



2024 Scarecrow Contest

The Downtown Cedartown Association is sponsoring the 8th 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 and have fun by personalizing your own unique scarecrow.

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner with Downtown Dollars in the amounts of \$175, \$150 and \$100. The scarecrows will be judged by individuals from a neighboring Main Street program.

The location of your scarecrow will be assigned to you by the Downtown Cedartown Association when you turn in the form. **Scarecrows are to be placed between Monday, September 30th and Monday, October 7th and are to remain on display through Monday, November 4th, 2024.**

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 and 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 2x4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2x2 is recommended for the arms.

Materials can include: 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.

Timeframe: Each entry must submit a completed registration form **before** the scarecrow can be displayed. Scarecrows are to be placed between Monday, September 30th and Monday October, 7th and will remain on display until Monday, November 4th.

2024 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 and be able to withstand varying weather conditions.
- 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 signposts (ex. stop signs, yield signs, etc.)
- Scarecrows are to be displayed beginning Monday, September 30th through Monday, October 7th and **are to remain on display through Monday, November 4th, 2024.**
- 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 or losses related to the Downtown Scarecrow Contest. It is understood that Downtown Cedartown Association and the 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 by October 7th, 2024

Entry Contact Signature

Date

**For questions or more information, call 770-748-2090
or email at rruark@downtowncedartown.com**