



BELLINGRATH GARDENS & HOME

SCARECROWS IN THE GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 - NOVEMBER 1, 2025



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FALL SEASON

We invite you to participate in Scarecrows in the Gardens at Bellingrath Gardens & Home. This is open to families, businesses, schools, local artists, individuals, and service/civic organizations. Each registration will include 2 Daytime Gardens admissions during the exhibition.

***Tickets can NOT be redeemed for Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee (formerly known as Boo!)**

Visitors to the garden will determine the People's Choice Award winner. Our Executive Director will also select a winner for "Executive Director's Choice". The winners will be announced on our social media and in our e-newsletter.

Guidelines for your Scarecrow

Size/Location:

- Each Scarecrow will have a 6'x6' space to occupy. Please try to limit your scarecrow to 50 lbs.
- If you should need a traditional T-Post for your scarecrow, it can be requested ahead of time. The T-Post will be placed in the Garden and then you will be able to attach your scarecrow to the post.
- Each Participant will be assigned a spot in the Gardens.
- Set-up is Monday, September 15th through Friday, September 19th. You must have an appointment to setup your scarecrow. Another time/date may be available if needed, please reach out to Haley (hligon@bellingrath.org).
- Adjustments can not be made after it has been installed by Garden staff or after agreed set up time.
- Removal takes place beginning Monday, November 3 through November 7, 8 am - 4 pm. No appointments needed. Note: All scarecrows left in the Garden after November 7, will be disposed.

Materials:

- Scarecrows can not have any of the following:
 - Live Plant materials
 - Real Pumpkins
 - Real Food/Candy
- Stuffing can be anything but newspaper or water soluble peanuts. (These items could be placed in plastic bags.)
- Entry should be durable and weatherproof.
- Clothing that does not fade easily like nylon or polyester. (Spray Scotchgard on the inside/outside to prevent mildew.)
- Any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during the month will be removed.
- Bellingrath Gardens & Home is not responsible for loss/damage.

Themes:

- Scarecrows must be suitable for viewing by children.
- Any entries in poor taste for family viewing, depicting controversial subjects or overly commercial, political, or religious in nature will not be accepted.

Prizes:

- We will announce the winners in our November Newsletter.
- People's Choice Award: \$75 Gift Card & 1 Year Family Membership
- Executive Director's Choice Award: \$75 Gift Card



Scarecrows in the Garden 2025 Registration Form

Name/Company Name:

Contact Person & Title:

Email address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Mailing Address:

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

Scarecrow name as you would like it to appear on the label: _____

Brief Description of what your scarecrow(s) will look like: _____

Do you need a T-Post provided for your scarecrow? _____

Scarecrow set up will be from Monday, September 15th and conclude Friday, September 19th. Times are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note the day and time you wish to set up and how many people your group will have to assist with installation. Garden staff will determine the placement of each scarecrow.

Preferred Set up Date & Time:

Number of people:

Please contact Haley Ligon, Programs and Special Events Manager, if you have any questions regarding the information in this packet.

