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## HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

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## HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN OPENS SCARECROW TRAIL 2016

September1, 2016 - HUNTSVILLE, AL. Bring the family out to see the Scarecrow Trail September – October, as the sometimes funny, sometimes scary and always exciting Scarecrows once again fill the Garden. Navigate through the sorghum maze, enjoy weekend hayrides and be amazed by unique scarecrows and hay bale art sculptures placed throughout the Garden! All scarecrows were constructed by families, local businesses, schools, non-profit groups and other organizations. The theme for the scarecrows this year is "CROW-mmunity." During the month of September you can help

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us choose the top three Scarecrows. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The popular "Hoot in the Night" show by <u>The Alabama 4-H Center Coosa River Science</u> <u>School</u> will be here on September 23 from 6-7 p.m. For a small additional fee you can see these beautiful creatures and learn about their history and why they are beneficial to our ecosystem. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Schools will be out the week of October 3 – 7 celebrating fall break and the Garden has plans to keep families entertained. Kids will enjoy special fall activities every day (some may have a small additional fee). Monday come see Huntsville Friends of Rabbit, Tuesday is orange t-shirt day. Wearing an orange t-shirt gets you a popcycle, Wednesday you can learn about animals with The Learning Barn petting experience, Thursday you can create a scarecrow craft in the Children's Garden and Friday the Rise Raptor Project will give a presentation about those amazing birds. All the information can be found at www.hsvbg.org

"Bootanica" is back on Saturday October 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The day is full of festive Halloween crafts, games, face painting and hay rides. This event is included in your Garden admission.

Visit <u>www.hsvbg.org</u> for a listing of all the fall season's events! Don't miss the Scarecrow Trail at Huntsville Botanical Garden – where there's always something growing on!

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Huntsville Botanical Garden is open year-round and features the nation's largest openair butterfly house, a picture-perfect aquatic garden, spectacular nature trails, numerous specialty gardens – including an interactive children's garden - and a variety of plant collections. This beautiful 112-acre Garden is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization run by less than 50 employees and over 2,000 active volunteers. With five distinct festivals each year, Beaks and Barks, Huntsville Blooms, the Purdy Butterfly House, Fall Scarecrow Trail and Holiday Galaxy of Lights, you'll soon see why we say *There's Always Something Growing On* at Huntsville Botanical Garden!