



7th Annual 2023 Scarecrow Contest in Historic Downtown Cedartown

The Downtown Cedartown Association is sponsoring the 5th annual "Scarecrow Contest" for the fall season. We invite and encourage all businesses, schools, churches, non-profit organizations, individuals/families to be part of the event.

This contest is a great way to: decorate our downtown area for the fall season, have fun by personalizing your own unique scarecrow and a way to win some extra money. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner with Downtown Dollars in the increments of \$175, \$150 and \$100. The scarecrows will be judged by out of town individuals from another main street program.

For schools, churches, non-profit organizations, individual/families or businesses. A location will be assigned to you by the Downtown Cedartown Association after you have completed the registration form and submitted it. **Scarecrows are to be placed between Monday, September 25th and Friday, October 6th and are to remain on display until Monday, November 6th, 2023.**

As part of your scarecrow display, a sign with the name of your business, group, school/class, church, organization, or individual/family is required. Your sign can be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches. No advertising or political statements are allowed.

Materials for Scarecrow: The materials used for the scarecrow must be durable and able to withstand the sun, wind and rain. Nylon & polyester fabric hold up best with the least amount of fading. Any cloth material can be sprayed with scotch guard inside and out to prevent mildew. All ornamentation should be securely attached. We recommend a 2 x 4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2 x 4 is recommended for the arms.

Listed are suggestive materials to create and decorate a scarecrow: pvc pipe, empty paint cans, hats/bonnets, foam pumpkins, gourds, burlap, buckets, balls, pants, pots, yarn, overalls, umbrellas, stuffed pillow cases, shirts, flowers, shredded plastic, coat hangers, hay/wheat straw, milk jugs, corn stalks, etc.

Upkeep: Creators are responsible for keeping their scarecrow in good viewing and photograph condition from set-up until take-down day. We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed.

Time frame: **Each entry must submit a completed registration form BEFORE the scarecrow can be displayed.** Scarecrows are to be placed between Monday, September 25th and Friday, October 6th and are to remain on display until Monday, November 6th, 2023.

2023 Scarecrow Contest Entry Form

Entry Name _____

Contact _____

Location of scarecrow _____ *To be assigned

Entry contact email address _____

Entry contact phone number _____

Rules and Guidelines:

- All scarecrows must have an application on file
- Scarecrows cannot block sidewalks or extend into the street
- Any sign used must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches
- Scarecrows must be maintained throughout the display time period
- Never use wire to attach any scarecrow to poles, posts, trees, etc. Use rope or plastic zip-ties
- Scarecrows cannot be attached to traffic control signs and/or sign posts (ex. stop signs, yield signs, etc.)
- **Scarecrows are to be placed between Monday, September 25th and Friday, October 6th and are to remain on display until Monday, November 6th, 2023.**
- The scarecrow contest is family friendly. Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable - NOT frightening. Monsters, gruesome, bloody or scary entries will be removed.

Neither the Downtown Cedartown Association nor City of Cedartown will be held responsible for any injuries related to the 2023 Downtown Scarecrow Contest. It is understood that Downtown Cedartown Association and City of Cedartown may use photographs of, stories about and the actual scarecrow entries themselves, as well as, all information contained on this Entry Form for publicity and promotion of the event. All entries must conform to the Downtown Cedartown Association rules and guidelines. The Downtown Cedartown Association reserves the right to deny exhibition privileges to any entry considered to be offensive.

Complete the entire form and return to: The Welcome Center located at 609 South Main Street or email form to rruark@downtowncedartown.com or fax to 770-7495346 by September 26, 2022

_____ Date _____ Entry Contact Signature

For questions or more information, call 770-748-2090.