

# Scarecrow Trail



## Official Entry Form: Please print clearly!

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list name exactly as you want it to read on the plaque:**

Name of Scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_

Scarecrow constructed by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Should you wish to change the plaque after it is ordered, there is a \$5.00 reprinting fee.**

Cost of Scarecrow is \$25 for non-profits, schools and individuals. \$50 for businesses

Payment Method for Entry Fee: Check\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_ Credit\_\_\_\_(list number below)

Mastercard/Visa \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this entry form along with payment by **August 11, 2017** to: **HSVVG, Attn: Special Events, 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35805. Fax # is (256) 830-5314. Phone # (256) 830-4447 ext. 241 or thuron@hsvvg.org for questions.**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be selected by a panel of judges and awarded prizes of \$250 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.**

**Thank you for supporting Scarecrow Trail!!! We could not bring this display to the community without your generous participation!**



Thank you for helping the Huntsville Botanical Garden presents this wonderful fall event to the public. Your support makes this event happen and we are so thankful to you for your interest in Scarecrow Trail. Thousands visit the Garden each fall and many visitors look forward to the Scarecrows each year. Your creativity and hard work makes your 'crow' get noticed and helps advertise your name, along with making our event better.

**Below are the contest rules:**

Entry Fee is **\$25** per scarecrow for individuals, schools, and non-profits. The fee for businesses is **\$50**. **Entry Forms and fees must be received by August 11, 2017.** In order that the metal name plate can be made in time for the SCT opening, please meet the deadline.

- **Six foot tall PVC pipe forms (in the shape of a cross) are provided to build your Scarecrow on.** These pipe forms are left in the Garden parking lot beginning August 1st. You can pick one up at any time, with no appointment, and begin building your 'crow'.
- **Set up will begin 8/14 and run through-8/31 from 9:00-5:00 p.m.** Scarecrows are accepted by appointment only and not all days are available. You must have an appointment time to set up your scarecrow. **Please call ext. 241 to make an appointment.** Each scarecrow will be assigned a location. The six-foot tall PVC pipe form will be placed over a post pre-staked in the Botanical Garden. This makes installation of your scarecrow easier and provides support to hold your crow up. If you prefer, you may make your scarecrow free standing. A sign indicating the name and builder of the scarecrow will be provided and installed by the Garden.
- **Scarecrows should be complete (or nearly finished) by installation day.** Garden staff will assist you in transporting your 'crow to its designated location, but cannot remain with you in the Garden as other appointments will be waiting. You are welcome to stay in the Garden as long as you like to prepare your scarecrow. **Please bring all tools and supplies needed. Scarecrow locations are not decided on until installation day.**
- Scarecrows must be in good taste; those that reflect controversial social or political situations will not be accepted. Scarecrows must be constructed to withstand weather conditions. Huntsville Botanical Garden reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not meet these standards. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with any entry. Additionally, we may remove a scarecrow at any time due to its condition if it does not hold up to weather or other factors.
- Huntsville Botanical Garden is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries. **It is your responsibility to check on your Scarecrow periodically and freshen it as needed - especially after inclement weather.** Your entry represents your family, non-profit, school, or business; thus, you'll want it to look great the whole season. Please assist us in helping us insure that Scarecrow Trail looks great for the whole fall season by checking it periodically.
- **Prizes:** The public will judge their favorite 'crows during the month of September.
- **All entries must be kept on display until Tuesday, October 31.** Please assist us in taking down your Scarecrow. Take down will be on Wednesday and Thursday, November 1 & 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Garden assistance is not provided for takedown and an appointment is not needed. **Please note: Any scarecrow left in the Garden on November 3rd will be thrown away on that day. If special arrangements need to be made please call Tamara Huron at 256-830-4447 ext. 241.**
- Huntsville Botanical Garden reserves the right to use photographs of the scarecrows for future publicity.

Please contact Tamara Huron at HBG Special Events at 256-830-4447 ext. 241 or [thuron@hsvbg.org](mailto:thuron@hsvbg.org) for further information. HBG, 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35805 Fax: 256-830-5314.



## TIPS FOR MAKING SCARECROWS

- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for two months, so they need to be **constructed with weather-resistant materials and scotch guarded**. Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon and polyester hold up better than cotton.
- Scarecrows must be either freestanding or built around the PVC form provided by the Garden. The PVC form is six feet high with two feet wide shoulders. The PVC pipe fits over a stake installed and provided by the Garden. PVC forms can be picked up at the beginning of August in the Garden parking lot.
- Stuffing can be anything, **but newspaper or water-soluble peanuts will not work or hold up to weather**. Plastic bags hold up for months. Newspaper can be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing.
- Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice. For the head options could be an old milk jug, gourd, and pot, wood, ball, pillowcase, or burlap bag (with painted or sewed on face).
- Ideas for hair: yarn, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, or old mop head
- Clothes are usually the easiest part and FREE- or nearly so. Check out thrift stores for colorful, cheap clothing and accessories.
- These 'crows stay out in the Garden so make sure everything is secure. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work well. Clear tape will not hold up to weather, but colored electrical tape works well. Remember the wind will blow anything not secured well and can rip things pinned at corners.
- Remember the details-a glittering pair of high-heeled shoes, for example, will make all the difference.
- Do not use latex gloves, as they quickly disintegrate outdoors. Gloves can be used for hands and stuffed and then covered in electrical tape to help them hold up to weather.
- Spray Scotch guard inside and out of clothes to prevent mildew, and on all items. Paper mache, even with scotch guard will not last the whole two months.
- Larger crows (requiring more ground space than a standard crow on a frame) can usually be accommodated, but please coordinate this with us so that we can plan for the larger space needs. Scarecrows are not placed on grass due to mowing needs.

**Thank you for helping the Huntsville Botanical Garden make Scarecrow Trail a success!  
Be creative, have fun, and make your crow's "story" shine!**