



# Warrens Cranberry Festival, Inc.

## 2024 Scarecrow Contest

This is an excellent project for individuals, schools, daycares, youth & scout groups.

Scarecrow designs can be traditional, one that might watch over your garden, or be creative and design an unusual scarecrow. Use your imagination!

**Your scarecrow must be attached to a wooden stake or something that can be securely placed into the ground for displaying purposes.** Scarecrows should be assembled and constructed to withstand the weather and natural elements to qualify for judging.

**To enter:** Please submit a written description of your entry on the form below. The contest committee reserves the right to not accept any scarecrow which they feel may be offensive to the general public. Please call the Festival Office at 608-378-4200 if you have any questions.

Please bring your scarecrow to the Festival Office, 402 Pine Street, Warrens, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the week of September 16-20, 2024. They will be placed outside within the Village of Warrens. **Please do not drop them off without filling out an entry form.** All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m., September 20, 2024 to qualify.

Scarecrows may be picked up October 1 - 4. Please come to the Festival Office and we will direct you to your scarecrow. Any scarecrows not picked up by October 4, 2024, will be disposed of. Contest Committee and judges are responsible for all decisions. All decisions are final.

**Prizes:** Ribbons will be awarded. **Best of Show receives \$50.00, 1st receives \$30, 2nd receives \$20 cash prize,** sponsored by the Warrens Cranberry Festival.

**SUBMIT ENTRY TO:** Warrens Cranberry Festival, 402 Pine Street, Warrens, WI 54666

*The purpose of the Warrens Cranberry Festival shall be to promote the common good and general welfare of the community of Warrens, including holding an annual community festival and raising funds to be used exclusively for civic betterments and social improvements in the Warrens community.*



**ENTRY FORM: Please submit your scarecrow with the entry form or fill one out at the Festival Office. Thank you & please print.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone w/area code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Category** (please circle one):                      **Most Unique**                      **Traditional**

**Scarecrow Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\* By entering this contest, the entrant grants permission for the Festival to use his/her name, voice, photograph and/or other likeness for advertising and/or publicity without compensation.



# How to Build a Scarecrow

*Easy instructions to help you create your very own scarecrow!*

Traditionally, scarecrows were set up in gardens and fields to keep unwanted birds, particularly crows, away from the crops. Now people are making scarecrows for their annual autumn decorations. Warrens Cranberry Festival invites you to become part of our fall tradition by entering our Scarecrow Contest. This is a great project for groups, or you can do it on your own.

Homemade scarecrows can be quite eye-catching. The Festival has seen everything from traditional scarecrows to unique scarecrows, including an alien, football player, pirate, knight, and a zombie! Use your imagination and create one that fits your personality. Choose a theme - it's up to you!

**Supplies for your scarecrow (These are just suggestions. Feel free to be creative!)**

*Long-sleeved shirt*

*Old pair of socks or boots*

*Straw hat*

*Safety pins*

*Newspapers or straw for stuffing*

*Old pair of pants or jeans*

*Gardening gloves*

*Plenty of baling twine or string*

*A pillowcase or pumpkin for the head*

*Pencil, paint, buttons and markers*

To assemble your scarecrow, firmly tie the ends of the pants and sleeves on the shirt and stuff them with your choice of stuffing. Stuff the socks and gloves and tie on the ends. Fasten the socks (or boots) and gloves to the pants and shirt on the inside with safety pins (or bent paper clips.) Tuck the shirt into the pants.

If you're using a pumpkin for the head, it's best to carve it into a jack-o-lantern to take off some of the weight. It will take some wire to fasten it. A pillowcase works better and is far easier to attach to the body. Use a pencil and draw on the face. Follow up with the paint, markers or buttons to give it facial features. Then stuff the pillowcase and fasten it to the body with safety pins. Top off your scarecrow with a hat. A straw hat gives it a classic look. Fasten the hat firmly so it doesn't blow off on windy days.

Attach your scarecrow to a wooden stake or something that can be securely placed into the ground for displaying purposes. If you'd like to pick up your scarecrow after the Festival, please contact the office at 608-378-4200, ext. 102, or email [office@cranfest.com](mailto:office@cranfest.com). Good Luck and Have Fun!

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## Examples of past scarecrows

