



12th ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST

ELIGIBILITY: Our Annual Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, families, clubs, groups & businesses. Each family or group may only enter one time. (Sorry, no politics!)

CATEGORIES:

1. **Family Entries** – Traditional, Whimsical, Fairytale, Humorous, Fantasy, Celebrity, etc. Design a scarecrow depicting your favorite fairytale, storybook, animal or fantasy figure and let your imagination run wild. Use of bright colors or unique materials is encouraged. NOTE: If you use papier-mâché, be sure it is sealed to protect it from the elements.
2. **Adult Groups** – This division is open to adult groups – organized or a group of friends.
3. **Youth Groups** – This division is open to children under age 14. An adult may assist younger children, but the majority of the work must be completed by children.
4. **Business** – Businesses may display an advertisement sign with their name and logo not to exceed 11 x 17 inches. A special post on West Street will be assigned for a prime advertising spot. A suggested donation of \$50 is requested and a rail on the new fence on Peterson Road will have a plaque with their name on it. NOTE: A limited amount of width to sidewalk. Please do not go on the sidewalk. Police take note.
5. **Traditional (any age, individual or group, or business)** – “Most Likely to Scare a Crow” Typical Farm & Garden Scarecrows made from cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shocks, raffia, straw, etc. An entry can qualify in two categories!

Blue Ribbons and award certificates will be given to the winner of each category on Oct. 22nd. Winners will be notified ahead of time and award ceremony appointment will be made and filmed.

ENTRY FEE: FREE! There is NO cost to enter the contest. A suggested \$50 tax deductible donation towards a rail purchase is requested for business entries.

ENTRY DUE DATE: Sign up early! Sign-up will take place until all fence posts are assigned. You will be assigned the number on a post on Peterson Road. (PLEASE - no nails into the FENCE!)

Mail entry forms to:

Scarecrow Contest
Strong Family Farm
274 West Street
Vernon, CT 06066

OR



Email or scan a picture of the filled out form or your name and all information – category(s), address, phone number and email address to info@strongfarm.org. If you do not get a confirmation email within 3 days, email info@strongfarm.org to check to make sure we received it.

CONSTRUCTION: (PLEASE respect our new fence posts and rails – no nails or damaging attachments.)

Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind and very likely rain showers. Use care in choosing your materials. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow and then to the post. We recommend a 2 x 4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2 x 4 is recommended for the arms. You will need to bring rope or wire to attach your scarecrow to the post. **NO SHARP EDGES or OBJECTS, PLEASE.** The use of real pumpkins is discouraged, as they might not last the month of October. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition. West Street is limited in the width to the sidewalk. Please don't go into the sidewalk – police take notice.

We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed. All entries must be hand-made. No electronics may be used in this old-fashioned traditional scarecrow contest.

As part of your display, be sure to make a sign with the name of your entry, and your name, group, or service club name. (This will help your friends and family find your entry.) No advertising or political statements are allowed on regular entries. Business category may have advertising.

The scarecrow contest exhibit area is family friendly. Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable - **NOT frightening. Monsters, gruesome, bloody or especially scary entries will be disqualified and will be taken down if a complaint is filed. Also, no political campaigns or subjects.)**

Strong Family Farm reserves the right to disqualify and take down entries they feel to be distasteful or not family friendly.

SIZE: The minimum size is 4 feet tall. The maximum height is 7 feet. Scarecrows and props must fit in a 6 x 6 foot area on Peterson Rd. and 3 x 6 feet on West St. **DO NOT PUT ANYTHING ON THE SIDEWALK ON WEST ST. (Police take notice.) This is a narrow area but you can expand to the side or behind the fence.**

SET UP: You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry any time during the daylight on Saturday, September 23rd to Sunday, October 3rd. All entries must be in place by dark on Sunday the 3rd to be judged. We welcome other scarecrows after that, but they will not qualify for judging.

DURATION: All entries will be on display to the public through the month of October. (In case of inclement weather, entries may be removed early or taken down and brought back.)

JUDGING: The judging will be done by a diverse group of community members.

WINNERS: Winning entries will be announced at the Harvest Festival on Oct. 22nd. Ribbons will be placed on the winning scarecrows and will remain on display to allow the public a chance to view your hard work and the contest results. Community Voice Channel will be present to film!



PICK-UP: PLEASE pick up entries from Saturday, October 28th through Sunday, Nov. 5th during daylight hours. After this time, we will bug you and any entries remaining will become property of the Strong Family Farm and disposed of accordingly, **but help us out by taking them home!**



STRONG FAMILY FARM
12th Annual October Scarecrow Contest
Entry Form

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: (best) _____

Entrant:

Family Entry (Family Name): _____

Youth Group (Group Name): _____

Adult Group (Group Name): _____

Business (Business Name): _____

Traditional (Entry Name): _____

Mail to: Scarecrow Contest, Strong Family Farm, 274 West St., Vernon, CT 06066

OR take a photo or scan of this form and email to info@strongfarm.org.

If you don't hear from us by the week before about your post number, please reach out to us!

Thank you and good luck!!!