

2025 Scarecrow Contest Guidelines

1. Registration for the scarecrow contest will be ongoing from Thursday, September 4 to Tuesday, September 23 at 5:00 PM.
2. Registrations may be submitted by online form at:
<https://billpegowski.com/gol/fallfest/2025/registration.html> - OR - on paper forms which will be available in Gowanda at the Gowanda Free Library and Gabel Brothers. You may also print your own registration form using the pdf version of the form found at:
<https://billpegowski.com/pdf/2025/2025ScarecrowRegistrationForm.pdf>. Paper registrations can be turned in at the same locations in Gowanda as mentioned above during regular business hours for each location.
3. Scarecrow display tags and locations will be available Thursday afternoon (9/25). The Gowanda Free Library will be handling the distribution of the scarecrow tags.
4. You are encouraged to have your scarecrow in place by Thursday evening, Sept. 25. The official start time for scarecrow viewing & voting will be 12:00 PM (noon) on Friday, Sept. 26.
5. No tape or other adhesives may be used in attaching scarecrows to light poles in town. Tie them to poles with string, rope or wire.
6. As of the beginning of the contest on Friday afternoon, Sept. 26, paper ballots will be available in Gowanda at the same locations as mentioned above [during regular business hours for each location] or from Bill Pegowski, who will be downtown for much of the afternoon on Saturday the 27th. Online voting will be available on the "Gowanda area events" page on Facebook.
7. Paper ballots may be cast at Gabel Brothers and Gowanda Free Library during their regular business hours until 12 Noon on Monday Sept. 29.
8. People's Choice scarecrow online voting ends on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 5 PM. Results will be made available to local media, posted to the Activities board in Gowanda and online at the site mentioned above and at: <http://facebook.com/GowandaEvents>
9. Please be sure to **remove** your scarecrow display **within 14 days** of the end of the contest.
10. Scarecrow displays are the responsibility of their creators. Respect for store owner rights and village property is expected.

Watch the above mentioned sources for any updates that become available.