

2018 DAHLONEGA SCARECROW STOMP CONTEST

Presented by the Dahlonega Woman's Club

Rules (yep, there are rules)

Anyone may enter the contest for an entry fee of \$35 per entry (K-12 school classes and youth organizations are free). Most Scarecrows will be displayed around the Dahlonega Square and in the immediate downtown area, but there will be a few scattered outside of town. Look for them so you don't miss some really good ones!

Official Rules and Regulations:

1. Here's how you apply: Fill out an entry form and return with a check or money order made payable to Dahlonega Woman's Club no later than Aug 15, 2018. Don't dally, now. Our mailing address is PO Box 772, Dahlonega, GA 30533. This fee helps to cover the cost of the signs that the DWC makes for each of your creative masterpieces. *All proceeds go to the Lumpkin County Library.*
2. Scarecrows must be handmade (don't go buying one) and constructed of durable materials that will survive at least 3 weeks in Dahlonega's heat/rain/wind (aka typical early fall elements). The DWC will sell you a frame for your Scarecrow for \$30 each. Just call Betty Petrie at 706-867-0958 or email Dahlongawomansclub@gmail.com.
3. Scarecrows in the downtown area should be freestanding and/or attached to a tree or post with zip ties or cord. Do not use tape on the city's poles or fencing; it leaves a nasty residue! We discourage the use of real pumpkins.
4. Scarecrows can be as creative as you can imagine; *just please make sure they are appropriate for family viewing.* You may make one Scarecrow or have a group setting. Dahlonega Woman's Club reserves the right to ask you to get rid of a Scarecrow that's not suitable for family viewing.
5. You'll be responsible for installing your Scarecrow(s) in your pre-assigned location beginning on Aug 29 and ending no later than 6PM on Aug 31, 2018. **Please do not set up your Scarecrow before Aug 29!** If you don't have business or office on the square, we might find a spot for you if you ask.
6. Online judging will take place during the period Sep 1-23, 2018 via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scarecrows>.
7. **You must remove your Scarecrow(s) no later than 6PM on Sep 25, 2018.** *NOTE: Dahlonega Woman's Club is NOT gonna remove your Scarecrow for you!*
8. Dahlonega Woman's Club, the City of Dahlonega, and Lumpkin County aren't gonna maintain your Scarecrow while it is standing, so it's a good idea to visit it periodically to make sure it remains presentable for all those visitors who will be voting Sep 1-23.
9. Scarecrows and surrounds on the Square need to have 5 feet of walking room around the display. Displays in front of businesses, churches, etc., that are outside the Square need to stay off of DOT right-of-way. Don't be putting up tripping hazards, and please do not trample the plantings in the planter boxes on the Square.
10. Anyone and everyone can vote for their favorite display online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scarecrows> during the period Sep 1- 23, 2018. **Be nice, now, and don't vote more than ONCE!**
11. **This year's suggested theme is music / mountain music. Think about songs, artists, instruments, etc., and you'll find a gazillion ideas to follow!** OK, maybe just a LOT of ideas; you get the idea.

For more information call Betty Petrie (706-867-0958) or Lori Stapleton (706-867-6694) or email Dahlongawomansclub@gmail.com.

And we repeat once again: PLEASE do not put up your Scarecrow before Aug 29!