



ENTRY FORM

Thank you for participating in Downtown Paris Association's 2025 Scarecrows on the Square. Have fun and be creative as you choose your materials! We encourage you to be environmentally conscious and recycle items to fit with the theme for your scarecrow.

Deadline to Enter: September 26th, 2025

Business/Group Name: _____

Scarecrow Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please return form completed to:

Downtown Paris Association
206 N Poplar St.
Paris, TN 38242

If you have any questions, please contact:
Tara Wilson at 731-707-8740 or email: Downtownparistn@gmail.com





Rules

- The event entry fee is \$25 per scarecrow. Proceeds will benefit Downtown Paris Association.
- Scarecrows will be installed around the court Square in locations selected by the DPA staff. Scarecrows may be seated on hay bales, for example, or in standing positions. They will not be placed in grass locations on the lawn.
- Any signage about the scarecrow may be 1' x 1' x 1.5'. You may name your scarecrow. For example, "Karate Crow" by Paris Karate.
- Please keep in mind, this is a family-friendly event. Scarecrows reflecting controversial situations will not be accepted. Scarecrows cannot include political, promotional, or commercial subject matter.
- Framework measurement may not exceed a five-foot cross with a shoulder width of two feet.
- DPA is not responsible for any loss or damage to the entries.
- DPA reserves the right to use photographs and names of any of the scarecrows at any time for any reason.
- DPA reserves the right to remove any Scarecrow at any time for any reason.
- DPA will remove any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during display, including having parts pulled off by visitors. Please make sure your entries are as weather-proof and indestructible as possible. DPA is not responsible for loss or damage to scarecrows.



Important Dates and Tips

Set Up and Break Down

You may start setting up your scarecrows on Wednesday, October 1. They must be completed and ready for judging by end of day on Sunday, October 5. Please call Carly Wheat at (901) 493-4065 or Tara Wilson at (731)707-8740 to get the details for setting up your scarecrow in its designated location on the Courthouse Lawn.

Scarecrows need to be removed from courthouse lawn by Monday, November 3, 2025.

Deadline to Enter

Bring completed form to the Downtown Paris Association located at 206 North Poplar St., drop it by City hall or email it to Downtownparistn@gmail.com by Friday , September 25, 2024

Judging

Scarecrows will be judged on Monday, October 6 so they are still fresh and not weathered. Awards will be given for *People's Choice, Most Original, Best Constructed, and Best in Show*. Winners will be announced on Downtown Paris Association social media in late October.

Keep in mind these displays are kept up for a full month so here are some helpful tips:

- Spray Scotch Guard on the inside and outside of clothing to avoid mildew.
- Stuff the scarecrow with materials like plastic bags, bubble wrap as well as newspaper stuffed inside plastic bags. However, newspaper and water-soluble peanuts generally do not work.
- Use weather resistant materials to dress the scarecrow. Nylon and polyester fabrics hold up better and fade less than cotton.

- Ideas for head and hair: stuffed pillowcase, gourds, yard, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, milk jug, flowerpot, wood, balls and mops.
- Scarecrows may stay outside so make sure everything is secure. Sewing works best, but large safety pins or staples will work as well.
- Do not use latex gloves because they disintegrate outdoors. Masking tape also disintegrates quickly.
- PVC is a good material to construct the body in a cross that is five feet tall with two feet across.