1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 - Scarecrow Muster Event and Awards

Scarecrow Muster will be on display from Saturday, Nov. 9 through Saturday, Nov. 29.

A grouping of crows is called a murder, a storytelling or a muster. Our muster of scarecrows on the lawn of Boykin's Tavern will accent the agricultural focus of our county as we celebrate the bounty of fall. Enter your own scarecrow creation in this contest for a chance to win! Use your imagination to select a traditional, contemporary or humorously themed scarecrow. Families, individuals, groups, businesses, schools, nonprofits and clubs may enter. The honor of King Crow will be bestowed upon the scarecrow with the most votes. Everyone is encouraged to vote at the tavern between Nov. 11 and 16! Event hosted by Isle of Wight County Historic Resources.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Fill out an entry form and return to Boykin's Tavern by 5 p.m. Nov 2. A written description of your entry and title must accompany your OFFICIAL SCARECROW COMPETITION ENTRY FORM. Use your most creative ideas within the bounds of acceptable public display for this community celebration. Political, profane and overly graphic displays are not permitted. The festival committee will remove any scarecrow deemed offensive.
2. Secure scarecrows to your assigned location on the tavern's lawn by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. The following times are available for check-in and set up for the event:
   10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8
   11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9
3. Please construct your scarecrow and its accessories for durability. Your hard work should be sturdy as well as wind and rain resistant. You may want to use chicken wire, corn husks and stalks, straw, rubber foam and other lasting products that will hold their shape after repeated wind and rain. Please avoid sharp objects. We strongly encourage entrants to visit their creations in the field for periodic check-ups. During the time your entry is on display, you may make any necessary repairs. We reserve the right to remove any scarecrows that do not hold up to the weather.
4. We will supply one piece of 2-inch PVC for entrants to insert their scarecrow post. The diameter of the PVC is 2 inches, and the length is approximately 12 to 18 inches. We suggest that you build your scarecrow on a 2x2-inch wooden crossed pressure-treated frame.
5. Attach a permanent weatherproof sign on your scarecrow with the name of your entry.
6. We are NOT RESPONSIBLE for the security of the scarecrows on display.
7. The public may vote for their favorite scarecrow between Nov. 11 and 16. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Entrants need not be present in order to win.
8. Scarecrows must be picked up between Nov. 29 and Dec. 1. Any scarecrows that are not claimed and whose creator(s) have not arranged for alternative pick-up will become the property of Boykin's Tavern. The committee will dispose of any materials remaining in the field on Dec. 2.
9. We reserve the right to photograph entries for any promotional purpose. Photographs, video and any other media shot during the event become the property of Isle of Wight County's Division of Historic Resources.

Applications are available online at HistoricIsleOfWight.com.

BOYKIN'S TAVERN Scarecrow Muster Competition

ENTRY FORM 2013

Scarecrow Name: _____

Scarecrow Description:

Name or Organization Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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I certify that all statements and answers to all questions in this application are true, complete and correct and are made in good faith. In consideration for Isle of Wight County allowing the undersigned to participate in this program, the undersigned his/hers heirs and assigns, do hereby release and hold harmless the county, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any liability for damages or injuries suffered or any other claims in connection with or arising out of the project including transportation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (needed for under 18): _____

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Applications may be emailed to jwilliams@isleofwightus.net or mailed to: Isle of Wight County Museum, Scarecrow Muster 2013
103 Main Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430.