Scarecrow Contest Guidelines

1. Registration for the scarecrow contest will be ongoing from Tuesday, September 8 to Monday, September 21 at 5:00 PM.

2. Registrations may be submitted by online form at:

http://Gowanda-NY.com/fallfest/2020

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on paper forms which will be available in Gowanda at the Gowanda Free Library & Gabel Brothers. You may also print your own registration form using the .pdf version of the form found on Gowanda Online (Gowanda-NY.com) as 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 Wednesday afternoon, September 23. The Gowanda Free Library will be handling the distribution of the scarecrow tags.

4. You are encouraged to have your scarecrow in place by Wednesday night, Sept. 23. The official start time for scarecrow viewing & voting will be 5:30 PM on Thursday, Sept. 24.

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 Thursday evening, Sept. 24, 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 26th. Online voting will be available in the "You Know You're From Gowanda" group on Facebook.

7. Paper ballots may be cast at Gabel Brothers & the Gowanda Free Library during regular business hours until 11 AM on Monday Sept. 28.

8. People's Choice scarecrow online voting ends on Sunday, Sept. 27 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: <u>http://facebook.com/GowandaEvents</u>

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.