

# 2009 GALLATIN COUNTY PUMPKIN FESTIVAL SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address if different than mailing address:

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Children \_\_\_\_\_ Your age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Your age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Your scarecrows name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scarecrow contest entry info:

- The scarecrow contest is open to any resident of Gallatin County. One scarecrow entry per person. There can be multiple entries from one household; each entrant must fill out a completed entry form. There will be three divisions: Children: Ages 12 and under, Youth: Ages 18 and under, and Adults: 19 and over.
- Applicants are encouraged to design scarecrows that are positive, creative and non-violent.
- The scarecrow contest judging will take place at the Fall Pumpkin Festival at the waterfront park on Saturday, October 10, 2009.
- Scarecrows must be completed and displayed no later than October 7, 2009. The committee will drive to your address and take a photograph of each scarecrow on display. Please have a sign of some sort with the scarecrows name placed at the feet of the scarecrow so it can be identified in the photograph.
- Scarecrow photographs will be displayed for the public to view on October 10, and will be separated by division. Ballots will be available from 3-7 pm, for People's Choice awards.
- Top three People's choice scarecrows in each division will be awarded a ribbon and a prize (prizes to be announced).



Please return the completed form no later than  
October 2, 2009 to:  
2009 Gallatin County Scarecrow Contest  
P.O. Box 805  
Warsaw, KY 41095-0805  
Or fax to: 859-567-5432

For more information, please call  
Tricia Houston at 859-643-3276,  
or Rosie Allen at 859-567-5481

## 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 disks 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 or 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 enchant passers by.