creation will have a sign with the name of the scarecrow and creator/sponsoring group. With this information, everyone will be allowed to vote for the "People's Choice" award for their favorite scarecrow in five categories – business, group, individual, artist, church/school. (Note change in categories). The winner in the artist category will receive \$500, a "winner's sign" and bragging rights. The winners in the remaining categories will receive \$100, a "winner's sign" and bragging rights. (The new awards are sponsored by the Pendleton Area Business Council, part of the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce)

It's easy to be part of the fun. Just follow these rules:

1. Scarecrows must be in place no earlier than October 14, 2016, but no later than NOON October 18, 2016. They will remain in place until November 4, 2016. It is the creator's responsibility to remove no later than November 8, 2016, at 7 p.m. This time schedule **MUST** be followed for set-up and take-down. You are also responsible for monitoring your scarecrow during this time period for needed repairs.
2. The scarecrows should be family-friendly. Make them whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable – NOT frightening. Monsters, gruesome, bloody or otherwise scary entries will not be accepted. Scarecrows must be done in good taste and should not reflect controversial, social or political situations. It can be an individual scarecrow or a group of scarecrows if necessary to interpret your theme/name for your creation. The size is limited by the location of the display.
3. Businesses around the Village Green will use the existing lamppost in front of their business. It is appropriate for their creation to reflect the product/service they provide. (ex: For Sale sign for Dunlap Team. How about a chef's hat at the town bakery?) The remaining lampposts will be made available to individuals and groups on a first-come basis. The lampposts will be numbered and assigned. Care must be given in hanging your scarecrow so they do not cause a hazard to pedestrians. They must be hung with the top one foot down from the light fixture and at least one foot up from the receptacle on the base of the lamppost with the arms crossbar at least 6 feet off the ground. Great care must be taken not to damage the lampposts so all scarecrows must be attached with cable ties. A vertical board (either a 2x4 or 1 ½ inch post) with a cross bar for the arms gives the scarecrow stability and an easy way to attach to the lamppost. The frame must not be visible.
4. Since all scarecrows must remain out-of-doors for three weeks, their construction should be durable and all ornamentation securely attached and able to stand up to sun, wind and rain. Carved pumpkins or other living materials that will not last the duration of the exhibition are discouraged. Uncarved pumpkins, corn stalks, gourds and other dried material or artificial flowers are best. Use care when selecting your materials. It is recommended not to place items of value on your display. It is your responsibility to monitor your scarecrow during the three weeks it is on display to assure it is in good condition.
5. Do not use commercial costumes, rubber masks, plastic masks, etc.
6. No items such as tiki torches or any other flammable objects are allowed.
7. Each scarecrow must have a horizontal support of wood for the body (2"x4" post preferred). A broomstick or 1"x2" is recommended for the arms. This "frame" must be concealed inside the scarecrow. This support is needed for stability. **DO NOT MOUNT THEM ONTO A VISIBLE FRAME.** For those mounted in the ground, a metal fence post or rebar should be

used as support with wire, rope or cable ties attaching the scarecrow to this post. It will be the responsibility of the creator of any displays on asphalt/cement to make sure their creations are secure in case of wind.

8. Your exhibit can display more than one figure if needed to interpret your theme.
9. The Pendleton Fall Harvest Festival is not responsible for the security of scarecrows on display. Photos and names will be used for promotional purposes
10. A sign must be attached stating your category, name of scarecrow and name of creator. The Fall Festival committee will provide this sign upon request. There is a place on your application to let us know if we are providing the sign. It will be delivered to you before the installation of your scarecrow and you are responsible for mounting it on your scarecrow.

VOTING AND PRIZES

People will be given an opportunity to vote on their favorite scarecrow by a group, individual, business, artist or church/school. A website for voting will be advertised plus a ballot box will be prominently displayed at the Fall Festival. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. on October 22 at the Fall Festival stage. The five category winners will be given a “winner’s sign”, prize money and bragging rights. (\$500 for artist category & \$100 for remaining categories) Anyone may choose to enter the artist category, but keep in mind your competition may be a lot tougher.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Spray Scotch guard on the inside and outside of clothing to prevent mildew
- Stuffing can be made from many materials, but newspaper and water-soluble peanuts are not recommended. Plastic bags and bubble wrap work well.
- Papier Mache is not a good choice due to exposure to rain
- Use weather resistant materials including nylon and polyester fabrics
- Scarecrows will be outside, so be sure everything is secure
- Google Scarecrow contests or Scarecrow images for ideas – there are communities all across the country having scarecrow displays and photos are on many of the sites
- Use a sack, old pillow case, top of a broom, gourd or other creative material for the head

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD!!!

- Traditional scarecrows with cast-off clothing,
- burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, and corn shucks are easy to construct
- Design a scarecrow depicting your favorite fairytale, storybook, animal or fantasy figure. Use of bright colors and unique material is encouraged
- Open a world of possibilities as you create a scarecrow interpretation of your favorite television character – human or animal
- Create the person, place or thing – past, present or future – that says Pendleton to you
- Think outside the box and make a cutting edge creation with a contemporary theme
- Make your scarecrow a group project – school, church, office, business, club, scout troop, neighborhood

BE SURE TO WATCH FOR A DEMONSTRATION ON HOW TO PUT UP YOUR SCARECROW:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyqF_CrV4og

Scarecrow Contest: <http://pendleton-scarecrow-contest.blogspot.com/>

Fall Festival Information: <http://ohme.hubpages.com/hub/fall-festival>

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Please print clearly. Completed forms may be mailed to Town of Pendleton Scarecrow Entry, 310 Greenville Street, Pendleton 29670 or brought by Town Hall M-F from 9 am – 5 pm. You may fax applications to 864-646-5425 or email to info@townofpendleton.org. Deadline for entry is October 5, at 4 p.m.

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Home/Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Description of entry _____

Signage: All scarecrows must have a sign. Signs for scarecrows on lampposts will be provided by Fall Festival for consistency. All other entries have the option of providing their own sign or having one provided. Signs must have name of entry, sponsoring/creator/group and category. *Please fill out the following section for all lamppost entries and all other entries if you want your sign provided*

FESTIVAL WILL PROVIDE SIGN IF REQUESTED: _____ YES _____ NO

Name of entry to put on sign: _____

Sponsor: _____ Category: _____

Location on private property _____ (Location on Public Property subject to availability)

Lamppost Request (assigned first come/first serve-47 available) _____

Category: _____ business _____ group _____ individual _____ artist _____ church/school

Signature _____

My signature indicates that I understand and agree to all the rules of the Pendleton Fall Harvest Festival Scarecrows Coming to Town and my guarantee to fulfill this commitment. I will not hold the Pendleton Fall Festival, Town of Pendleton, Pendleton Leadership Foundation or their members/employees liable for any damage.

STAFF USE ONLY:

Date application submitted: _____ Time: _____

Staff signature: _____