

## **SCARECROW CONTEST 2020**

October 1 – November 28



### **Participation Packet**

Thank you for participating in our seasonal scarecrow contest! We are excited about this annual display and very excited to be working with you. The following information should answer most of your questions, but please don't hesitate to contact us if you need additional information.

#### **Important dates\*:**

Frames ready for pick up at Visitor Center beginning on Wednesday, July 29.

Free Virtual Scarecrow Building Seminar: Saturday, September 12 at 10 am. Details will be posted on the website by September 8 and emailed to those who pre-register.

Signage Form due at Lichterman by Friday, September 25, 2020. Form included in packet ... or email creator/group name & scarecrow title to [andy.williams@memphistn.gov](mailto:andy.williams@memphistn.gov). See page 3.

Set-up Days\* will be

- Friday, September 25
- Saturday, September 26
- Tuesday, September 29
- Wednesday, September 30

Participant is responsible for set-up in designated location. Please bring anything you will need to complete your set-up. The Nature Center will not be able to provide tools, equipment, or assistance with set-up.

Scarecrows judged and displays open to public Thursday, October 1. Voting for "Most Popular" continues until 4 pm on September 30.

Scarecrows come down after November 28. Please note: Lichterman Nature Center staff will remove and dispose of all Scarecrows. If you wish to save your scarecrow, arrangements will need to be made at the time of installation.

**\* SET UP TIMES:** + Phase I: by prior appointment. <https://backtobusiness.memphistn.gov/>  
+ Phases II & III: 11 am until 3 pm Tuesday through Thursday; 11 am until 4 pm Friday & Saturday ... or by prior appointment.  
+ Lichterman Nature Center is closed evenings and Sundays

## **Information and Rules:**

1. Scarecrows will be installed outside along the sidewalks and trails in locations selected by Nature Center staff. Lichterman will provide and install signage listing Scarecrow title and group (or individual if only one person is participating) name. The signage form (or information via email) is due back to Lichterman by Friday, September 25.
2. Prize categories will be announced September 8.
3. The signage form will also ask for your Scarecrow's theme. Please keep in mind that this is a family friendly exhibition. Scarecrows in poor taste, reflecting controversial social or political situations, or containing overly commercial or promotional subject matter will not be accepted. No handouts, promotional materials, or giveaways can be associated with any entry.
4. Lichterman will provide participants with framework to construct their Scarecrow. Framework will consist of a six foot tall cross made of PVC with a shoulder width of two feet. This will be placed over a post to provide support. Lichterman Staff will determine the location for each Scarecrow and will place the post in the garden prior to the delivery the Scarecrow.
5. Lichterman is not responsible for any loss or damage to the entries.
6. Lichterman reserves the right to use photographs and names of the Scarecrows for promotion.
7. The Nature Center reserves the right to remove any Scarecrow at any time for any reason.
8. The Nature Center will remove any Scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during display, including having parts pulled off by visitors. Please make your entries as weather-proof and as indestructible as possible! Lichterman is not responsible for loss or damage to Scarecrows.

## **Scarecrow construction hints:**

- Spray Scotchgard on the inside and outside of clothing to avoid mildew.
- Stuffing can be made of any materials, but newspaper and water-soluble peanuts generally do not work. Plastic bags and bubble wrap work as does newspaper stuffed inside plastic bags.
- Use weather resistant materials. Nylon and polyester fabrics hold up better and fade less than cotton.
- Ideas for head and hair: stuffed pillowcase, gourds, yarn, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, milk jug, pot, wood, balls and mops.
- Scarecrows stay outside, so make sure everything is secure. Sewing works best, but large safety pins or staples will work as well.
- Do not use latex gloves – they quickly disintegrate outdoors.

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### Signage Form

Due to Lichterman Nature Center by noon on  
Friday, September 25, 2020.

Please write clearly!

<b>Group Name*</b>	<i>Example: Shady Grove Garden Club</i>
<b>Scarecrow Title*</b>	<i>Example: Abra-Crow-Dabra</i>

\* Space permitting, signage will use the exact text that appears here. Signage will only be able to include group name due to space limitations. Individuals participating will be able to use their name instead of a group name.

Please send information above to: [andy.williams@memphistn.gov](mailto:andy.williams@memphistn.gov)

or

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