



## Press Release

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### **Participants Sought for Scarecrow Contest**

Entries to be on Display at Gardens' Fall Harvest Festival

Appleton, WI – Rules and entry forms are now available for Gardens of the Fox Cities' Scarecrow Contest sponsored by Community First Credit Union. The Scarecrow Contest is just one of the many family-friendly activities featured at the Gardens' Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 14, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contest categories include Children Age 5-8, Children Age 5-12, Teen/Adult, and Family/Group. All entries will be on display at the Fall Harvest Festival and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category. Festival attendees will also have the opportunity to cast their votes for their favorite "Best of Show" scarecrow. This overall winner will receive a \$150 cash prize. Entry forms and contest rules are available at Gardens of the Fox Cities, Community First Credit Union Fox Valley locations and online at [www.gardensfoxcities.org](http://www.gardensfoxcities.org). The deadline to submit entries is Friday, October 13th.

Other activities being planned for the Fall Harvest Festival include fall gardening demonstrations, the Gardens' Heirloom Bulb Sale, a hay bale maze and hayrides sponsored by The Vande Hey Company, children's crafts presented by the Paper Valley Garden Club, music by the Green Apple Folk Music Society, food, and more. "New this year are activities for older children including pumpkin golf and a tree scavenger hunt," said Executive Director Brenda Hansen. "We really want to encourage the whole family to enjoy the beauty of the Gardens in autumn."

Vendors of seasonal produce such as pumpkins, apples, squash etc., art, handcrafted items and other unique fall offerings are also welcome at the Fall Harvest Festival. Vendors may contact the Gardens at (920) 993-1900 or download information at [www.gardensfoxcities.org](http://www.gardensfoxcities.org).

The Fall Harvest Festival is sponsored by WBAY TV-2, The Post-Crescent, WHBY, Community First Credit Union and the SE Outagamie Co. Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for teens (age 13-18), \$1 for children age 5-12. Children age 4 and under are free. People may also become *Friends of the Gardens* receive two free passes to this event in addition to one year's member benefits. All proceeds from the event benefit Gardens of the Fox Cities.

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Gardens of the Fox Cities is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with 35 acres located within Appleton Memorial Park. The mission of the Garden is to promote and appreciation and understanding of plants and gardens in an enriching, inspiring environment.