

RHS Campaign for School Gardening



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Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2011 Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures **SCARECROW COMPETITION**

Based on 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and 'Through the Looking-Glass'

INFORMATION SHEET



We are very proud to invite you to the Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures Scarecrow Competition at Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2011!

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show will take place from Tuesday 5 to Sunday 10 July 2011, with many activities and features for schools, children and families, particularly over the weekend. It is the world's largest annual flower show and visited by over 150,000 people!

We are challenging primary schools from the south-east of England, **who are registered with the RHS Campaign for School Gardening**, to enter their very own Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures Scarecrow, to be exhibited at the show. Visitors to the show will vote for their favourite during the week of the show, and there will be first, second and third prize winners.

It's really easy to register with the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. Just go to the website www.rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening, read about the many benefits for teachers and students, and click on 'Register to the Campaign now!' - and it's free!

This year we have an exciting theme – Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures scarecrows based on his two famous books: 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Through the Looking - Glass'! We hope that you will take part in this fun and exciting competition! Please read on for more information about how to enter.

How do I enter?

Please complete and return the enclosed application form, **along with a colour photograph of your scarecrow (preferably by email)** to: Steve Cope email: stevecope@rhs.org.uk or post to Steve Cope, RHS Shows Department, Royal Horticultural Society, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE. Tel: 020 7821 3346 Fax: 020 7821 3660

Please note: The application form to be returned to the RHS can be saved to your computer and filled in electronically using either *Adobe Reader* or *Acrobat*. After a form is filled in, only users with *Adobe Reader 7* or above can save a copy of a completed form. You can download the latest version of *Adobe Reader* for free from <http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>

The closing date for entries is Monday 9 May 2011. The application form and this Information Sheet can also be downloaded online on www.rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening

Who can enter?

- Pre schools and Primary Schools (up to the age of 11, or year 6) from the south-east of England (Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, West Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Greater London, City of London, Surrey, Middlesex), who are registered with the RHS Campaign for School Gardening, may enter this competition. To register please visit: www.rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening.
- Each school may submit only **one entry**.
- Please submit one application form and one photograph per entry.

Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures Scarecrows

In 2011 we will be celebrating Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures. Because of this we are challenging you to give your scarecrow a Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures theme, representing characters from Lewis Carroll's books 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' and 'Through the Looking Glass'.

What are the rules for making my scarecrow?

- Your scarecrow must be based on characters from Lewis Carroll's books 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' and 'Through the Looking Glass'.
- Your scarecrow must be made from scratch.
- Your scarecrow should be well made and be able to withstand all weather conditions.
- Your scarecrow should be a maximum height of 1.8m.
- Your entry may be a single scarecrow or a group.
- Your scarecrow must include an element of plant material which can be dried, fresh or living. If fresh or living plant material is used, it may be replaced just before the Show.
- You are encouraged to use recycled materials.
- You may use props or accessories to enhance your scarecrow.
- Please make your scarecrow creatively, and make it fun and have a personality!
- Please attach a weatherproof label to your scarecrow which says the name of your school and the name of the scarecrow.
- Please give your scarecrow a name and a description (which should be no more than 20 words), on the application form.

How will my scarecrow be chosen to go to the show?

A selection panel will view the photograph of your entry. We will then write to you during the week commencing Monday 30 May to let you know if your entry has been successful. The successful entries will be invited to stage and be judged at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Entries which are not selected will have the photograph of their scarecrow displayed at the show.

