

# Scarecrow/Harvest Stroll

*Downtown Plainwell Scarecrow, Harvest and Sculpture Contest*



## Rules and Entry Form

**The contest is open to:**

All ages      Schools      Clubs      Artists      Organizations      Churches  
Youth Groups      Families      Businesses      Individuals      Nonprofits

Any individual, group, or business can enter the contest. There is no fee to enter the contest. The displays will be up throughout the month of October downtown affixed to a lamp post, staged in front of your business, or affixed to a bench along North and South Main, and E. Bridge St. on M89, and the downtown plaza. Locations nearest the participating business location will be accommodated as much as possible.

Displays go up on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023

Voting begins on Monday, Oct.9 – Friday, Oct 20, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Displays must be dismantled on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023

### **Official rules and regulations:**

1. Complete an entry form indicating the title and description of the display, your contact information, and location preference if you are a business participant. Efforts will be made to install it close to your business.
2. **Return the entry form** to Plainwell City Hall, 211 N. Main Street by September 29, 2023.
3. Include the name of the participant on the display in some way so it can be identified (pinned, labeled, etc.).
4. If you need help attaching your display to their assigned location the week of October 2, let me know, so arrangements can be made with our DPW. The displays will remain on up through Nov. 1. All displays (mainly scarecrows) will be secured by zip ties or string, no metal or wire is allowed on any downtown light pole, fixture, or bench.

5. **PRIZES:** There will be prizes for the best scarecrow and People’s Choice winners. Judging will be conducted by an independent panel for the best one; the public can vote for the People’s Choice on Facebook until **Friday, October 20, 2023**. The winners will receive their plaques at the City Council meeting on **Monday, November 13, 2023**.
6. A written description of your entry and title must accompany your **OFFICIAL COMPETITION ENTRY**. The City of Plainwell reserves the right to refuse an entry that we feel may be offensive to the general public.
7. **STRUCTURE:** Each scarecrow must have horizontal support of wood for the body (2”x4” post preferred). This support is needed if the scarecrow will be wired to a steel light post for display. Please do not use perishable goods as part of the construction of your piece. Hay bales can be used for the bodies as well or any other material, as long as it has a solid base for display purposes. Other displays can include pumpkins, hay bales, wooden frames, etc. Any *hay bales must be enclosed in a casing to keep the hay/ straw together to avoid blowing onto the sidewalk.*
8. **SIZE:** Minimum height 3 ft. and the displays cannot be taller than 5’7” if being placed along M89 and Main St.
9. **DISPLAY:** For voting purposes, a number will be assigned to your entry, but you can provide an 11x17-inch sign that is attached to the front of your design. This sign will include your scarecrow’s name and description, your business/organization name, and 30 words or less advertising your business, organization, and group, if applicable.
10. Displays must be removed by Wednesday, November 1; If they are not city staff will remove them beginning Thursday, Nov. 3 and they become the sole property of the City of Plainwell.
11. In order to qualify, your display **MUST BE WEATHER-RESISTANT**. The City reserves the right to remove any scarecrows or sculptures that do not hold up to the natural elements.

Winners from 2022:





## Scarecrow/Harvest Entry Form – 2023

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Name

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Address

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City

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Zip:

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Phone

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Cell Phone

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Email

My City of Plainwell business is participating and I wish to display my masterpiece at my business location: \_\_\_\_\_

My business will put up & take down our entry

We will need help installing our Display

I'm a business outside the City/organization/family/individual and I will need a location to display my scarecrow

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Title of Entry

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Description of Entry

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Signature:

I understand and agree to all of the rules outlined in the above pages.

**Please return form or direct questions to Denise Siegel, (269)685-6821, [dsiegel@plainwell.org](mailto:dsiegel@plainwell.org) at Plainwell City Hall, 211 N. Main Street, Plainwell, MI. 49080. This form MUST BE returned prior to set up of your entry, to City Hall by Friday, September 29, 2023. Don't forget to label your creation with your contact information! **HAVE FUN!****