

# SCARECROW STROLL DESIGN CONTEST 2022



**What:** Scarecrow Design Contest

**When:** The Scarecrow Stroll is October 1 through October 31, 2022

Set-up is Tuesday, Sept 27 through Thursday, Sept 29, 2022. You must have an appointment to set up your scarecrow. Set-up date will be scheduled when entry forms are received. The entrant is responsible for transportation of the scarecrow to and from Idaho Botanical Garden.

Removal takes place beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1 and ends Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 am – 5 pm. No removals prior to Monday, October 31. No appointment time is needed.

**Please note: scarecrows left in the Garden after Saturday, November 5, will be disposed of without a proper service or reading of last rites. History has taught us that scarecrows do not enjoy dumpsters.**

**Who:** Local artists, businesses, individuals, non-profits, classes, daycares, community groups - literally anyone can submit a scarecrow to celebrate the harvest season. Each entrant is responsible for the installation, maintenance, and removal of their scarecrow.

**Where:** Idaho Botanical Garden - 2355 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise. We are nestled at the base of the Boise Foothills. Scarecrows truly enjoy places that are nestled.

**Fees:** None, it's free to enter the contest!

**Fine Print:** Each scarecrow will be assigned a location and number. Each scarecrow should be free standing. Please limit your scarecrow and props to a 3' x 3' area. Additional space may be provided by special request; an additional scarecrow entry fee may apply.

A sign indicating the name and builder of the scarecrow will be provided and installed by the Garden. One scarecrow sign will be made per entry.

**Scarecrows that reflect controversial social or political situations will not be accepted.** Scarecrows must be constructed to withstand weather conditions and sprinklers. The Idaho Botanical Garden reserves the right to remove or refuse any scarecrow that does not meet these standards. Handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways are not permitted. Scarecrows don't enjoy that kind of stuff. Corporate branding, such as a t-shirt logo or branded hat are allowed. Scarecrows love repping brands.

Idaho Botanical Garden is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries. Idaho Botanical Garden reserves the right to use photographs of the scarecrows for future publicity. If your scarecrow escapes, it's not on us...you know how haunted this place is.

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**Contest:** Each person enjoying the Scarecrow Stroll throughout October may vote for their favorite – the winner for 2022 will earn the coveted “Ray Bolger Memorial Award for Scarecrow Excellence” and receive a Botanical Garden Prize!

**Send Entry Form and fee to: Idaho Botanical Garden, 2355 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise ID 83712 or Email to [events@idahobotanicalgarden.org](mailto:events@idahobotanicalgarden.org)**

**Please Print Clearly:**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title of Scarecrow \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of scarecrow design

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***Entry forms are due Friday September 9, 2022***

**I have read the rules and know that I need to schedule a set-up appointment sometime between September 27-29 by calling (208) 275-8617 prior to that week. I also know that I need to remove the Scarecrow on November 1 -5, 2022.**

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## TIPS FOR MAKING SCARECROWS

- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for seven weeks and need to be constructed with weather-resistant material. Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylons and polyester, hold up better than cottons. Spray Scotchgard™ on the inside and outside of clothes to prevent mildew.
- Scarecrows must be either freestanding or build around a PVC frame. A recommended PVC (Min 1" PVC recommended) frame is six feet high with shoulders that are two feet wide. The PVC pipe fits over a stake installed and provided by the Garden. Don't limit your design based on the frame.
- Stuffing can be anything, but newspaper or water-soluble peanuts alone will not work. These materials would need to be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing.
- Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice. Use an old milk jug, pot, wood, basketball, soccer ball, pillowcase or burlap bag (with a painted or sewed on face).
- Ideas for hair and head: gourds, yarn, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, or old mop head.
- Clothes are usually the easiest part and FREE – or nearly so. Check thrift stores or the back of your closet for colorful and cheap clothing and accessories.
- These scarecrows will be out in the Garden in a variety of weather conditions so make sure everything is secure. Most scarecrows will get wet due to weather or sprinklers. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work well. Cardboard will not withstand the weather.
- Remember the details – a glittering pair of high-heeled shoes, for example, may make all the difference.