



SCARECROWS IN THE GARDENS REGISTRATION FORM

Use this form to register as a scarecrow designer for our 2023 *Scarecrows in the Gardens* competition. Our 2023 Scarecrows in the Gardens theme is "Scarecrows Imitate Art." For this competition, design your scarecrow based on a famous painting!

Name of Individual or Institution

Contact Name

Address

City

State

Phone

E-mail

Title of Submission

Title of Work Submission is Based On

Name of Artist that created Original Work

(If possible, please attach a picture of the original work too!)

Please drop off this form, along with the \$20 entry fee (waived for schools), at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, or mail it to 5130 Headland Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303. Checks should be payable to DABG.

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TIPS FOR DESIGNING YOUR SCARECROW

- Entry Fee is \$20 per entry (waived for schools.) Entry forms must be received by **September 17th**.
 - **Set up** will be at the Gardens between **9/18 and 9/28 from 9am-5pm. You must have an appointment time to set up your Scarecrow. Please call (334)-793-3224 to make an appointment.** Each scarecrow will be assigned a location and a sign indicating the name and builder of the scarecrow will be provided and installed by the Gardens. Please bring all tools and supplies needed for installation. **All entries must be kept on display until Monday, November 1st. Each entry is responsible for installing, maintaining, and taking down their scarecrow.**
 - You are responsible for removal of your scarecrow from the Gardens if you wish to keep it. Take down will be Monday, **Nov. 1 through Tuesday, Nov. 11.** No appointment time is needed. **Any Scarecrows left in the Garden on November 12 will be disposed of.**
 - Scarecrows must be in good taste. Entries reflecting controversial social or political subject matter or in poor taste for family viewing will not be accepted. Scarecrows must be constructed to withstand weather conditions. The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not meet these standards as determined by the Gardens. **Do not** include any signage, handouts or promotional material with your scarecrow. Please check on your Scarecrow periodically and freshen it up as needed, especially after inclement weather.
 - Dothan Area Botanical Gardens is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries.
 - **The judging will take place September 29.** Judging will be final.
 - Dothan Area Botanical Gardens reserves the right to take and use photographs of the scarecrows.
- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for over a month, so they need to be constructed with weather-resistant materials. Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylons and polyesters, holds up better than cottons. Make sure your scarecrows are designed to stand up to strong winds (October is part of hurricane season, after all!) Make sure everything is very well-attached and refrain incorporating long, stringy things like tinsel into your designs, as it will tangle up quickly and look bad for the rest of the year. Also, make sure attached items don't fall apart in strong wind.
 - Scarecrows may be either freestanding or built around a PVC form. All joints in a PVC form **must** be secured with PVC cement. Unsecured joints will not hold their pose when exposed to weather.
 - You have lots of choices for padding out your scarecrows, but loose newspapers, straw or water-soluble peanuts will not work well. These items can be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing. Duct tape works best for securing bags to the form. Plastic soda bottles or pool noodles make great arms and legs.
 - Pay special attention to the head. This is the first thing visitors will notice. You can use a plastic jug, pot, ball, gourd, pillowcase, or burlap bag (with painted or sewed on face). We don't recommend using pre-made Styrofoam heads, as they almost always look cheaply done or uncanny no matter how much effort you put into them.
 - For hair, you may try a wig, shredded plastic or cloth, yarn, a broom, moss, raffia, or an old mop head. Or you can just use a secured hat or cap.
 - Check out thrift stores for colorful and cheap clothing and accessories. Latex gloves quickly disintegrate outdoors. Cloth and leather hold up much better. Do not use live plant materials or fresh pumpkins in your display—they will quickly rot.