

SCARECROWS COMING TO TOWN 2017

Pendleton's Fall Harvest Festival is October 14, 2017, and visitors will be welcomed to town with scarecrows greeting them along the entrances into town and mounted on lampposts around the town square making the entire town a festive celebration of Fall. In light of construction that should be going on in the downtown area this fall we have decided to use CONSTRUCTION as the theme of the competition. We hope you will be creative with this theme and have fun making your scarecrows. By using a theme, it will be exciting to see how each person makes that theme come to life – the sky's the limit!!

Every creation will have a sign with the name of the scarecrow and creator. The "People's Choice" award will be given in each of four categories – BUSINESS, SCHOOL, INDIVIDUAL, CHURCH/GROUP. The winners in these categories will each receive \$100, a "People's Choice" sign and bragging rights.

The "MASTERS" category, added last year as "ARTISTS", is different from the other four categories. The winner of this category will be chosen by a panel of qualified judges to receive \$500, a "Category Winner" sign and bragging rights. Special instructions for this category follow the general rules. As the name indicates, this category requires more thought, creativity and efforts. Anyone is eligible to enter their scarecrow in this category but will face stronger competition than the other four categories.

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

1. Scarecrows must be in place no earlier than October 6, 2017, but no later than NOON October 10, 2017. They will remain in place until November 1, 2017. It is the creator's responsibility to remove no later than November 6, 2017, 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. 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 or plastic coated wires. NO METAL WIRES SHALL BE USED DUE TO DAMAGE TO THE LAMPPOSTS.** 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 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 are discouraged. Uncarved pumpkins, corn stalks, gourds and other dried material or artificial flowers are best. Use care when selecting your materials and do not place items of value on your display. It is your responsibility to monitor your scarecrow during the 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.

MASTER'S CATEGORY. Anyone may choose to enter the Master category, but keep in mind that your competition may be a lot tougher. The winner is chosen by a panel of qualified judges based on the use of scarecrow elements and theme interpretation. So you **MUST** have conventional/anticipated elements of a scarecrow in your creation. No commercial outfits or heads can be used. Structures are allowed as part of your entry, but only as a compliment to your entry.

VOTING AND PRIZES

People will be given an opportunity to vote on their favorite scarecrow by category: business, school, individual or church/group. A website for voting will be advertised and open for votes from 5 pm on October 11th until 8 am on October 14th. A ballot box will also be prominently displayed at the Fall Festival to collect votes until 2 pm. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. on October 14 at the Fall Festival stage.

The **MASTER'S CATEGORY** winner will be chosen by a panel of qualified judges and announced with the People's Choice winners at the Festival.

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 – with the theme of **CONSTRUCTION** in mind
- 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: <https://hubpages.com/travel/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 application entry is September 27, 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 _____ church/group _____ individual _____ school _____ MASTER

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 Harvest Festival, Town of Pendleton, Pendleton Leadership Foundation or their members/employees liable for any damage.

STAFF USE ONLY:

Date application submitted: _____ Time: _____

Staff signature: _____