



SCARECROW FESTIVAL



HERITAGE PARK DOWNTOWN MIDLOTHIAN



Midlothian Downtown
Business Association

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Official Rules & Information

1. Festival entry is free of charge and open to anyone in Midlothian (individuals, families, groups, and businesses). Theme is “Celebrate Fall”.
2. Completed entry forms are due by 10/14. The entry title and written description must be included on the form.
3. All entry forms will be reviewed and approved by the Midlothian Downtown Business Association (MDBA) Festival Committee prior to being installed for display. Entry approval will be communicated to entrants by 10/17. Entries that vary significantly from the description on the entry form will be disqualified.
4. The Festival is a family-friendly event. Scarecrow designs can be humorous or serious, as long as the message is positive. Designs that depict the following: violence, vulgarity, nudity, or politics are examples of entries that will be disqualified.
5. Scarecrows may be installed between 4 and 8 p.m. Oct. 18 – 22.
6. Winning entries will be announced on 11/4.
7. Scarecrows must be picked up at the completion of the event on 11/10. Scarecrows not picked up by that date will be disposed of by the MDBA.

COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

1. The MDBA will supply T-poles for scarecrows erected at Heritage Park.
2. Your scarecrow must be secured to the pole and reinforced to withstand weather. Entrants are responsible for the maintenance of their scarecrows. The MDBA reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the natural elements. You will be notified beforehand and given a chance to fix your scarecrow.
3. No materials may be put on the ground around the scarecrow so that the park lawn can be maintained.
4. All materials must be attached to and remain on your scarecrow.
5. Affix a permanent, weatherproof sign (8.5x11 inches) on your scarecrow stating your entry title and creator/sponsor.
6. MDBA reserves the right to photograph and use photos of any entry for advertising and promotional purposes without compensation or written authorization.



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Prize Winner Categories

The Midlothian Downtown Business Association Scarecrow Festival will issue prizes for the following categories:

OVERALL GRAND PRIZE

People's Choice Voted Best Overall: \$500 prize

JUDGED BEST GENERAL (18 AND OLDER)

1st Place: \$200 prize 2nd Place: \$150 prize 3rd Place: \$75 prize

JUDGED BEST BUSINESS/SERVICE

1st Place: \$200 prize 2nd Place: \$150 prize 3rd Place: \$75 prize

JUDGED BEST NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP

1st Place: \$200 prize 2nd Place: \$150 prize 3rd Place: \$75 prize

JUDGED BEST TEEN (6TH-12TH GRADE) \$250 PRIZE

1st Place: \$200 prize 2nd Place: \$150 prize 3rd Place: \$75 prize

JUDGED BEST YOUTH (5TH GRADE AND UNDER) \$250 PRIZE

1st Place: \$200 prize 2nd Place: \$150 prize 3rd Place: \$75 prize

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Official Entry Form

NAME(S): _____

SCHOOL/BUSINESS/GROUP: _____

PHONE: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

(street)

(city, state, zip)

CATEGORY (circle one):

General
(18 and older)

Business/Service

Nonprofit

Teen
(6th-12th grade)

Youth
(5th grade and under)

TITLE OF ENTRY:

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: _____

(Be as specific as possible. If you aren't sure you can submit description via email later to deborahhayes@me.com)

I have read and agree to abide by the Scarecrow Festival rules and requirements.

(initial)

Theme is "Celebrate Fall". Deadline to turn in entry form is October 14.

Set up dates for scarecrows are October 18-22, from 4:00pm until 8:00pm.

Entries that vary significantly from the description on the entry form will be disqualified.

Winners will be announced November 4, 2022 and will be contacted by MDBA.

Scarecrow must be picked up by November 10 or it will be disposed of by MDBA.

Email entry form to: deborahhayes@me.com or drop off at 117 N 8th St, Midlothian, TX 76065.

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