

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: <http://billpeglowski.com/gol/fallfest/2025>
- 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 on Gowanda Online (above).
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 afternoon, Sept. 25. The official start time for scarecrow viewing & voting will be 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. After the beginning of the contest on Friday afternoon, Sept. 26, paper ballots will be available in Gowanda at the locations mentioned above [during regular business hours for each location] or from Bill Peglowski, who will be downtown in Gowanda most 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 the Gowanda Free Library during 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** from 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.

2025 Scarecrow Registration

1. Classification

- ☐ Business ☐ Community Group or Organization
☐ School Group or Organization ☐ Individual / Family

2. Name or Title for your Scarecrow Display

3. Single or Multiple Scarecrow display?

- ☐ Single ☐ Multiple

4. Scarecrow created by: (Full name, first name, nickname, group name, exactly as you want it on the tag.)

5. Display Location (Locating downtown is preferred & will give better exposure to festival foot traffic.)

- ☐ Store or Property owner using my own location
☐ No Preference; just give me a good spot
☐ My preferences are indicated below
First choice would be near (give store name)

Second Choice would be near (give store name)

6. Scarecrow will be:

- ☐ Free-Standing ☐ Seated (needs bench location)
☐ Tied to a pole

7. If your scarecrow needs to be located near a specific structure (i.e. downtown bridge), give details:

8. Contact Information: Name of Individual, Business, Organization

If above was not an individual, name of Contact Person

9. Preferred contact method:

- ☐ E-mail (give address below)
☐ Phone [text] (give number below)
☐ Phone [voice] (give number below)
Contact info for method(s) indicated above

10. Full Street Address (only required if scarecrow will be located there):

You may use the back of this form for any other details you may wish to pass along.