



BELLINGRATH GARDENS & HOME

SCARECROWS IN THE GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026



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.

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:

- Turn in your scarecrow **registration form** no later than Friday, **September 11th** by 4:00 PM.
- 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 21st** through Friday, **September 25th**. You must have an appointment to setup your scarecrow. Another time/date may be available if needed, please reach out to Lyn (lacocellamedina@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 2nd** through **November 6th**, 8 am - 4 pm. No appointments needed. Note: All scarecrows left in the Garden after November 6th, 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 2026 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 21st and conclude Friday, September 25th. Times are available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please note the date and time you would like to set up, as well as the number of people who will be assisting with installation (maximum of 4 people for setup). Garden staff will determine the placement of each scarecrow.

Preferred Set up Date & Time:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Names of people:

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

Please contact Lyn Acocella-Medina, Programs and Special Events Manager, if you have any questions regarding the information in this packet.

