



# SCARECROW COMPETITION RULES AND INFORMATION

**PURPOSE:** To come together as a community to celebrate the harvest and to show how wonderful the Coburg community is to visitors.

**We have established ten (10) categories for awards:**

1. **Historic** (Example: George Washington crossing the patomac)
2. **Neighborhood** (2+ complementary exhibits, judging will consider content and number of displays/participating neighbors)
3. **Mechanical/Technology/Animation/Best use of materials** (Example: Hay Bails as minions)
4. **Children's Competition** (contributions from ages 12 and under)
5. **Funniest** (Examples: Talladega Nights, The Office)
6. **Most relevant to 2023** (Example: Taylor Swift Eras Tour)
7. **Favorite Theme**
8. **Best reference to Coburg Community or our history** (Example: A scarecrow on a Penny Farthing)
9. **Best representation of Harvest/Fall** (Example: American Gothic)
10. **Wildcard**

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category.

There will be a separate award for the overall best business entry.

**Entry fee:** FREE! There is no fee to enter.

**Duration:** Scarecrow entries are encouraged to be displayed from mid September through mid November. For consideration in any contest portion of the festival, your entry must be on display by Wednesday, September 27, at 5:00 pm with forms turned into City Hall.

**Eligibility:** Scarecrow construction must contain hay, straw, or cornstalks. This event (and contest) is open to all Coburg families, businesses, non-profit groups, including schools, service and community groups, and youth organizations. (Businesses are encouraged to display an entry and one business will be awarded for best scarecrow.)

**Themes:** Scarecrows may be traditional, whimsical, humorous, mischievous, fantasy, celebrity, or lovable. All entries are encouraged to include multiple scarecrows (or whimsical characters), as well as props and décor to reflect the theme of the display.

**For participation in contest and judging:** Violent themes will not be allowed, nor will direct advertising, political, or religious statements. Entrants are reminded that this is a community family event. No open flame or flammable objects will be allowed. Battery operated lights, mechanical/robotic creativity are welcome.

**Construction:** Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand Willamette Valley weather. Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind, and rain as they will be displayed in the elements.

**Identifying Signs:** As part of your display, be sure to make a sign with the name of your entry or your school, group, business, or service club name. Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No advertising, political, or religious statements will be allowed.

**Judging/Awards:** All entries will be evaluated and voted on by an impartial group from Coburg Main Street.

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