



ENTRY FORM

Thank you for participating in Downtown Paris Association's 2026 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 25, 2026

Business/Group Name: _____

Scarecrow Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please return form completed to:

Downtown Paris Association
P.O. Box 95
Paris, TN 38242
Or drop off at City Hall

If you have any questions, please contact:
Tara Wilson at 731-707-8740 or email: twilson@phcindustrialcommittee.org



Rules

1. The event entry fee is \$25 per scarecrow. Proceeds will benefit Downtown Paris Association.
2. Scarecrows will be installed around the court Square in locations selected by the DPA staff.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Framework measurement may not exceed a five-foot cross with a shoulder width of two feet.
6. DPA is not responsible for any loss or damage to the entries.
7. DPA reserves the right to use photographs and names of any of the scarecrows at any time for any reason.
8. DPA reserves the right to remove any Scarecrow at any time for any reason.
9. 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 Thursday, October 1, they must be completed and ready for judging by end of day on Monday, October 5. Please call Tara Wilson at 731-707-8740 to get the details for setting up your scarecrow in its designated location on the Courthouse Lawn.

You may remove your scarecrow on Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, November 3. All scarecrows must be removed by Tuesday, November 3.

Deadline to Enter

You can mail applications to P.O. Box 95, Paris, TN or drop off at City Hall by Friday, September 25, 2026. Please make all checks payable to Downtown Paris Association.

Judging

Scarecrows will be judged on Monday, October 5, 2026 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 Facebook page.

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.