



Town of Cromwell's 1st Annual Scarecrow Contest

ELIGIBILITY: Our First Annual Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups & businesses. Each person, family or group may only enter one time.

CATEGORIES:

1. Traditional – Most Likely to Scare a Crow. Typical Farm & Garden Scarecrows made from cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shocks, raffia, straw, etc.
2. Non-Traditional – Whimsical, Fairytale, Humorous, Fantasy, Celebrity, etc. Design a scarecrow depicting your favorite fairytale, storybook, animal or fantasy figure and let your imagination run wild. Use of bright colors or unique materials is encouraged.
3. Youth – This division is open to children under age 14. An adult may assist younger children, but the majority of the work must be completed by a child (children). Groups of children may collaborate and enter together as one entry. Scarecrows may be either Traditional or Non-Traditional in design (see above).

** (Businesses entering may display an advertisement sign with their name and logo not to exceed 11 x 17 inches.)

ENTRY FEE: FREE! There is NO cost to enter the contest.

ENTRY DUE DATE – Friday, October 5th. Entry forms should be mailed or dropped off to:
Cromwell Senior Center, 41 West Street, Cromwell CT, 06416 or emailed to asaada@cromwellct.com

DISPLAY: Scarecrows will be displayed in the Main Lobby of the Town Hall and will be on display from October 9th through October 30th. (scarecrows may be picked up on October 31st).

CONSTRUCTION: All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow. We will provide hay bales to insert your scarecrow if your scarecrow is not able to stand on its own. If you choose to bring fresh vegetables or fruits (like pumpkins) they must be whole and not punctured or carved, to ensure they last through the duration of the contest. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition. We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed. All entries must be hand-made. Electricity will NOT be provided. As part of your display, be sure to make a sign with: the name of your entry, and your name, group, or service club name. (This will help your friends and family find your entry when voting.) Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No advertising or political statements are allowed (Note: business category may have advertising).



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SIZE: The minimum size is 4 feet tall. The maximum height is 7 feet. Max width is 4 feet wide.

DROP OFF & SET UP: You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday October 5th or on Tuesday October 9th between 8:30am and 4:00pm . All scarecrows must be in place by Wednesday October 10th by 9:00am.

DURATION: All entries will be on display to the public from Wednesday October 10th through Saturday October 30th .

JUDGING: Visitors to the Town Hall will be voting daily to decide which scarecrow is the best. Guests may pick up a ballot at any town department's main office. Each scarecrow will be numbered. Guests will write down the number of their favorite scarecrow and place it in the ballot box which will be located in the Lobby of the Town Hall. Each person may only vote one time per day. Feel free to encourage friends and family to come out to vote for your entry.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Winners need not be present to win. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 6:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018 at our Senior Dinner/Halloween Party. If you are not present and win an award, you will be notified by phone on October 31st. Prizes are gift baskets and gift cards that have been donated from local businesses to support the event.

PICK-UP: Entries may be picked up on Wednesday October 31st, 8:30am-4:00pm.

Questions, please contact the Cromwell Senior Center at (860) 632-3447.

ENTRY FORM:

Name of Scarecrow: _____

Category: Traditional Non Traditional Youth

Family Name/Group _____

Business/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 5th.