

Flamingo Gardens' 11th Annual Great Scarecrow Contest 2020

CATEGORIES:

Youth: Individuals under 15 years of age or under, or a Group comprised of individuals 15 or under.

Adult: Individuals 16 years and older individuals, or a Group including at least one or more adults 16 years of age and older.

THEMES:

Use your imagination to select a theme for your scarecrow. Whether you choose a traditional, contemporary, or humorous approach, is up to you. Your scarecrow can be whimsical, frightening, funny or sad. Extremely Scary and Frightening Scarecrows will be placed in the West Arboretum, while all others will be placed in the East Arboretum to maintain a "Child-friendly" section.

ENTRY FEE: None. **This contest is free and open to the public.** Each Entry will be given two passes to Flamingo Gardens to enjoy the Gardens and view their scarecrow.

AWARDS AND PRIZES:

One entry will be awarded the "Best of Show" as voted by the judging committee and receive \$100 in cash and prizes. One additional entry will be selected by visitors to the gardens on October 3 & 4 during the Harvest Festival opening weekend and awarded a "People's Choice" award of \$100 in cash and prizes. The judging committee will also select one winner for First Place award ribbons (\$75) for each of the following categories: Funniest, Most Creative, Best Use of Recycled Materials, and Most Artistic. In addition, one scarecrow from each group (youth, youth group, adult, and adult group) to win First Place ribbons (\$25). Judge's Recognition ribbons will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the judging committee. A total of \$600 in cash and prizes will be awarded.

JUDGING/AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT:

Judging by the committee will take place on Friday, October 2, 2020, in the Flamingo Gardens Arboretum after the entry deadline of 4pm. Winners selected by the judges will be announced at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 3, 2020. People's Choice winner will be selected by the public between 9:30am and 4:30 pm on Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4, 2020 and announced on the website after all votes are tallied. All winners will be notified via email and posted online at www.flamingogardens.org/events. Winners will be notified via email for prize pickup.

LOCATION:

Flamingo Gardens is located at 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330. Scarecrows will be displayed along the walkways in the East & West Arboretums inside the gardens.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES:

Entrants are responsible for bringing and installing their fully assembled scarecrows to Flamingo Gardens on **Wednesday, September 30, 2020, through Friday, October 2, 2020, between the hours of 10am – 4pm. Scarecrows must be set up and ready by Friday, October 2, 2020, no later than 5pm, in order to be included in judging.** Scarecrows may be dropped off prior to these dates with advanced notice and instructions on how to set them up so Flamingo Gardens staff may display them. Flamingo Gardens personnel and volunteers will be on hand to assist entrants in locating designated position sites and help supervise installation. Please contact Cori at the email below for any questions.

PICK UP OF ENTRIES:

All entries must remain in the gardens from October 2 through Wednesday, October 28, 2020. A reminder email will be sent with instructions prior to the pick up deadline. All entries may be picked up during the hours of 10 am - 4 pm beginning on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Please email Cori one day prior to pick up for an appointment. All scarecrows must be picked up no later than 4:00pm Sunday, November 8, 2020. All entries left after November 8, 2020 become the property of Flamingo Gardens and may be reused or disposed.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No advertising, political or religious statements will be allowed.
- Youth entries must be made by children 15 years old or younger. Parents may assist in placing the scarecrow in the display area; however, in fairness to all contestants, any last minute assembly or touch-ups by adults will disqualify the entry from the youth category.

- All entries are subject to the limitations of space availability as well as the standards of display set by Flamingo Gardens management.

SCARECROW SPECIFICATIONS

ARMATURE:

A wood or metal re-bar post will be placed in the ground for attaching the scarecrow. There is approximately 4 to 6 feet of post upon which the scarecrow must be attached. Scarecrows taller than 6 feet must be able to stand on their own above the 6 feet mark. The builder of the scarecrow must provide a method for attaching the scarecrow, whether string, rope, twist or zip ties, duct tape, etc. All parts must be attached securely and be able to withstand being in outdoor conditions including rain, sprinklers, and wind.

SIZE LIMITATIONS:

Minimum Height: 4 feet

Maximum Height and Width: 8 feet

The entire structure of the exhibit is considered to be the dimension of the scarecrow entry – not the dimension of the actual scarecrow. Your exhibit may include more than one figure, but should not require more than one re-bar post for installation.

MATERIALS:

As all scarecrow entries must remain out-of-doors from set-up date until the end of the exhibit, a total of 4 weekends, it is recommended that they be built with materials that can withstand being outside in the elements. Scarecrows may be subject to severe wind and/or rain, their construction should be durable and all ornamentation securely attached. Carved pumpkins or other living or vegetative materials that will not last the duration of the exhibition are not allowed. Please refrain from using paper goods and biodegradable items that will breakdown. Damaged entries may be removed from display at the discretion of Flamingo Gardens. Flamingo Gardens will make every effort to maintain the integrity of all scarecrows but will not be held liable for any damages sustained during the exhibition. Any scarecrow that is in disrepair before the end of the exhibit will be removed from the exhibition at the discretion of Flamingo Gardens staff.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING:

In fairness to all scarecrow entries, contestants are not allowed to solicit votes during the People's Choice judging on October 3 & 4, 2020. This includes bowls of candy, toys and other give-aways to voters, these items will be removed from the scarecrow areas. One ballot per guest will be given out during the voting times. Any contestant that is found to be "ballot stuffing" will be disqualified from the contest.

KINETIC ENTRIES:

As no electricity is available for kinetic scarecrows, you must provide your own silent (no power generators, please) power source, i.e.: batteries, solar power units or wind currents may be utilized for the movement or other effects.

Registration forms must be filled out completely and presented upon delivery of scarecrow. Please fill out the registration form below.

MORE INFORMATION/ QUESTIONS:

Contact Cori Glick, Special Events Coordinator at (954) 473-2955 x125 or email: events@flamingogardens.org

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PRE-REGISTRATION AND OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Neither Flamingo Gardens or associates nor their agents will be held responsible for any injury or damage associated with the 2020 Flamingo Gardens' Great Scarecrow Contest.

It is understood that Flamingo Gardens and its agents 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.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE SOLE PROPERTY OF FLAMINGO GARDENS. Flamingo Gardens will make every attempt to protect and preserve all entries, however, neither Flamingo Gardens, it's associates, nor their agents, will be held responsible or liable for any damage or vandalism to any entry. All entries must conform to Flamingo Gardens' standards. Flamingo Gardens reserves the right to deny exhibition privileges to any entry they determine to be offensive in regard to race, sex, religion or any other matter.

Please fill out the entire form and bring with your scarecrow upon drop off. Drop off between 10am – 4pm beginning Wednesday, September 30, 2020 through Friday, October 2, 2020. Drop off at the Guest Services desk located in the Gift Shop.

Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Road
Davie, FL 33330

Attn: Events department

Please check-in at the Guest Services Desk in the Gift Shop located in the entry courtyard. There will be volunteers and staff on hand to assist with placement of the scarecrows.

Check one:

Youth individual entry _____ (age _____) OR Group Youth Entry _____ (# of entrants in group _____)

Adult individual entry _____ OR Group Adult Entry _____ (# of entrants in group _____)

Name (Individual or Group Leader) _____

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Day (_____) _____

Night (_____) _____

Name or Title of Scarecrow:

Overall Size: _____ tall X _____ wide (Minimum 4ft tall, Maximum 8 ft tall x 8 ft wide)

I agree to leave my scarecrow exhibit on display through Wednesday, October 28, 2020 and will be the responsible party to remove the display before November 8, 2020. I understand Flamingo Gardens, their Associates and their agents can not be held responsible for, or liable for, any damage or vandalism to the scarecrow exhibit, or injury associated with its installation and assembly.

(Signature required) Date

(Parent/ Guardian signature required for youth under age 18) Date

(Print Parent/ Guardian name)