



PUMPKIN FEST

Sunday October 13, 2024 at Shirley Center - 4pm to 9pm

Scarecrow Contest



Eligibility:

Open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups & schools.
Scarecrows may be either traditional or non-traditional.

Groups such as families, school classes or organizations are invited to participate.
All Entries will be judged on the following categories:

Adult: High school & all ages above

Youth ONE: Pre K to 4th grade

Youth TWO: 5th to 8th grade

Family:

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Online payment and registration link:

<https://www.shirleymeetinghouse.org/shirley-pumpkin-fest>

Deadline to enter: Tuesday, October 1st, 2024

Drop Off – your finished Scarecrow at the Center Town Hall
Saturday October 5th between 10AM and Noon

Entries will be judged by a panel of well-known town personalities!

**Community Event
Everyone Welcome!**



Shirley Pumpkin Fest

Design Guidelines & Limitations

- Is YOUR Scarecrow “Most likely to scare a crow or make it laugh”? Create your own Traditional or Non-Traditional Garden scarecrows hand made from cast-off clothing, burlap, sacks, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shucks, straw, etc.
- When designing your scarecrow please keep in mind this is a family friendly, all-ages event. No Gruesome, bloody, political, violent or non-family-oriented entries allowed. Shirley Pumpkin Fest reserves the right to reject any scarecrows deemed inappropriate or commercially purchased and does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any of the displays.
- To keep judging impartial, no signs or names may be on the display to identify an individual, family or group who created the scarecrow. Each Scarecrow will be assigned a number for the judging.
- All Scarecrows will be displayed outside for approximately two weeks and must be durable enough to withstand Fall weather conditions for this period of time. You are encouraged to visit your scarecrow for any maintenance needed during this time.

Construction Guidelines & Limitations

- **The minimum height for a scarecrow is 4’, the maximum is 6’. Maximum width is 3’.**
- **A 1” diameter dowel or broom stick for the central body post is recommended. (post must fit within 1.5” PVC display mount provided on site).**
- All accessories are to be securely attached. Entries deemed unstable, unsecured, or inappropriate for a family event will be removed.
- Open Flames are not permitted.
- Electricity will not be provided.
- All entries must be handmade by the entrant(s). No commercial costumes will be allowed.

SCARECROW CONTEST SCHEDULE

Drop Off – Scarecrows will be dropped off Saturday October 5th between 10AM and Noon at the Center Town Hall.

Judging will take place between 5 – 6 pm at Pumpkinfest. Judges will vote for the top three entries based on creativity, attention to detail, quality of work, and degree of difficulty. Contest Awards presented at 7PM at The Center Town Hall Entrance

Removal - Scarecrows must be removed on Saturday, Oct 19th by 6 PM. Scarecrows remaining after 6 pm on 10/19 will be discarded unless other arrangements have been made.