2023 Scarecrow Trail

2023 KEY DATES:
Registration opens: August 1/Registration Deadline: August 24/Scarecrow Name Due: August 24
Scarecrow Frame Pick Up: August 1 – August 24 under the solar panels located next to the Pavilion
Scarecrow Install: Sunday, Aug 27: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Aug 28-Wednesday, Aug 30: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Scarecrow Pick Up: Wednesday, November 1
Exhibition Dates: Labor Day weekend, September 2 – October 31

INSTALLATION AND PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS
Bring entries to the Huntsville Botanical Garden Atrium. Please bring your wagon to transport your scarecrow into the garden. Check in at the admissions desk for your map of the location where your scarecrow will be displayed. Pick-up: Scarecrows that are not picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st will be discarded. Consider picking up a “salvage opportunity,” your scarecrow will not be in great shape after a month outside.

VISIT WITH YOUR SCARECROW
For each paid registration, you will be entitled to four (4) free daytime admission tickets to the Huntsville Botanical Garden during the exhibition. September 2 – October 31. Registrants can pick up tickets at check-in during the scarecrow install.

RULES FOR ENTRY
Anyone can register! Families, community groups, businesses, schools, college students, and individuals are all welcome to participate.

FEES
$45 per Scarecrow/frame for individuals/families/school groups/community groups and $100 per Scarecrow/frame for businesses.

GUIDELINES
*Scarecrows must be easily transported into the garden by the person/persons that are responsible for the scarecrow. Scarecrows must be made on the “t” frames provided as they slip over the post provided in the garden.

*Do not include live plant material or real pumpkins in your display as they deteriorate in the elements quickly. Be creative so your crow is the highlight as this year we are moving away from the vignette displays.

*Scarecrows must connect to nature. Be creative! (Think plants, trees, birds, etc…)

*Make your entry durable and weatherproof. Any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during the month will be removed.

*Entry must be suitable for viewing by children. Entries in poor taste for family viewing, depicting controversial subjects, or overtly commercial or political in nature will not be accepted.

*The Garden provides signage, identifying your organization and the name of your scarecrow. The Garden does not allow additional signage, pamphlets, or handouts to be displayed with your scarecrow.

*HBG reserves the right to use photographs of scarecrows for publicity efforts.

*The Garden is not responsible for loss/damage. Do not include material you expect to be returned.

THE GARDEN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY! BE SURE TO ADHERE TO THE THEME OF NATURE!