



# Scarecrow (or Garden People) Judging Contest

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Lee Mansion Gardens  
[Independence]  
*Displayed during  
Art Under the Oaks*



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Registration Form: **Scarecrow (or Garden People) Judging Contest**

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Division (please see rules for division description): \_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Promotional

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Please initial that you will be picking up your entry. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Find Your Inner Artist

Submit your scarecrow (or garden person) to be displayed in the Lee Mansion Gardens during **Art Under the Oaks** on **Sept. 8, 2018** from **10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Public will vote for their favorite entries and prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division.

### Registration Deadline

Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 by Noon

## Entry Guidelines

1. May be designed by an individual or a group (one prize to be awarded; groups can divide the winnings accordingly).
2. Designs **MUST** incorporate at least **ONE** garden-related item.
3. Scarecrow (or garden people) **MUST** be delivered to the Lee Mansion Gardens between 8:30-9:30am on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.
4. Upon check-in you will be provided one (1) four (4) foot steel fencepost; you are responsible for any other support system the scarecrow (or garden person) may need.
5. Entries **MUST** be picked-up between 4 - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017.
6. Buchanan County ISU Extension and Outreach Master Gardeners are not responsible for any damage that may occur to your scarecrow at any time.

## Division Descriptions

### Youth

- Individuals (or groups) must be 18 years or under.
- If helped by persons over 18 years; the majority of the work must be completed by those 18 years and under to enter under the youth division.

### Adult

- Individuals (or groups) over 18 years.

### Promotional (not eligible for prize)

- For groups who would like to participate in the contest as a promotional event
- Not judged or eligible for prizes
- Great way to advertise your organization!

## Design Considerations (Rules)

1. Do **NOT** include any items of value on your scarecrow (or garden person). Buchanan County Master Gardeners are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
2. Any items used should be able to withstand typical weather events. This is an outdoor event and delicate items may not hold up to wind/rain.
3. Flammable objects (e.g.: tiki torches) are **NOT** allowed.
4. Human or mechanical scarecrows (or garden people) are not allowed.
5. Entries **MUST** be in good taste. No entry will be accepted that reflects controversial, social, or political situations.
6. No promotional materials can be associated with a scarecrow entry or display. Group, company, club, or school names are permitted (except for Division— which is not judged or eligible for prizes).

## Helpful Tips

1. Choose a theme or character.
2. Use waterproof materials (e.g.: Visqueen or pillows made out of plastic bags and newspaper) for stuffing.
3. Be creative and use materials found around your home, classroom, or office.
4. Invite your friends and family to visit Art Under the Oaks on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. to see and **vote** for your scarecrow (or garden person)!



## Participation Agreement

Buchanan County Master Gardeners reserve the right to refuse or remove any entry that does not meet these standards or is deemed inappropriate for public display.

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