

## *Scarecrow Stroll Guidelines & Entry Rules*

### **Tips for Making Scarecrows**

- ☛ Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for close to a week, so they need to be constructed with weather-resistant materials or clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon and polyester which may hold up better than cotton.
- ☛ Stuffing can be anything, but newspaper or water-soluble peanuts will not work or hold up to weather. Plastic bags hold up for months. Newspaper can be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing.
- ☛ There should be no loose items on the scarecrow. Secure all items by sewing, nailing, or using waterproof adhesive. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work well. Clear tape may not hold up to weather, but colored electrical tape or duct tape will work well. The wind will blow anything not secured well and can rip things pinned at corners.
- ☛ There should be no loose accessories placed near or around your scarecrow. Everything must be attached to your scarecrow or frame.
- ☛ Avoid using food or other substances that may attract wildlife.
- ☛ Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice. For the head, options could be an old milk jug, gourd, pot, wood, ball, pillowcase, or burlap bag (with painted or sewn on face). Be creative!
- ☛ Ideas for hair: yarn, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, or old mop head.
- ☛ Clothes: check out thrift stores for colorful, cheap clothing and accessories.
- ☛ Remember the details: a glittering pair of high-heeled shoes, for example, will help your scarecrow stand out.
- ☛ Do not use latex gloves, as they quickly disintegrate outdoors. Hands made from stuffed gloves covered with electrical tape are better for withstanding weather.
- ☛ You can spray Scotch-guard fabric protector inside and out of clothes and other items to prevent mildew. Papier-mâché, even with Scotch-guard may not last the whole week.