

## FLEMINGTON-RARITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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### Scarecrow Contest

In remembrance of Hunterdon County's agricultural past and in conjunction with Hunterdon County's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a scarecrow building and display competition will occur on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> between 2:30-5 pm. A scarecrow may be created in one of the following categories: **a.** Celebrity Scarecrow, **b.** Scary Scarecrow or **c.** Traditional Scarecrow. Participation is open to school age children (1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Due to limited placement sites, it is recommended that teams be formed of 1-3 individuals or teams represent a class or club. An adult must register on the form as the overall coordinator. All communication about the event will be sent to the coordinator via e-mail. Coordinators will be responsible for the overall placement of the scarecrow, maintenance and supervision of the participants.

Pre-registration is required due to limited display locations and the registration cost will be \$10 per team/individual/club. Registration may be found at: <http://flemingtonraritanparks.org/>. After registration, an acceptance e-mail will be sent to the coordinator. After confirmation, the participants should begin planning their scarecrow. (See directions and hints below the registration form)

One week prior to the event, approximately September 7<sup>th</sup>, an e-mail will be sent to the coordinator identifying:

- Scarecrow placement location and location number. Participants should visit their assigned site to evaluate any additional materials that might be needed prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>. Sites will be assigned randomly. A map of scarecrow locations will be published on the Parks and Recreation website after September 14<sup>th</sup> to be used during the voting period.
- A scarecrow assembly location will be identified, which will be near Main St. in Flemington, on September 14<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 – 5:00 pm. Generic materials (straw, rope, burlap, ...) for scarecrows will be available; however, participants must provide additional materials to build their scarecrow. Participants will assemble their scarecrows and the coordinators will place the scarecrows in the assigned location by the deadline. (Scarecrows may be pre-assembled; however, scarecrows must be placed at the assigned location on September 14<sup>th</sup> by 5pm)
- Identification of scarecrow voting period, voting locations in town, and online voting site will be identified in the e-mail.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the voting period by category and the winners will listed on the Flemington Raritan Parks and Recreation website, as well as pictures of the scarecrows.
- During the display period, participants should visit their scarecrow on a bi-weekly basis to make sure their scarecrow is securely fastened and that it has not lost its head, arms... *If a scarecrow becomes deteriorated, it may be removed without notification to the participants.* No materials will be returned to the participants.
- Scarecrows will remain displayed until the end of the fall season. A removal date will be identified in this e-mail. If the scarecrow is not removed by the removal date, the scarecrow will be removed and no materials will be returned to the participants.

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**Scarecrow Category (Celebrity, Scary, Traditional):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Individual/Team Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator(Adult) Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator(Adult) Email:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator(Adult) Phone Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**You agree that you are willing to have your scarecrow displayed at a identified location?**

Yes  No (Answer of 'No', eliminates you from contest voting)

**You understand the rules/recommendations of this contest?**

Yes  No

**You agree to maintaining your scarecrow during the voting/display period?**

Yes  No

**\$10 registration fee has been included or made on-line?**

Yes  No

**For the Coordinator, would you be willing to assist the day of the event in helping other teams assemble and place their scarecrows?**

Yes  No

**Please describe your scarecrow's theme:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

- Scarecrows may be removed and disposed of if they are deemed inappropriate, deteriorated or dangerous.
  - If a scarecrow is taken down, no materials will be returned to the participants.
- Supplies will be provided to support the development of the scarecrows; however, participants are required to provide materials to create their scarecrow.
- The Coordinator is responsible for placement of the scarecrow, its removal and supervision of the participants
- Participants should consider durability, safety, assigned location and ease of maintenance when designing their scarecrow.
- No refunds will be given once registration has been accepted.
- All communication about the event will be done via e-mail and the Flemington-Raritan Parks and Recreation website.

**Additional support provided by Flemington BID, Hunterdon County 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Hunterdon County Board of Elected Freeholders, Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation**

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## Recommended Supply List

- 1 Stake up to 6 ft. long (Body of scarecrow)
- 1 Stake up to 4 ft. long (arms of scarecrow)
- 1 small board to support midsection
- 1 Stake up to 3 ft. long (waist of scarecrow)
- Old Clothes (Hat, Shirt, Pants)
- Tights, Burlap bag (Head)
- Rope to tie at waist, arms, feet, head and to help secure scarecrow
- Safety pins to secure hat, head and clothing...
- Straw, plastic bags to be used as stuffing

## Create Scarecrow Description

- On 1 page of 8.5 X 11 white paper type:
  - Scarecrow Name/and location Number Size 16 Calibri Font
  - Scarecrow Category Size 14 Calibri Font
  - Creator Name (Individual, Team, Club, Class) Size 14 Calibri Font
  - Description of scarecrow
  - Back paper with cardboard or construction paper
  - Cover description with plastic
  - Create holes in cardboard to allow easy fastening to scarecrow

## Creating Frame using rope or screws

- Secure arms stake to body stake, approximately 6 – 8 inches from top
- Secure waist stake to body stake about halfway down the body stake
- Secure midsection board to body stake between the two cross section stakes

## Make a head

- Using burlap bag or 1 leg of tight, create ball of straw or other packing material.
- Secure the bottom of bag/tight with rope.
- Decorate the face
- Secure the head to the top of the frame

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**Making the body**

- Dress the scarecrow by putting the shirt on the arm cross bar and pants on lower cross par
- Stuff the scarecrow with straw, plastic bags
- Leave some straw hanging out of arms and legs
- Tie end points to prevent straw from leaking.
- Secure waist to body post
- Secure hat to head, placing straw underneath hat
- Fasten laminated scarecrow description securely to body or post