



Scarecrows at the Downtown Fair

Join in the fun
ABCD's Third Scarecrow Contest.

Sat., Sept. 26, 2009

Must register to enter contest

Dozens of Scarecrows will be on display
at the Downtown Fair.

Entry Fee is \$20.00 to everyone - incl.
instructions, scarecrow frame & harness

Categories: Business
Clubs/Organizations
Residents

- Great Prizes for 1st & 2nd Place
Best in Show Award
- Business category winner will
receive a membership for one
year with ABCD.
- Winners will be announced at
the Downtown Fair

Everyone is welcome to participate.
Prizes will be awarded to
(1) individuals / residents,
(2) an organization or
(3) a business

Entry forms available at
Hometown Variety & Framing,
First National Bank of Absecon or
down load from the ABCD Website
at www.abseconbusiness.com

For more information contact
Vonnie 703-7689

Entry deadline: Fri. Sept.19th

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Put you thinking hats on and you could be one of our winners.
Great Prizes to be Won.

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Applicant categories are business, organization and individuals.

You can pick up your application at Home Town Variety, First
National Bank of Absecon or
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at www.abseconbusiness.com

Kits are being distributed at Home Town Variety.

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Thank you for entering ABCD's Scarecrow contest.

Enclosed please find your scarecrow kit which includes:

1. One Scarecrow Frame (harness will be received at Fair);
2. Information sheet on contest rules; and
3. A suggestion sheet on "How to build your scarecrow".

It is important you read all printed materials before starting your project to ensure your scarecrow meets all ABCD qualifications in order to win prizes.

Please be sure to meet in front of Hometown Variety & Framing (Previously Ben Franklin) to receive your assigned location and judging number. Committee members will be there to assist you at 8:00 AM. Your entry **MUST** be up in place no later than 9:00 AM on Saturday Morning.

Winners will be announced at 1:00 PM at the center stage on New Jersey Avenue.

Prizes will be mailed within two weeks after the Contest directly to the address that you have on the application form.

Good luck, have fun, and ABCD thanks you for your participation.
Your creations are the "heart & soul" of the Downtown Fair!

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Building Mr. Scarecrow

This is ONLY a guide for those that just do not know where to start in making the scarecrow. Please be sure to pick up your scarecrow prior to November 3rd and feel free to place your scarecrow for all to see at your home or business. A home-made scarecrow will look great in your garden and it might even keep the birds away or on display for the Fall season. Please be creative and have fun with this project.

Below is a basic guide to making a scarecrow:

(NOTE:– only those scarecrows utilizing our frames will be eligible for the prizes.)

Materials:

1 X 3 8 ft. pc. of lumber (cut into 5" and 3' pcs)	Christmas tree stand (optional)
4 nails	Hammer
Pair of overalls	Lg. flannel shirt or old clothes
An old pair of tights	Hay, raffia, straw or plastic trash bags
Lg. plastic jack o'lantern	Bandana
Straw hat	String

STEPS:.

1. The 5 ft pc of lumber will serve as the body of the scarecrow and the 3 ft. pc will become the arms. Start by making a cross by nailing the two pieces together with the four nails. This is the frame for your scarecrow.
You will receive a scarecrow frame for this project with your registration
2. You are now ready to make the head. Cut on leg from the tights and fill with straw, plastic bags, etc. Push in firmly to the end and make it into a ball shape. Tie a piece of string around the tights to stop the filling from falling out. Now tie the ball shape to the top of the frame.
3. You can now dress your scarecrow by placing your choice of clothing on the top crossbar and the trousers on the small bar.
4. Push straw, bags, etc., inside the clothes to fill them out and continue to decorate your scarecrow.
5. Your scarecrow is not ready for putting in the garden to scare away the birds!

Good luck with this project...see you at the Fair!



Important Information & Contest Rules

1. Registration Fee \$20.00 (cash or check to the order of ABCD). Fee includes: (Scarecrow harness & kit, designated pole assignment on NJ Avenue (and possibly Shore Road), instructions and guide on how to make a scarecrow.)
2. Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories; Business, clubs/organizations and individuals/families.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Scarecrows are to be made of materials that will withstand the outside elements ie; plastic bags, straw, etc.
4. Scarecrows are to be attached to poles with Scarecrow harness and should not be larger than the scarecrow kit frame.
5. **SET UP:** Check in with ABCD Scarecrow Committee to receive your assigned pole and Voting No. (in parking lot across from Hometown Variety). All entries must be assigned a location & have your voting no. in clear view for judges to see.
6. All scarecrows are to be in place no later than 9:00 AM on Saturday morning 9/26. (Committee will be avail at 8:00 AM to direct you).
7. No items such as Tiki torches or gas powered generators are allowed.
8. Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand the weather. Scarecrows will not be accepted that reflect bad taste in controversial, social, religious or political situations. We reserve the right to remove any scarecrow that does not meet these standards.
9. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with a scarecrow entry. However, Businesses may display their company name somewhere on their entry. ABCD also reserves the right to change your selected category should your scarecrow not meet the criteria of that chosen category.
10. ABCD is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries at any time before, during or after the fair dates. Please note if scarecrow shows wear or breaks down, ABCD has the right to remove and discard and/or request you to remove or discard.
11. A panel of Judges will decide winners. Judges will not know who made the scarecrow, they will only identify your scarecrow by the chosen name you give it to insure no favoritism.
12. Winners will be announced at 1 PM at the center stage on New Jersey Avenue. Prizes will be mailed.
13. Winners and photos will be posted on the ABCD Website at www.abseconbusiness.com and in area newspapers.
14. Thank You for entering the contest...your creations are the "heart & soul" of the Downtown Fair.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

Take Down: All entries will stay in place for all to view from the date of the Downtown Fair to the first weekend in November. **It is your responsibility to remove your scarecrow before November 3rd!** If your scarecrow does not withstand the weather and becomes shabby ABCD will request you to remove the scarecrow prior to that date.

Thank you for joining the fun and helping to make the Fair a success!

Scarecrow Contest Entry Form



Please neatly print all information

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

() Resident /Individual () Business: _____

() Organization: _____

Category: _____

Name of Scarecrow: _____

IMPORTANT:

For voting purposes, please give a NAME to your entry on this application.

By signing this Entry Form, I hereby agree to the Contest Rules as outlined. I also hereby release and hold harmless ABCD, its employees, officers and agents from any and all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest creations, participants, their employees and/or agents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian must sign if participant is a minor)

Make Check out to: ABCD and mail form and check to:
Vonnie Clark, ABCD Vice President RE: Scarecrow
516 S. Shore Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201, or
drop off at Hometown Variety and Framing Store,

Any questions contact: Vonnie 703-7689.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

() Received scarecrow package ASSIGNED VOTING NO. -----
() Pole Assignment: _____
() Received () check No. _____ () cash