



LOS ALAMOS
MAIN STREET



SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Entry Form Deadline: October 19th, 2019 – 1:00 pm

Your Name / Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Circle one selection that best describes your entry: (Definitions below)

Business/Organization- Traditional

Family-Traditional

Business/Organization- Contemporary

Family- Contemporary

There are two categories and two divisions of scarecrow entries:

Categories

- **Traditional Harvest Figures:** These scarecrows will be typically old-fashioned figures constructed from throwaways from the farm. Clothing, hay stuffing, burlap, farm implements, farm produce (corn husks, vegetables, pumpkins, etc.) are but a few ideas of the traditional scarecrow.
- **Contemporary Scarecrows:** These scarecrows are inspired by storybook characters, cartoon figures, crazy characters, and out of the ordinary situations. This modern scarecrow may also be made of materials using art methods or electronics of today. Collage, ceramics, metal sculpture, plastics, etc. are examples of components that may be utilized. The composition and utilization are limited only by one's own imagination.

Divisions

- **Business:** Any registered business in the region is eligible.
- **Organization:** Any registered charitable group, club, association, or school in the county is eligible. This division is also appropriate for LANL groups or divisions that work together to participate in this event.
- **Family:** Any group of individuals (roommates, families, or friends) that work together to create a scarecrow qualifies for this division.

Please provide a title or name for your scarecrow design: _____

Please describe your scarecrow design: _____

Please tell us about your organization/family: _____

We are looking at **new** and **unique** entries to the Scarecrow Contest. Only Scarecrows that haven't been seen before will be eligible for prizes

Please return the completed entry form and cash or a check for \$20.00 (made payable to **LOS ALAMOS ARTS COUNCIL**) to:
Los Alamos Arts Council, Fuller Lodge, Room 201 between October 1st and October 18th

OR: The Fuller Lodge Art Center Gallery, 2132 Central Ave, Los Alamos on Saturday, October 19th, when you bring your scarecrow for pole assignment. Please note that those registered in advance will receive priority placement. Others will be accepted into the contest based on remaining availability.

Payment Date: _____ Payment Type: _____ Received by: _____



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SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY INFORMATION

Scarecrow Contest Logistics

- The scarecrow contest will take place in downtown Los Alamos. Scarecrows will be mounted on assigned light poles in the MainStreet and Creative District area.
- The scarecrows will be on display from Saturday, October 19th through Friday, November 1st, 2019.
- Judging will take place on Saturday, October 26th. Beginning at 1 pm, Official Judges will be walking through the Scarecrow display. Members of the community can vote for their favorite from Saturday, October 19th through 3 pm Saturday, October 26th at CB Fox Department Store, Fuller Lodge Art Center, or Los Alamos Visitors Center. Just prior to the 6 p.m. Pumpkin Glow on Oct. 26, winners will be announced in 5 categories: Business/Organization Traditional, Business/Organization Contemporary, Family Traditional, Family Contemporary, and Fan Favorite. Winners will receive \$75 in Chamber checks, usable at dozens of local businesses in town.
- As the event sponsor, the Los Alamos Arts Council reserves the right to refuse entries. Participants are encouraged to create positive, creative, and non-violent scarecrows.
- Scarecrow Contest Participants are required to monitor the health and well-being of their scarecrow for the duration of the exhibit. Scarecrows that deteriorate beyond reason (as determined by the Los Alamos Arts Council) will be removed. Please take the time before October 26th to check your Scarecrow, so it is in the best possible shape for the judging.
- Scarecrow entry sponsors are required to remove their scarecrow no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Scarecrow Contest Registration

- Those who wish to participate in the Scarecrow Contest must submit an Entry Form. Forms may be picked up at the Los Alamos MainStreet and Creative District Office at 190 Central Park Square (part of the LACDC/Chamber office suite near Navarro) or the Los Alamos Arts Council office in Fuller Lodge, Rm. 201, or on the Los Alamos Arts Council website: www.losalamosartscouncil.org.
- Bring the assembled scarecrow to the Fuller Lodge Art Center, 2132 Central Ave, Los Alamos on Saturday, October 19th. Entries will be received from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. If you (or a representative from your organization) cannot be present with your scarecrow, please call 663-0477 and make alternative arrangements. Scarecrows **CANNOT** be left at the Los Alamos MainStreet and Creative District Office, the Los Alamos Arts Council Office, or the Fuller Lodge Art Center at any time.
- There is a \$20.00 fee to enter and register your scarecrow. Payment is made by cash or check to **LOS ALAMOS ARTS COUNCIL** or **LAAC**. Payment is made on at the **Los Alamos Arts Council Office** between October 1st and October 18th, or on October 19th when you bring your scarecrow to the Fuller Lodge Art Center for Pole assignment.
- Each participant will be assigned a designated light pole. Light poles will be assigned by the Los Alamos Arts Council.

Scarecrow Construction

- All scarecrow entries must remain on display outside October 19th through November 1st, 2019 and may be subjected to **sun, severe wind, snow, and /or rain**. Their construction should be **durable** and all ornamentation securely attached. No perishable goods may be used in the construction or display. The Los Alamos Arts Council reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the natural elements.
- Each scarecrow must have a horizontal support. This support is needed as each scarecrow will be tied to a light post for display. **Please bring materials to attach your scarecrow to the pole.**
- Minimum size for scarecrow entries is a height of 4 feet, maximum height 8 feet; and the maximum circumference area 8 feet. The entire structure is considered to be the dimension of the scarecrow, not the dimension of the actual scarecrow within the exhibit. Your exhibit may include more than one figure but no more than four.



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How to Make a Scarecrow

The following is a basic pattern for making your own scarecrow, a wonderful way to get outside and enjoy the autumn beauty.

A scarecrow is basically a crossed figure that has been dressed and stuffed to add volume. Feel free to improvise on this basic design, based on what you have on hand. For example, while we suggest strips of lumber, lengths of pipe or sticks will work just as well for the cross. Straw, leaves, wadded up fabric or even computer paper will do for stuffing.

Materials needed:

- Two pieces of 2" x 1" lumber, one longer than the other
- A nail and some twine
- Old nylon stockings or a pillowcase
- Needle and thread or a stapler, straw, or whatever, for stuffing

Attach the two pieces of lumber together to form a cross. For the head, if you are using old stockings, split them, piece them together lengthwise and sew or staple the seams and stuff it in the shape of a head. Similarly, if you are using a pillowcase, tie the head loosely at the neck end. Paint a wistful or scary face on with acrylic paint, or permanent marker, or stitch it on with wool or cord or embroidery thread. Slide the head onto the short end of the vertical pole. Then attach the head to the body by tying tightly with twine around the open end.

Pumpkins, twig balls, gourds, latex masks or wooden discs may also be used for heads.

From here, use your creativity. Drape any clothing onto the poles, stuff and tie off at the wrist, ankles, and waist. Stuff long strands of yarn under hats or scarves. Tie gloves to the outstretched ends of the crossbar. Then experiment with any silly, pretty or earthy materials you can come up with. Fancy lace to tattered cloth—it's up to you. Set it out to delight crows and frighten passers-by.

It is not recommended to use papier mâché for parts of the scarecrow. Unless a sealant is used, the possibility of rain/snow during the fall months will cause the papier mâché to degrade quickly. Even with a sealant, papier mâché does not last with constant exposure to water.