

News Release

Natural Resources Department Garners First Place in "Scarecrows on Parade" Contest at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

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Laura Bell, lab services coordinator, shows off the scarecrow, "For the Birds."

CROOKSTON, Minn. (October 8, 2007) – The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum held its second annual "Scarecrows on Parade," a juried exhibition of original, one-of-a-kind creations of scarecrows and other garden folk. The University of Minnesota, Crookston Natural Resources Department entry, entitled "For the Birds," won first place in the organizations category. The contest, designed to capture the flavor of the Minnesota harvest season, will have all entries on display from Saturday, September 15 through Thursday, November 1, 2007, as part of the Arboretum's autumn celebration.

A number of students, including Mary Jo Geldert and Lisa Gentele, joined Laura Bell, lab services coordinator, and Judy Baatz, administrative specialist, from the Natural Resources Department in creating their entry.

"The contest was a great way for Natural Resources to highlight the Crookston campus at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and to its visitors," reflects Bell. "We had a great time creating our scarecrow and were pleased by how he turned out."

Entries were judged on impact, originality, creativity, materials and craftsmanship. Bonus points could be garnered if the scarecrow actually could scare a crow. All entries had to be as weatherproof and indestructible as possible since they will be outside in the Minnesota weather for two months as part of the display.

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