

CALL TO ARTISTS!

Fall is coming...and so is...

The 1st Annual Scarecrow Contest & Auction!



Have you always wanted to create a scarecrow with your individual flare? Well, here's your chance to let your imagination run wild!

Linking Learning to Life, a Burlington-based education non-profit, is hosting the **NEFCU Giant Pumpkin Regatta & Festival on Oct. 10th** at the Burlington Waterfront and is looking for local artists to show off their talent by making some awesome scarecrows to advertise the event. The scarecrows will be prominently displayed around downtown Burlington the week before the event (Oct. 1 – Oct. 9) in areas such as Church Street or in front of sponsoring businesses. They will then be transported to the Burlington waterfront during the Festival on Oct. 10 to be voted on for their creativity and auctioned off in a silent auction to raise money for Linking Learning to Life.

The NEFCU Giant Pumpkin Regatta & Festival is an annual event hosted by Linking Learning to Life in partnership with the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and the VT Giant Vegetable Growers Association. It draws thousands of people to the Burlington waterfront for a day of fun and raises money to support PILOT – a youth leadership program for area high school students.

There is no entry fee, but there are some rules...

- Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind and possible rain showers.
- Use care in choosing your materials. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow.
- Scarecrows must be self-standing, meaning you must have something to hold them upright.
- If you choose to use fresh vegetables or fruits (like pumpkins) they must be whole and not punctured or carved, to ensure they last through the duration of the contest.

- You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition.
- We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed.
- All entries must be hand-made.
- No commercial costumes, rubber masks, etc. will be allowed.
- No electricity or moving parts may be used.

As part of your display, we will supply a sign that advertises the Giant Pumpkin Regatta & Festival. This will be attached to your scarecrow in some way, whether it's a sign that the scarecrow holds or attached in another place. The sign will also include the name of your entry and your name. (This will help your friends and family find your entry when voting.) The sign will be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No advertising or political statements are allowed.

Size: The minimum height is 3 feet. The maximum height is 5 feet. Scarecrows and props must fit in a 3x3 foot area.

Drop Off & Set-Up:

Your scarecrow must be dropped off at the top of Church Street on Friday, October 1st between 3-5pm. If this doesn't work, arrangements can be made on an individual basis. Please indicate this on your entry form.

Contest Judging and Silent Auction:

Visitors to the Giant Pumpkin Regatta & Festival will decide which scarecrow is the most creative. Each scarecrow will be numbered. Guests will vote for their favorite scarecrow. We will tally the votes on site and announce a winner who will get a great prize!

Visitors will also have the ability to participate in a silent auction to take the scarecrows home. Money raised through the silent auction will go towards Linking Learning to Life's programs.

Interested?

Contact Lindsey Lathrop @ Linking Learning to Life by phone: (802) 951-8849 or by e-mail: llathrop@bsdvt.org. Please complete the attached entry form if interested.



THE GIANT PUMPKIN REGATTA & Festival



1st Annual Scarecrow Contest & Silent Auction

Official Entry Form

Group or Individual(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

I understand that Linking Learning to Life will use photographs of the actual scarecrow entries and announce contest winner's names for publicity and promotion of future events. **I agree to have my scarecrow on display in downtown Burlington from Friday, October 1, 2010 to Saturday, October 10, 2010. I also agree to donate my scarecrow to Linking Learning to Life's Scarecrow Silent Auction during the NEFCU Giant Pumpkin Regatta & Festival on October 10, 2010. I acknowledge that all proceeds from the silent auction go to Linking Learning to Life's programs.**

I have read and understand all of the contest rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Entries must be received by Friday, October 1, 2010 between 3-5pm at the top of Church Street (where Church St. meets Pearl St.) Arrangement for drop-off and/or pick-up will be made on an individual basis with artist.

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