



How to Enter the Scarecrow Contest for **SCARECROWS IN THE GARDENS**

OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

We invite you to create a one-of-a kind scarecrow to display in Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park. Scarecrows will be on display from October 1 to November 1. Contest Winners will be announced on October 20th on the Maclay Gardens web site: <http://www.friendsofmaclaygardens.com/>. On line application forms and photos of last year's scarecrows are also available at on the web site.

Contact Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Check one: Adult: Student (K-12)/Non-Profit: Business/Professional:

Name of Scarecrow Exhibit: _____

Brief Description (Use back of paper and include a sketch if needed):

Entry Fee Due at Registration (no later than September 22): \$15.00 for Students (K-12)/Non-Profit; \$25 for Adults; \$75 for Business/Professional, for one or two scarecrows per exhibit.

Liability Waiver and Indemnification Agreement

In consideration for the display of my scarecrow, I agree that no responsibility is assumed by the Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park, the Friends of Maclay Gardens, Inc., and the State of Florida for any loss, theft, or damage to my property. I agree to release and hold harmless the foregoing entities, their staffs, directors, officers,

agents, and the public, from any and all liability, cost, or expense arising out of the display of my scarecrow.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park, the Friends of Maclay Gardens, Inc., and the State of Florida, their staffs, directors, officers, agents, and the public, from any and all loss, damage, liability, cost, or expense that they may incur or suffer as a result of any claim of any kind whatsoever arising out of the display of my scarecrow.

Signature _____ Date _____



Staff Use Only: Appointment date & time for set-up: _____

Location: _____

Mail completed entries to: SCARECROW ENTRY c/o Ginger Nichols, Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park, 3540 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee FL 32309, (850) 487-4115 for further information if needed.

Rules and Guidelines for Scarecrow Contest

1. Individuals, families, community groups or businesses/professional designers can register in one of three categories: Students (K-12) @ \$15.00; Adult @ \$25.00; Business/Professional @ \$75.00.
2. Scarecrows must be brought to the Gardens. Please phone 487-4115 to make an appointment to deliver your completed scarecrow on Thursday, September 29 or Friday, September 30. Please note that no weekend appointments or deliveries are permitted. A park ranger will be assigned to meet you at the entry gate and to lead you to your reserved scarecrow set up location when you arrive at the park. Park entrance fees are waived for the delivery and set up of your scarecrow. Entrants are responsible for set up and installation of their scarecrow(s). The Gardens will provide a metal mounting post (re-bar) and designate a location for each scarecrow. Scarecrows should be assembled prior to delivery to the park. Exhibits may not exceed 10'x10'x10'.
3. Scarecrows must be constructed to withstand weather conditions. Scarecrow exhibits should be family friendly and non-controversial. The Garden reserves the right to remove any entry for any reason.
4. No live plants may be used in any displays. No mulch, hay bales or straw bales can be used in display. Bales of Pine Straw ARE acceptable.
5. The Gardens will provide a standard sized sign for each entrant to give the Name of the Scarecrow entry and the person(s) or organization/company/business who created it.
6. Entrants may pick up scarecrows on November 1, 2011 or the Gardens will dispose of all scarecrows on November 2, 2011, unless other arrangements have been made. The Gardens is not responsible for loss or damage to scarecrows at any time.
7. The Gardens reserves the right to use photographs of scarecrows for publicity.

Additional rules for Business exhibitors:

8. If you want your company logo to be included on the sign, please supply the logo along with your registration.
9. For Business displays, no handouts, promotional materials, or free giveaways can be associated with entry.

Judging of Scarecrows and Awards:

Judging will be done by Friends of Maclay Gardens Board Members. Winners (except People's Choice) to be posted at <http://www.friendsofmaclaygardens.com/> on October 18. Voting for the People's Choice winner will be permitted until October 19. First, second and third places prizes will be awarded in three categories: Adult, Students (K to 12), and Business/Professional, with one cross-category grand prize for the People's Choice Award of \$75.00. The award for First Place Winner in each category will be \$50.00 and two free tickets to this year's Moonlight Jazz and Scarecrows in the Park. The award for second place in each category will be \$35.00. The award for third place in each category will be \$25.00.

TIPS FOR MAKING SCARECROWS (more at www.makescarecrows.com)

1. A Workshop on "How to construct a scarecrow" will be held on August 27 at Maclay Gardens from 9:00 until 11:30. This workshop is optional and is FREE when you pay your park entrance fee. If interested, please phone 487-4556.
2. Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for a month so need to be constructed with weather-resistant materials. Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon and polyester, holds up better than cotton.
3. Scarecrows may be either freestanding or built around a PVC form (Secure all joints with PVC cement) to fit over a metal stake provided by the Gardens. A suggested size is 6 feet high with 2 feet wide shoulders. Construct scarecrows completely before bringing to the Gardens.
4. Stuffing can be anything but NOT newspapers or water-soluble peanuts, because they will not hold up to weather. Newspaper can be placed inside sealed plastic bags for stuffing and plastic soda bottles make great arms and legs. Use duct tape.
5. Facial expression is the first thing viewers will notice. Use a milk or bleach jug, clay pot, ball, gourd, pillowcase, or burlap bag (painted or sewed-on face). Ideas for hair include: yarn, shredded plastic, raffia, or old mop head.
6. Clothes are usually FREE--or nearly so. Check thrift stores for colorful and cheap clothing and accessories. Remember the details--a glittering pair of high-heeled shoes, for example, can make all the difference.
7. The scarecrows will stay out in the Garden so make sure everything is secure. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work well.
8. Do not use latex gloves for the scarecrow hands because they quickly disintegrate outdoors.