


28TH ANNUAL **OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2017**
PUBLICK HOUSE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Scarecrow Decorating Contest

SCARECROW REGISTRATION & SET-UP:

Set-up begins Friday, September 22 through Friday, September 29, 2017.

The scarecrows will be displayed on the front lawn of the Publick House. Upon arrival, please check in at the front lodging desk to register your scarecrow. Unload your supplies and then move your vehicles to the rear of Sadie Green's before setting up your scarecrow. We anticipate 50 scarecrows this year, so registration and set-up is available on a first come first serve basis.

VOTING & BALLOTS: Scarecrow entries are on display from Saturday, October 7th through Saturday, October 14th. Visitors view & vote for their favorite scarecrow in each category and overall best! Ballots are available at the Publick House Bake Shoppe, and at Sadie Green's, located next to the Publick House.

PRIZES: Winners in each category and overall best will be announced on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 PM, entrants or a representative must be present.



SCARECROW DECORATING RULES

1. Individuals or groups are eligible to enter in one of the following categories:
 - **Youth** (ages 15 & under, no help from adults please)
 - **Adults** (ages 16 & older), includes Artists and Families
 - **Groups**, includes scout troops, classrooms, neighbors, friends, etc.
 - **Business**, may incorporate subtle use of company name
2. Each scarecrow must be prepared to sit or stand on its own props. No props will be provided. Stakes may be driven, however grounds must be left as before scarecrows arrived. Do not drive nails into trees.
3. Rubber, plastic or store bought masks are not allowed.
4. Participants are not allowed to enter a Scarecrow that was entered in a previous year.
5. Each entry must be constructed to withstand all weather conditions. Scarecrows must be firmly packed. If fresh vegetables are used, replace as necessary.
6. Give your scarecrow a name. Create a small weather proof sign, no larger than 11"x17" with your scarecrow's name on it to display next to your scarecrow.
7. Creators are responsible for keeping their scarecrow in good viewing and picture taking condition from set-up until award day. Scarecrows must be checked each week and more often if weather is bad. Any scarecrow deemed "ruined" by our staff will be removed in 24 hours.
8. When designing your scarecrow, please keep in mind that this is a family event. Please no political, religious or excessively violent scarecrows. The Publick House reserves the right not to accept any scarecrow that is deemed to be inappropriate.
9. **BREAKDOWN and removal of your scarecrow is to be done by Friday, October 27, 2017**

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