

Belvedere House Gardens & Park Scarecrow Festival 2011

Belvedere Scarecrow Festival Competition Entry Rules & Regulations

**Complete Scarecrows are to be in Belvedere by 4pm on Thurs 27th October 2011
Please read carefully the following rules before completing your entry.**

Entry:

Fill out an entry form and return to Belvedere House Gardens & Park by 20th October 2011. A written description of your entry and title must accompany your official scarecrow competition entry form. Belvedere House Gardens & Park reserves the right to refuse to display any scarecrow entry we feel may be offensive to the general public.

Categories:

Traditional Harvest Figures: These scarecrows will be typically old-fashioned figures constructed from throw-aways from the farm/home: - e.g. clothing, hay, stuffing, farm implements, or farm produce (vegetables, pumpkins, etc.)

Humorous Scarecrows: These scarecrows should evoke smiles, if not belly laughs. Current events, storybook characters, cartoon figures, crazy characters, or out of the ordinary situations are just a few of the ideas for humorous scarecrows. These characters would be fictional.

Celebrity Scarecrows: Use your imagination! This scarecrow can depict a modern day celebrity, or one from your past. A celebrity is a real person. (Hint: consider movie or tv stars, book characters, famous people in the news, famous historical figures.)

Scary-Horror Category Scarecrow: Designed to scare more than crows! You can use famous characters from movies or gothic novels or your imagination.

Entry Categories:

Primary School in Westmeath

Prize: Rosette, Stroll 'n' Bowl School Tour: including entry to Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Rock 'n' Bowl Mullingar & Lunch with coach supplied by Rover Coaches.

Youth Category 12 to 18 Years

Prize: Rosette, Belvedere Family Season Ticket; Bowling session at Rock 'n' Bowl.

Runner up Prizes: Belvedere & Rock 'n' Bowl Vouchers

Family/Adult: 18 Years and Older

Prize: Rosette, Belvedere Family Season Ticket; Bowling session at Rock 'n' Bowl.

Runner up Prizes: Belvedere & Rock 'n' Bowl Vouchers

Special Needs: Reserved for entries from children/adults/groups with special needs.

Prize: Rosette, Belvedere Annual Season Ticket; Bowling session at Rock 'n' Bowl.

Runner up Prizes: Belvedere & Rock 'n' Bowl Vouchers

People choice Prize: Voted for by the general public over the weekend.

Prize: Rosette & Season Ticket Voucher

Judging: Judging begins at noon on Friday 28th October 2011, with awards presented at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th 2011. The judges are volunteers and are not employed by Belvedere House Gardens & Park. All judging decisions are final. Public judging of 'People's Choice Award' will be announced 4pm on Monday 31st October 2011. The public may vote for the 'People's Choice Award' from Friday 28th October until 3pm on Monday 31st October 2011. Ballots will be available Belvedere's main reception and limit one ballot per person. Duplicate voter ballots, copies of ballots and incomplete ballots will not be counted. Encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to come out and vote for your entry! All winners will be posted on line on www.belvedere-house.ie by Tuesday 1st November 2011.

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Materials: As all scarecrow entries must remain on display outside, from October 28th until 31st October 2011, and may be subjected to severe weather such as wind and rain, their construction should be durable and all ornamentation securely attached. Belvedere House Gardens & Park reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to natural elements.

Structure: Each scarecrow must have a vertical support of wood for the body (2ins x 4ins post preferred.) This support is needed as each scarecrow will be wired to a fence post for display. The fence post will be provided as will the method of attachment.

Size Limitation: Scarecrows are to be Minimum height of 4 feet, Maximum height of 8 feet. Maximum circumference area 8 feet. The entire structure is considered to be the dimension of the scarecrow, not the dimension of the actual scarecrow within the exhibit. Your exhibit may include more than one figure (while still remaining within the size limitations stated above).

Delivery of Entries: Entrants are responsible for bringing their fully assembled scarecrow to Belvedere House Gardens & Park; entries can be delivered Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th October 2011 between the hours of 9.30am and 4.00pm. **NO EARLY CROWS & NO LATE CROWS PLEASE.** Belvedere staff will be on hand to give you your official entry number, which also entitle you to two day passes to Belvedere. Belvedere staff will direct you to your assigned scarecrow location. All entries must be completed and in place by 4pm on Thursday 27th October 2011.

Restrictions:

- If children are under 16 years they must have permission to enter the competition from their parents or guardian etc and be supervised at all times during the making of the scarecrow, delivery, judging & prize-giving at Belvedere House Gardens & Park
- All entries are subject to limitations of space availability as well as the standards of display as established by Belvedere's management. Belvedere reserves the right to deny entry privileges of displays considered to be offensive.
- Belvedere House Gardens & Park is not responsible for the security of scarecrows on display.
- Neither Belvedere nor their agents will be held responsible for any injury or damage associated with the 2011 Scarecrow Festival Competition.
- Your scarecrow must be a maximum height of 8ft, with max circumference of 8ft.
- You are encouraged to use recycled materials
- You can use props or accessories to enhance your scarecrow
- You are encouraged to have fun and give your scarecrow a personality and name.
- You must fill in and return your entry form by 4pm Wednesday 20th October 2011
- You must attached the title of your scarecrow, state the category and theme that you have entered, your full name and age securely to the rear of your scarecrow
- Your scarecrow must solid and secure in construction and must be free standing and able to withstand all weather conditions where possible.
- Please make sure that your scarecrow has no sharp edges, areas, or accessories
- It is understood that Belvedere and it's agents may use photographs of, stories about, and the actual scarecrow entries themselves as well as all information contained on the entry form for publicity and promotion on the event. Photographs become the property of Belvedere House Gardens & Park.
- Scarecrows may only be collected 4.30pm until 5pm on 31st October 2011 or 1st until 3rd of November 2011 from 9.30am until 4pm. Any scarecrows that are not claimed and whose creator(s) have not arranged for alternative pick-up by November 3rd will become the property of Belvedere House Gardens & Park.
- Scarecrows free standing, in chairs, wheelbarrows, on bikes and connected to other solid props are all eligible for entry.



Belvedere Scarecrow Festival Competition Entry Form

Block Capitals Please:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Email:** _____

I wish to enter my scarecrow in the following category:

- Traditional Harvest Figures ()
- Celebrity Figures ()
- Humorous Scarecrow ()
- 'Scary/Horror' Scarecrow ()

Register me in the following category;

- Primary School Class entry ()
- Primary School Individual Entry ()
- Youth 12 to 18 Years ()
- Adult/Family ()

Name or Title of Scarecrow:

I have read and understand the rules and by submitting this form, I agree to abide by the competition rules/regulations; arrange delivery of my complete scarecrow to Belvedere between Monday 24th & Thursday 27th October 2011 and leave my scarecrow on display from 28th October through to 4pm on 31st October 2010.

Signature required:

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

NOTE: Incomplete forms will be returned. PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
All entry forms must be postmarked, faxed, or submitted electronically by 4pm on Wednesday 20th October 2011. No exceptions to the rules.
Number of entries may be limited. Enter Early!

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Tips on how to make a scarecrow.....!

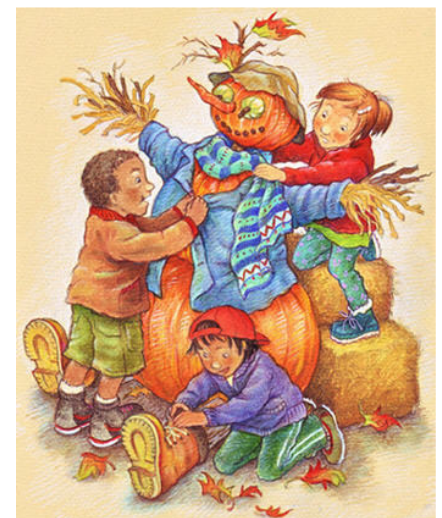
You will need:

- strong sticks, one as high as yourself or to fit in with the maximum competition height of 8ft and the other half as high
- old pair of overalls or clothing suitable for your theme
- old hat, pair of gloves, scarf or other accessories suitable for your theme
- old tights/stocking for tying
- old pillow case or piece of old sheet to cover the head
- newspaper
- masking tape and glue
- paint for the face or buttons for a sewn on face
- bright coloured wool or wig, platted straw hair etc
- straw, extra newspaper or plastic bags for stuffing
- Props and accessories according to your theme



Method:

1. Tie the sticks firmly together with old tights/stockings. The shorter stick is for the arms and is tied at right angles to the taller stick, a little way down from the top.
2. Wind newspaper around the top end of the taller stick to make the head. Use the masking tape to keep it together.
3. Cover the newspaper with a piece of old sheet or a pillow case. Paint or sew a face onto it. Glue or sew on some wool for hair or make a wig
4. Place the long stick down one leg of the overalls and put each end of the shorter stick through the overall arms.
5. Stuff the overalls with straw, until they make a firm body. Newspaper or plastic bags are good alternatives to straw.
6. Use old hats, scarf around its neck and tie on the gloves - dress according to your theme.
7. Use props and accessories to enhance your theme
8. Tie the scarecrow to a stake if you want to stand it upright in the garden.
9. Don't forget to put the title of your scarecrow, state the category and theme that you have entered, your full name and age securely to the rear of your scarecrow
10. Just have fun and be creative.



Happy Scarecrow making...!