

# SCARECROW WALK

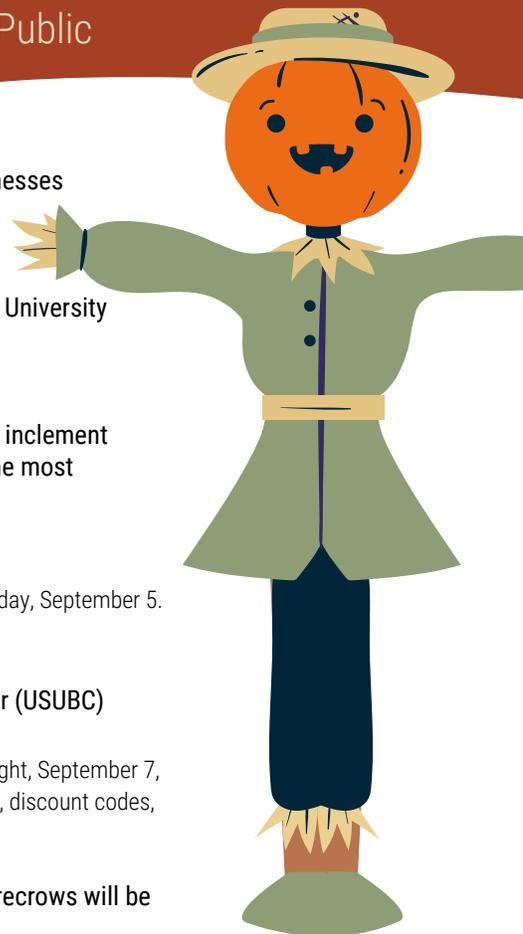


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Create and display your scarecrow at the **second annual Scarecrow Walk** at the USU Botanical Center

September 7-17, 2023 Dawn to Dusk • Free to Public

- STEP 1** Email this participation form to [scarecrowwalk@aggies.usu.edu](mailto:scarecrowwalk@aggies.usu.edu) by August 18. Businesses or organizations may include a high resolution/vector logo with their application.
- STEP 2** Once you have received confirmation from our team, pick up your scarecrow stakes between August 21- September 1 and pay your entrance fee at the Utah State University (USU) Extension Davis County office located at 80 E. 725 S., Suite B, Kaysville, Utah, between 8 AM-5 PM Monday through Friday.
- STEP 3** Create! Make sure your scarecrow is weatherproof to withstand wind, rain, and other inclement weather. Be creative and have fun! See the back for tips to help your scarecrow be the most successful and for fine print regulations.
- STEP 4** Deliver and install your scarecrow.
- Participants can set up scarecrows at their assigned location between 10 AM-6 PM on Tuesday, September 5.
  - We will assign a specific location within a zone when you arrive to set up your scarecrow.
- STEP 5** Share your scarecrow! Encourage family and friends to visit the USU Botanical Center (USUBC) Scarecrow Walk and share on social media using [#usubcscarecrowwalk](https://twitter.com/USUBCscarecrowwalk).
- We would encourage the scarecrow makers to be present with their scarecrow on opening night, September 7, from 5:00 P.M. to dusk. Makers are encouraged to promote their business (hand out samples, discount codes, offers, etc.) as well as encourage attendees to vote for their scarecrow.
- STEP 6** Pick up your scarecrow on Monday, September 18 from 8 AM-5 PM. Unclaimed scarecrows will be disposed of without a proper service or the reading of last rites.



## ENTRY FORM

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single scarecrow application – \$20

Scarecrow scene application (includes three stakes) – \$40

I understand the USUBC may use photographs of scarecrows and names of entrants for publicity and promotion. Entrants must leave scarecrows on display for the entirety of the event. USUBC is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. By signing this form, I hereby agree to the terms as outlined.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Tips and Tricks for building your scarecrow

- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for two weeks and need to be constructed with weather-resistant material. Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon and polyester, hold up better than cotton. Spray Scotchgard™ on the inside and outside of clothes to prevent mildew.
- Be mindful of outdoor temperatures and the products you use. For example, hot glue melts in hot temperatures and is not going to stand up in extreme heat.
- Scarecrows must be constructed on a frame with a post that can be stabilized in the ground. Your registration fee includes one or more frames. Don't limit your design based on the frame.
- Stuffing can be anything, but newspaper or water-soluble peanuts alone will not work. These materials would need to be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing.
- Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice. Use an old milk jug, pot, wood, basketball, soccer ball, pillowcase or burlap bag (with a painted or sewed-on face).
- Ideas for hair and head: gourds, yarn, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, or old mop head.
- Clothes are usually the easiest part and FREE – or nearly so. Check thrift stores or the back of your closet for colorful and cheap clothing and accessories.
- These scarecrows will be out in the Garden in a variety of weather conditions, so make sure everything is secure. Most scarecrows will get wet due to weather or sprinklers. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work well. Cardboard and paper will not withstand the weather.
- Remember the details – a glittering pair of high-heeled shoes, for example, may make all the difference.

## Scarecrow Building Fine Print Regulations

- Builders are responsible for transport, set up, and removal of scarecrows, props, and scenes to and from the USU Botanical Center.
- Scarecrows that reflect controversial social or political situations will not be accepted. It is up to the discretion of the Scarecrow Walk Committee to determine if a scarecrow violates these terms.
- The USU Botanical Center is not responsible for lost or damaged items. If your scarecrow escapes, it's not on us... you know how haunted this place can get!

[scarecrowwalk.usu.edu](http://scarecrowwalk.usu.edu)

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