



Warrens Cranberry Festival

2010 SCARECROW CONTEST

This is an excellent project for school groups and other organizations, including youth groups and scout groups.

Categories:

Most unique: The most unusual or original Scarecrow. Use your imagination!

Traditional: Design a traditional American Scarecrow that might watch over your garden.

Your Scarecrow must be weather resistant In order to qualify for display and judging. Scarecrows should be assembled and constructed to withstand the weather and natural elements.

To enter: Please submit a written description of your entry on the back of the entry form below. The contest chair and committee reserve the right to not accept any Scarecrow which they feel may be offensive to the general public.

Please bring your scarecrow to the Cranberry Festival Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., the week of September 7th—10th, 2010. They will be placed on light poles throughout the village of Warrens. **Please do not drop them off without filling out an entry form.**

Scarecrows may be picked up any time after the festival is over. Come to the office, and we will direct you to your Scarecrow. If you have not picked up your Scarecrow by Monday, September 27, 2010, it will be disposed of as the committee sees fit.

Judges and Committee are responsible for all decisions. *All decisions are final.*

Prizes: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each category. A best of show plaque will also be awarded to the Best Overall Scarecrow.

MAIL ENTRY TO:

The Warrens Cranberry Festival
PO Box 146
Warrens, WI 54666

Please call the festival office at 608-378-4200 with any questions.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Category (please circle one): Most Unique Traditional



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 crop. 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. Instructions are easy!

Homemade scarecrows can be quite eye-catching. Cranfest has had everything from traditional scarecrows to crazy scarecrows, such as last year's alien scarecrow. Use your imagination and come up with a scarecrow that fits your personality. Choose a theme, or go for a more traditional look. It's completely up to you!

Supplies for Your Homemade Scarecrow (These are just suggestions. Feel free to be creative!)

- Long-sleeved shirt
- Old pair of pants or jeans
- Old pair of socks or boots
- Gardening gloves
- Straw hat
- Plenty of baling twine or string
- Safety pins
- A pillowcase or pumpkin for the head
- Fiberfill, newspapers, rags, or straw for stuffing
- Pencil, paint, buttons and markers for face.

Assembly

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 him 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.

Bring your finished scarecrow to the Cranfest office, and we'll place it on one of our poles throughout the village for Cranfest. If you'd like to pick up your scarecrow after the event, please contact the office at 608-378-4200 or office@cranfest.com.