DESIGN IDEAS

- Create an entry that celebrates favorite garden pastimes, the harvest season, the outdoors, the Arboretum, or anything fall and festive. The sky is the limit!
- Scarecrows must be constructed of natural materials. Please, no plastic on exposed areas of scarecrow. Using plastic for stuffing, etc is acceptable.
- Have Fun use your Imagination!

- Entries will be subject to Minnesota weather for two months and viewed by thousands of visitors. Make scarecrow construction as weatherproof and indestructible as possible.
- Make them big! Guests are impressed with large towering structures.
- Facial expressions are often the first thing viewers notice.
- Stuffing bags or newspaper inside plastic bags works well.
- For hair and head, use gourds, yarn, a broom, corn, raffia, old mops, pot, burlap, or pillowcase.

Disclaimer: The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum cannot be held responsible for submissions that are damaged, lost, or stolen. Entries must be suitable for viewing by children. Entries reflecting controversial political or social subject matter, in poor taste for family viewing, or overly commercial or promotional in nature will not be displayed. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum reserves the right to reject any entry that does not meet the listed qualifications and to remove any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level, including abuse by visitors. A sign, created by the Arboretum will acknowledge the entity that create the scarecrow. No additional handouts, promotional materials, or free giveaways can be associated with any entry unless approved by Arboretum staff. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum reserves the right to use photographs of exhibits and entrant information for promotional purposes.
The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum invites entries for “Scarecrows in the Gardens,” the fourth juried exhibition of original and naturally crafted scarecrows that capture the wondrous flavors of the Minnesota harvest season. This year’s theme focuses on the wonders of nature. We are asking that all scarecrows are made with materials found in nature. The use of plastic, etc. is approved for stuffing, etc., but exterior should be natural, dried or fresh materials that will weather well.

**ENTRY & AWARD CATEGORIES**

Anyone can enter, including local businesses, Arboretum members, volunteers, visitors, individuals and families, corporate teams, and teams of all ages. Six free Arboretum guest passes will be awarded for each entry.

- **Design Professionals**: Individuals and businesses receiving payment for design services.
- **Organizations**: Clubs, societies, businesses, community and non-profit organizations.
- **Individuals and Families**: Includes all ages.

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**SCHEDULE**

- **Friday, September 6**: Application deadline. (For deadline extension email lsypnies@umn.edu)
- **September 6 - 17**: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Deliver entries to Margot Picnic Shelters.
- **Saturday, September 21 - November 3**: “Scarecrows in the Gardens” exhibition.
- **Thursday, October 31**: 2 p.m. – Winners announced, Oswald Visitor Center.
- **Sunday, November 3**: Final day of “Scarecrows on Parade” exhibition.

**DELIVERY**

Fully assembled scarecrows must be brought to the Arboretum’s Margot Picnic Shelter area between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Arboretum staff will install and determine the placement of all entries. All scarecrows must have a weatherproof label attached with the entrant’s name, title of scarecrow, and entry category.

**INSTALLATION**

The Arboretum will provide a steel fence post, approximately 4 feet above ground and 3 feet below. We suggest your scarecrow be built so it can be securely wired or roped to the post. Alternatively, build your scarecrow with a central PVC pipe support that slides down the supporting fence post. Scarecrows may also be free-standing or sitting.

**APPLICATION FORM**

I/we understand that the entry becomes the sole property of the Arboretum upon submission, and will be recycled upon completion of the exhibition. I/we plan to submit one entry to “Scarecrows in the Gardens,” a juried exhibit, and agree to comply with the published conditions and requirements. One entry only per application. Proceeds benefit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

**CATEGORY** (check one):  
- [ ] Individual/Family  
- [ ] Design Professional  
- [ ] Organization

**CONTACT NAME**

ADDRESS ________________________________

CITY ________________________________

STATE/ZIP ________________________________

PHONE ________________________________

EMAIL ________________________________

**DESIGNER/DESIGN TEAM** (required for exhibit signage)

**TITLE OF SCARECROW** (required for exhibit signage)

**DESCRIPTION** (materials, size, etc. – 25 words max)

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