

SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY INFORMATION

Scarecrow Contest Logistics

- The scarecrow contest will take place in downtown Los Alamos. Scarecrows will be mounted on assigned light poles in the downtown area.
- The scarecrows will be on display from Saturday, October 24-Saturday, October 31, 2009.
- Judging will take place over the course of the exhibit duration by judges from the Los Alamos Arts Council.
- As the event sponsor, the Los Alamos Arts Council reserves the right to refuse entries. Applicants are encouraged to create positive, creative and nonviolent scarecrows.
- Scarecrow entry sponsors are required to monitor the health and well being of their scarecrow for the duration of the exhibit. Scarecrows that deteriorate beyond reason (as determined by the Los Alamos Arts Council) will be removed.
- Scarecrow entry sponsors are required to remove their scarecrow no later than 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Scarecrow Contest Registration

- Those who wish to submit a scarecrow entry are required to register. Forms may be picked up at the LA Chamber of Commerce office or the LA Arts Council office in Fuller Lodge.
- Bring the assembled scarecrow to the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce office at 109 Central Park Square. Applicants will be received from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 24, 2009. If you (or a representative from your organization) cannot attend registration, please call 661-4616 and make alternative arrangements.
- There is a \$10 fee to enter and register your scarecrow.
- Each applicant will be assigned a designated light pole. Light poles will be assigned by the Los Alamos Arts Council.

Scarecrow Construction

- All scarecrow entries must remain on display outside October 24 through October 31, 2009 and may be subjected to severe wind, snow, and /or rain. Their construction should be durable and all ornamentation securely attached. No perishable goods may be used in the construction or display. The Los Alamos Arts Council reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the natural elements.
- Each scarecrow must have a horizontal support. This support is needed as each scarecrow will be tied to a light post for display.
- Minimum size for scarecrow entries is a height of 4 feet, maximum height 8 feet; and the maximum circumference area 8 feet. The entire structure is considered to be the dimension of the scarecrow, not the dimension of the actual scarecrow within the exhibit. Your exhibit may include more than one figure but no more than four.

Questions: Call Marlane at 663-0477

Keep this page for your reference, return the entry form page to the Chamber of Commerce or the Los Alamos Arts Council

SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Entry Form deadline: October 24, 2009

(Try to turn in entry forms by Oct. 22 this year)

Your Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

There are two categories and three divisions of scarecrow entries:

Category 1: Traditional Harvest Figures: These scarecrows will be typically old-fashioned figures constructed from throwaways from the farm. Clothing, hay stuffing, burlap, farm implements, farm produce (corn husks, vegetables, pumpkins, etc) are but a few ideas of the traditional scarecrow.

Category 2: Contemporary Scarecrows: These scarecrows are inspired by storybook characters, cartoon figures, crazy characters, and out of the ordinary situations. This modern scarecrow may also be made of materials using art methods or electronics of today. Collage, ceramics, metal sculpture, plastics, etc, are examples of components that may be utilized. The composition and utilization are limited only by one's own imagination.

Division 1: Business: Any registered business in the region is eligible and pays a \$10 entry fee.

Division 2: Organization: Any registered charitable group, club, association, or school in the county is eligible. This division is also appropriate for LANL groups or divisions that work together to participate in this event. A \$10 entry fee is required.

Division 3: Family: Any group of individuals (roommates, families, or friends) that work together to create a scarecrow qualifies for this division. A \$10 entry fee is required.

A special category this year is for an entry portraying an historical image to mark the 60th Anniversary of Los Alamos.

Circle on selection that best describes your entry:

Business-Traditional
Business- Contemporary

Organization – Traditional
Organization- Contemporary

Family-Traditional
Family- Contemporary

60th Anniversary scarecrow

Please provide a title or name for your scarecrow design: _____

Please describe your scarecrow design: _____

Please tell us about your organization: _____

Please return the completed form and a check for \$10(made payable to the Los Alamos Arts Council) to: the Los Alamos Arts Council located in Fuller Lodge

Or

The Los Alamos chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center 109 Central Park Square, Los Alamos

Questions? Call 663-0477

How to Make a Scarecrow

The following is a basic pattern for making your own scarecrow, a wonderful way to get outside and enjoy the autumn beauty.

A scarecrow is basically a crossed figure that has been dressed and stuffed to add volume. Feel free to improvise on this basic design, based on what you have on hand. For example, while we suggest strips of lumber, lengths of pipe or sticks will work just as well for the cross. Straw, leaves, wadded up fabric or even computer paper will do for stuffing.

Materials needed:

- Two pieces of 2" x 1" lumber, one longer than the other
- A nail and some twine
- Old nylon stockings or a pillowcase
- Needle and thread or a stapler, straw, or whatever, for stuffing

Attach the two pieces of lumber together to form a cross. For the head, if you are using old stockings, split them, piece them together lengthwise and sew or staple the seams and stuff it in the shape of a head. Similarly, if you are using a pillow case, tie the head loosely at the neck end. Paint a wistful or scary face on with acrylic paint, or permanent marker, or stitch it on with wool or cord or embroidery thread. Slide the head onto the short end of the vertical pole. Then attach the head to the body by tying tightly with twine around the open end.

Pumpkins, twig balls, gourds, latex masks or wooden discs may also be used for heads.

From here, use your creativity. Drape any clothing onto the poles, stuff and tie off at the wrist, ankles and waist. Stuff long strands of yarn under hats or scarves. Tie gloves to the outstretched ends of the crossbar. Then experiment with any silly, pretty or earthy materials you can come up with. Fancy lace to tattered cloth—it's up to you. Pound the scarecrow into the earth with a mallet or hammer and set it out to delight crows and frighten passers by.