



create ardmore's fun for all – welcome fall

7th Annual SCARECROW CONTEST



Publicly Displayed in Ardmore's Downtown Area

Saturday, October 11th through Sunday, November 2nd

FREE! NO ENTRY FEE! \$2250 TOTAL PRIZES!

Open to all ages, individuals, families, schools, clubs, groups or businesses

Create Ardmore's annual Scarecrow Contest is back! A family friendly contest that allows scarecrows to take over downtown Ardmore during six weeks of the fall season. This year has new categories: business, community organizations, individuals/families and kids. Scarecrows must be installed between 9 a.m. Saturday, October 11th and 5 p.m. Sunday, October 12th and removed between 9 a.m. Saturday, November 1st and 5 p.m. Sunday, November 2nd.

"Scarecrow Experts" from Ardmore Beautification Council, Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, Ardmore City Commissioners and Ardmore Parks and Rec judge all entries, naming a winner in each of the four categories. Create Ardmore will select one scarecrow for the creativity award. All judging decisions are final. Winners will be announced Tuesday, October 14th during the Scarecrow Stroll.



1st Place = \$350 CASH

2nd Place = \$150 CASH

AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY

Plus \$250 CASH Creativity Award

GUIDELINES: The scarecrow contest exhibit is expressly intended to be family friendly and may not contain religious, political or socially controversial characters, references or themes. These scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable symbols of the season of Autumn, NOT frightening, monstrous, gruesome, or bloody Halloween decorations. Create Ardmore reserves the right to remove any display it considers not in keeping with the intent of this contest. If assigned a bench, please only use the smallest amount of space for your scarecrow. Create Ardmore reserves the right to remove any scarecrows or decorations that use more than half of a bench. Create Ardmore reserves the right to move a scarecrow to a different category.

SET UP AND TEAR DOWN – All entries must be installed between 9 a.m. Saturday, October 11th and 5 p.m. Sunday, October 12th and removed between 9 a.m. Saturday, November 1st and 5 p.m. Sunday, November 2nd. **Your entry must be completely dismantled, and the area cleared of all debris, trash or litter by 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 2nd.**

Once your entry form is submitted, each scarecrow will be assigned a lamppost, pole or bench in the Ardmore downtown area and must be securely attached to its lamppost, pole or bench with wire, rope or zip ties. All scarecrows must be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain for the six-week display period. All ornamentation or props must be securely attached to the scarecrow. The use of real pumpkins or other natural materials is strictly prohibited, as they will deteriorate during the display period. No electronics may be used. **You or a member of your group must periodically inspect your scarecrow to ensure it remains in an attractive display condition.**

Each display should include the name of your scarecrow on a weatherproof sign no larger than 11x17 inches.

CATEGORIES:

BUSINESS – If your business is on Main Street, your scarecrow will be located as close to your business as possible.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – For non-profits, public institutions or businesses that provide public services to the community.

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY – For individuals and families.

KIDS – This category is specifically for groups of children, with a little adult supervision for safety's sake, but the scarecrow is designed and constructed mainly by kids.

No matter the category, your scarecrow can be a traditional 'crow with burlap, overalls and straw hat or a whimsical, fantastical 'crow based on a favorite character or one from your own imagination with bright colors and unique materials or you might want your 'crow to depict your amazing business, products or services you provide for Ardmore. **It's all up to you!**



Entries must be received by Wednesday, October 8th. Enter early as a limited number of display areas are available.

Entry forms should be emailed to createardmore@gmail.com.

Location assignments will be emailed on Thursday, October 9th.

Questions may be emailed to: createardmore@gmail.com

CREATE ARDMORE SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY FORM

All entries must be received no later than Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Email to createardmore@gmail.com.

Name of Individual, Group or Business: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Choose Category: _____ Business _____ Community Organization
_____ Individual/Family _____ Kids' Group

Location request:

_____ Lamppost/pole _____ Bench* _____ Bench w/ back & arms (very limited number)*

Please only use the smallest amount of bench for your scarecrow.

Scarecrow name or theme _____

I hereby authorize the release of photos taken of this entry for Create Ardmore's use on their website, newspaper articles, print advertising or other media according to their needs. **I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES OF THE CONTEST AS SET FORTH ABOVE.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

