



McMinnville Downtown Association 3RD ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST

Timeline:

Monday, Oct. 12th: entries must be installed and remain through Sunday, Nov. 1st

Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 13th–15th: Judging

Friday, Oct. 16th: Prizes awarded

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd: Entries may be removed



Theme:

Be creative! Use your imagination! Depict a favorite fairytale, animal, fantasy figure, movie or television character or historic person. Your entry can be traditional,

humorous or contemporary. Remember that this is a community celebration. The goal is to generate good will and a festive atmosphere. No political, religious, off-color or profane displays will be allowed.

Entry Fee:

\$20 non-refundable, due with application. Deadline is *Friday, Oct. 9, 2015*. Make checks payable to MDA.

Prizes (awarded in downtown gift certificates):

First Prize: **\$125**

Second Prize: **\$100**

Third Prize: **\$75**



Construction Guidelines:

Armature: Scarecrows will be attached to lampposts. The builder of the scarecrow must provide a method of attaching the entry. The preferred method is zip ties, but twine or rope are accepted. Scarecrows must NOT be adhered with tape, screws, wires or anything that can damage the lamppost. We encourage you to place hay bales, corn stalks, etc. around the base of the scarecrow for added appeal.

Size Limitations: Maximum height: 8 feet; Maximum width: 4 feet. The entire structure is considered to be the dimension of the entry, not just the scarecrow. Scarecrows must not obstruct view or impede pedestrian or vehicle traffic, but keep in mind you'll want the scarecrow visible from the street.

Materials: Please construct your scarecrow for durability. It needs to withstand wind and rain. Some suggestions of lasting materials are chicken wire, straw, corn husks and stalks and rubber foam. You may want to consider these tips, as well:

- Spray Scotchguard® on the inside and outside of fabrics to prevent mildew
- Stuffing can be made from plastic bags or bubble wrap, for example. Newspaper and water-soluble peanuts are not advised. Use weather resistant materials including nylon and polyester fabrics.
- Please include a plaque or sign that lists a title, description and name of the artist.

Kinetic Entries: No electricity is available for kinetic scarecrows.

Disclaimers: The McMinnville Downtown Association and its agents may use photographs of and stories about the scarecrow as well as information contained in this entry form for publicity and promotion of the event. Do not put anything of value or importance on the scarecrow. All parts must be securely fastened. The McMinnville Downtown Association assumes no responsibility for the scarecrow or its pieces.

:: Questions? Call Rebecca at 503-472-3605 or email rebecca@downtownmcminnville.com ::



McMinnville Downtown Association 2015 Scarecrow Contest

Please complete the entire form and return with the \$20 entry fee by *Friday, Oct. 9, 2015* to:

**McMinnville Downtown Association
105 NE Third Street
McMinnville OR 97128**

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Title of Entry: _____

I/We agree to install my/our scarecrow by Monday, Oct. 12th and leave it up through Sunday, Nov. 1st. All remnants of the installation must be removed by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

Once we receive your contest entry, you will be assigned a specific lamppost for your scarecrow.

Signature (required) **Date**

Signature of Parent or Guardian (for youth under 18 yrs of age) **Date**

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Application and entry fee received on _____ by _____

Location of assigned lamppost _____