

BOWHILL

HOUSE & COUNTRY ESTATE

Scarecrow Competition

As part of the **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

WIN £100!

LOCHCARRON
of SCOTLAND



On Sunday 26th September Bowhill is holding its first ever Harvest Festival. There will be hay bales in the courtyard, entertainment for children and families, barn dances, music and the star attraction, the Bowhill Scarecrow Competition.

The competition has been sponsored by Locharron of Scotland and is open to all including schools, youth & community groups, clubs, societies, shops and families.

It is free to enter the Scarecrow Competition and there is a superb £100 prize for the winning scarecrow.

Making a Scarecrow is lots of fun, and to help get the creative juices flowing we have enclosed a handy hints page overleaf with tips and useful websites.

Scarecrow entries will be judged by the public at our Harvest Festival. Entrance is £6 for adults, £5 for children and £20 for a family (2+2).

If you would like more information or an entry form, contact , 01750 22204 or email bht@bucleuch.com

An entry form can also be downloaded from the events page of our website www.bowhill.org

We hope that you will get involved and have fun making your scarecrows for what we hope will become an annual event.

HANDY HINTS...

MAKING A SCARECROW

Making scarecrows is great fun, the appearance and personality of your scarecrow is only limited by your imagination.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO MAKE A SCARECROW?

The frame:

- Tall wooden or bamboo garden stake, or a broom/rake handle (approx 2m long).
- Shorter wooden or bamboo garden stake that forms the arms (approx 1.5m long).
- Short (20-30cm long) wooden or bamboo garden stake that forms the waist.
- String, gardening twine, or nails and hammer.

The head and face:

- Old pair of stockings, old pillow case or calico bag.
- Acrylic paint or waterproof markers.
- Stuffing e.g. straw, soft toy filling, old stockings.

Hands and feet:

- Socks, old stockings/tights or gloves,
- Straw or bunches of lavender, or soft toy filling.

Clothes:

- Clothes and shoes that you can spare from your wardrobe or visit the local charity shop.

Hair:

- Wig, raffia, straw, wool or bunches of lavender.

Headwear:

- Hats, caps, beanies, scarves, ribbons or tiaras.

Accessories:

- Glasses, scarves, hand bag, jewellery, imitation flowers.
- Gardening tools e.g. old wheelbarrow (plant this with flowers, vegetables or herbs), old broom, rake or spade.
- Stuffed toys eg. toy parrot to sit on the scarecrow shoulder.

Stuffing:

- Straw or soft toy filling

PUTTING YOUR SCARECROW TOGETHER

1. Attach the shorter wooden or bamboo stake (arms) to the tall stake or broom or rake handle either by tying with string or nailing them together. The shorter stake needs to be attached 10-15cm down from one end of the tall stake or handle.
2. Attach the shortest stake about halfway down the tall stake/handle to form the waist/hips either by tying with string or nailing it on.
3. Dress the scarecrow as desired.
4. If you want to stuff the arms, legs and body, tie off the ends on the sleeves or trousers and stuff them with the stuffing of choice. Attach the waist of skirts/trousers to the waist/hips with string, tape or staples. To stop the filling falling out at the bottom of the top, either pin the bottom of the top to the trousers, or tuck the bottom of the top into the top of the trousers and use a belt or string in the belt keepers to attach them.
5. For the hands or feet fill the socks, gloves or feet of the old stockings with straw, soft toy filling or old stockings. If making feet,

attach the feet to the bottom of the trousers using safety pins or sew them. Attach the hands to arms by pushing the hands onto the stake and tying them on with string or taping them on with heavy tape. If using straw or lavender for the feet or hands push this into the ends of the arms and legs of the clothes and allow it to stick out. To stop it falling out tie some string, twine or ribbon (or whatever suits the theme of your scarecrow) around the end of the sleeve.



6. To make the head, either fill the pillow case with stuffing of choice, or cut one leg from the tights or stockings and stuff with filling of choice to make a round shape. Tie the end of the pillow-case or stocking/tights off with string. Draw or paint a face on the head and allow to dry.
7. Tie or tape the head onto the top of the stake.
8. Put wig on top of head or attach straw or lavender stems or wool by taping, sewing or tying it onto the head or inside the hat and place the hat on the head.
9. Decide where the scarecrow is going to stand and push the bottom of the long stake or broom/rake handle into the ground or attach the scarecrow to another stake driven into the ground. The scarecrow could also be attached to a fence or gate post.

OTHER IDEAS FOR SCARECROWS:

- Use a straw broom upside down for the body so the straw becomes the head. The face can be painted on or the eyes and nose made from thin plywood or polystyrene and painted, and then glued or tied onto the straw.
- Use a mop upside down in a similar way as the straw broom.
- Scarecrows can be made in different sizes to make a family of scarecrows and use children's clothes to dress them.
- Why limit yourself to people? Scarecrow animals could also be a feature of your garden. A horse would look good or maybe a trusty dog to join your scarecrow. Frames could be made from garden stakes or bamboo poles and wire netting to form the body. Cover with straw tied or wired onto the wire, or strips of material or lengths of wool tied onto the wire. Horses and dogs wear blankets and coats so why not add some clothes? The heads could be made of wire netting, or polystyrene (from boxes), plywood or thick cardboard and painted. Accessories might also be good for these animals.

...YOUR IMAGINATION IS THE LIMIT!

USEFUL WEBSITES:

- www.makescarecrows.com
- www.scarecrowland.co.uk
- www.rhs.org.uk
- www.allfreecrafts.com
- www.thekidsgarden.co.uk
- www.bordersscrapstore.org.uk

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ENTRY FORM

NAME OF SCARECROW

GROUP/ORGANISATION/ENTRANT.....
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY TO GO IN PROGRAMME (MAX 50 WORDS)
(e.g. Hamish, Bowhill's scarecrow was made from recycled materials and is based on what might have been one of the Dukes gamekeepers)

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CONTACT NAME.....

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

ADDRESS.....
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EMAIL.....

A Pick up service may be available on the 22nd & 23rd September 2010 is this something you would like more detail about?

YES/NO (please circle)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Entry forms must be returned by the 17th September 2010
2. Scarecrows must be delivered to Bowhill on the 22nd, 23rd or 24th September 2010 between 9am and 5pm unless a prior written agreement has been made by the Buccleuch Heritage Trust.
3. A small charge applies for use of the pick up service, for more details please ask when booking this service.
4. All entries must be appropriate for a family audience, any deemed not to be will be removed from the competition.
5. By entering the competition you are agreeing to the use of any photographs for future publicity
6. Buccleuch Heritage Trust employees may enter the competition however will not be eligible to win the cash prize.
7. Terms & conditions correct at 23.04.10 however we reserve the right to change as we see fit.

I agree to the terms and conditions and would like to enter the competition for the chance to win £100

SIGNATURE/E-SIGNATURE.....

Deadline for entry forms is the 17th September – please return this form to the address, email or fax below.