



Scarecrow Contest

Guidelines and Rules



ELIGIBILITY: Our Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups and businesses. Each person, family or group may only enter one time.

CASH PRIZES: \$100 first place, \$60 second place, \$40 third place

ENTRY FEE: FREE! There is NO cost to enter the contest.

ENTRY FORM DUE DATE: Friday, September 30th (We'd like to know how many stakes to plan for and prepare in the ground)
Entry forms may be dropped off in person at Secluded Acres Farm during regular business hours or may be mailed to:
Secluded Acres Farm
1024 Route 47 South
Rio Grande, NJ 08242

CONSTRUCTION: Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind and rain showers. All decorations should be firmly attached to your scarecrow. We recommend a 2 x 4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2 x 4 is recommended for the arms.

We will supply a metal stake already placed into the ground. You will need to bring rope or wire to attach your scarecrow to the post. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition.

All entries must be hand-made. No commercial costumes, rubber masks, plastic masks etc. will be allowed. As part of your display, you are welcome to make a sign with: the name of your entry, and your name, group, or club name- This will help your friends and family find your entry when voting!

Our scarecrow contest is family friendly. Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous or lovable – NOT frightening. Monsters, gruesome, bloody or especially scary entries will be disqualified.

Secluded Acres Farm reserves the right to disqualify entries they feel to be too extreme or not family friendly

SIZE: Scarecrows should be between 4-6 feet tall.

DROP OFF AND SET UP: You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry anytime between 9am and 5pm on Monday, October 3rd thru Friday, October 7th. All entries should be in place by Friday at 5pm.

DURATION: All entries will be on display from Saturday, October 8th thru Saturday, October 29th (for our Fall Festival and Annual Antique Auto Show!)

JUDGING: Visitors to our farm will be voting for their favorite daily. Guests may pick up a ballot from the store's counter. Each scarecrow will be numbered. Guests will write down the number of their favorite scarecrow and place it in the ballot box. Each guest visiting the farm may only vote one time per day. Feel free to encourage friends and family to visit our farm to vote for your entry!

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Winners need not be present to win. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Saturday, October 29th at the conclusion of our antique auto show. If you win an award but are not present, it will be mailed, made payable to the name, and sent to the address on your entry form.

PICK-UP: Entries may be picked up beginning Monday, October 31st thru Saturday, November 5th. Entries not picked up by their owners by Sunday, November 6th will become the property of Secluded Acres Farm.