



## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCARECROWS IN THE MEADOW

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

1. **REGISTERING:** Space is limited to the first 55 participants. Due to high demand, registration is limited to Litchfield families, businesses and non-profits, and Society partners.
2. **PICK UP SCARECROW FRAME :** Scarecrow frames will be available for pick up at the Litchfield History Museum (7 South St.) during open hours (Monday -Friday, 9:00-5:00 and Saturday-Sunday, 11:00-5:00)
  - Please let me know if you are not using a frame. If you do not use a frame, please make sure your scarecrow is self-supporting (for example, in a chair or wagon, no special holes dug)
  - Frames are approximately 78" tall. Once in the ground, the scarecrow will stand about 5'6". The frame has an adjustable 18" cross-piece for the shoulders. You are welcome to modify the frame if you need, but if it is altered past the point of re-use, we ask that you pay \$30 to replace it.
3. **COMPLETED SCARECROW DROP-OFF: Scarecrow drop off day is FRIDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> from 8:00-6:00 in the Tapping Reeve Meadow.** Scarecrows that need to be finished on site can be done during this time. If you finish your scarecrow early or can't make the drop off day, completed scarecrows can be dropped off before 10/18/23 at the Litchfield History Museum (7 South St.) during open hours (Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat -Sun 11-5)
4. **SCARECROW GUIDELINES:**
  - Registration is limited to Litchfield families and organizations, and Society partners
  - The Historical Society will provide the frame and contributors will provide the decorations and stuffing. Frames do not need to be used and if altered they must be returned in good enough condition to be usable by future participants (\$30 to replace unusable frames)
  - Businesses and organizations are welcome to represent themselves. Be creative!
  - Scarecrows can be made of any material but must be constructed to withstand the weather.
  - **Scarecrows must be in good taste. No entry will be accepted that is offensive. No political statements. No offensive language. We reserve the right to remove any entry that does not meet standards.**
  - Please be advised that no security will be available, and the Litchfield Historical Society is not responsible for loss or damage to any entries.
5. **VOTING CATEGORIES:** Visitors to the Meadow can vote on their favorite scarecrows in multiple categories. Category winners will be announced the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>
6. **TAKE DOWN:** Scarecrows taken down will begin on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. **Participants MUST come pick up the scarecrow with frame to keep for next year or take their scarecrow apart and leave the frame.** All Scarecrows must be claimed by Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. For any take-down accommodations, contact Kate Zullo at the number below.

QUESTIONS: For questions, contact 860-567-4501 or email [education@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:education@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org).

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