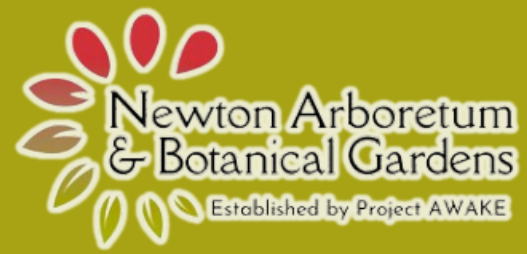


# WHERE'S THE CARDINAL? FALL FESTIVAL & SCARECROW WALK



## NABG RULES

- Entries must be dropped off at the Newton Arboretum, 3030 N 4th Ave E, by **OCTOBER 9, 2024**.
- Scarecrows will be displayed outdoors. Construction must be sturdy enough to withstand the elements and all ornamentation must be securely attached.
- No religious, political, or controversial themes. Entries must be in good taste and family friendly. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification and removal of your scarecrow.
- Scarecrow entries can be whimsical, humorous, mischievous, or lovable--Not frightening. Gruesome entries will be disqualified.
- Each entry can include (1) WEATHERPROOF sign up to 24" x 18" (standard yard sign size).
- Please give your scarecrow a NAME!
- There is a height minimum of 3 feet.
- All scarecrows **MUST** incorporate a cardinal into the design.
- All entries become NABG property and will be available to buy back through a silent auction. \*\*See Silent Auction Rules for details.

## TIPS

- Good stuffing materials include: plastic bags, plastic bottles, pool noodles, etc.
- Your scarecrow's **FACIAL EXPRESSION** is the first thing people notice.
- Hair can be made from yarn, mops, beads, old wigs, and more.
- Heads can be made from milk jugs, flower pots, gourds, plastic pumpkins, and more.
- Scarecrows do not need to be in human form.
- Metal stakes can be obtained from the Arboretum as needed. Please call the Office to make arrangements for a stake at (641) 791-3021.

## VOTING & PRIZES

- Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:



Festival Best-of-All  
Best Use of a Cardinal  
People's Choice

Best Family Entry  
Best Business Entry  
Best Organization Entry (NPOs, clubs, schools, churches)

- Entries will be assigned a number for judging identification & for the silent auction.
- All categories except People's Choice will be judged by an impartial panel.
- Voting will occur during the Fall Festival from 10AM to 1PM.
- Winners will be announced as the finale at 2PM on October 12.
- The People's Choice winner will be determined by attendee ballots collected during the festival.

## SILENT AUCTION RULES

- By entering a scarecrow you agree to the rules & regulations established for the event.
- The beginning bid for all scarecrows is \$25.
- Bidding will close at 2 PM, October 12. No bids will be accepted after bidding is closed.
- The highest bid at closing is the winning bid.
- Winners will be notified on Monday, October 14 with arrangements to pay & pick up their item arranged at that time.
- All items must be picked up by 12:30 PM, October 18. All sales are final.
- Proceeds benefit the Newton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, a 501(c)(3) public charity.

For any other questions, please call the office at (641)791-3021

