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## The 2016 aMAZing Pumpkin Carve Participation Rules and Event Details for Pumpkin Carvers

It is important that the following rules and event details are read thoroughly before registering:

1. The aMAZing Pumpkin Carve is scheduled to be held “rain or shine”, unless the weather is extremely detrimental. Weather-related closures will be made on a day-by-day basis and announced via the Hopewell Valley Arts Council and Howell Farm websites.
2. Carving will take place on **Wednesday, October 5 from 10:00am-8:30pm**. Carvers must check-in upon arrival to be directed to their pumpkin. Pumpkins will be assigned randomly. Once assigned, no changes are allowed.
3. **Carving must be completed and your area cleaned-up by 8:30pm on Wednesday evening to be eligible for judging.** Winners will be posted on the Hopewell Valley Arts Council website prior to the public opening on Friday, Oct 7.
4. Only one or two Carvers are permitted to carve a pumpkin or be on-site during carving day. If there are two carvers, both Carvers’ names will appear on the display card. Carvers between the ages of 12 and 18 **MUST** be on a team with a parent or guardian.
5. Once the HV Arts Council has selected all 50 carvers, additional carvers will be put on a Waiting List to replace selected carvers who do not show up the day of the Carve. If a Carver has not started carving his or her pumpkin by 5:30 pm, their pumpkin will be forfeited to a carver on the Waiting List who will be on stand-by.
6. Pumpkins will be pre-positioned on hay bales. **Pumpkins may not be moved off of the hay bales.** Pumpkins may be propped-up for enhanced viewing or for ease of carving. Some bricks and rocks will be available to use as props. Carvers may also bring their own material for propping.
7. **Only battery or manually operated tools are permitted.** No electricity is provided or allowed for carving purposes. A charging station will be available to recharge battery-operated tools.
8. Pumpkin designs must be the original work of the carver or carving team and not infringe upon the copyright or any intellectual property rights of others.

9. The use of stencils is permitted, but commercial pumpkin kits and pre-purchased pumpkin stencils are discouraged.
10. Designs do not need to be submitted or approved in advance. But Carvers must keep in mind that the audience will be broad-based and of all ages, so designs must be appropriate for public display. Designs that are religious, political or sexual in nature are not permitted. Corporate logos or advertisements are not permitted. Carved pumpkins that do not conform to these guidelines will not be displayed. If you are uncertain about your design's conformity, please contact us.
11. **Completed pumpkins may not include any visible man-made material.** Natural material, such as but not limited to, smaller pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks or sticks may be incorporated into the design. Man-made material such as wire, metal dowels, or toothpicks are permitted as an assembly aid only, and should not show in the completed pumpkin. Man-made materials, if used, must be covered or disguised with natural material, such as but not limited to raffia, leaves or moss. Components other than the main pumpkin may be pre-carved in advance. Candles and candleholders are permitted.
12. **Completed pumpkin designs may not exceed 4 feet beyond either SIDE or TOP of the pumpkin assigned to you.** Designs may extend below the top of the hay bales to the ground, but may not extend more than 4 feet from the pumpkin itself. Safety is of utmost importance. Please ensure that your pumpkin is constructed securely and will hold-up through possible wind and rain over the two-week event,
13. **BRING YOUR OWN ILLUMINATION.** One or more battery-operated lanterns are strongly encouraged due to the wind and their superior lighting given the size of the pumpkins. If your design requires candles, they are permitted. You are responsible for illuminating your pumpkin the first evening for judging. The Arts Council will replenish and light candles and lanterns on subsequent evenings, but you are required to leave replacement candles and batteries in a bag with your name on it. The *Rayovac Alkaline* with 530 Lumens with 260 hours of runtime worked great last year and is widely available at home improvement stores. Please put your name on your lantern so it can be returned to you.
14. **The use of man-made or natural products/treatments to extend the life of your carved pumpkin is encouraged.**
15. Carvers are asked to be available to return during the week to make minor repairs to their pumpkin when possible.
16. Due to the impermanent nature of the pumpkins and the uncertainty of the weather, if a pumpkin does not hold up to a level suitable for public display for the second weekend, the Arts Council reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to remove the pumpkin and replace it with another newly carved pumpkin.
17. No vehicles are allowed in the Pumpkin Patch. Please be prepared to transport all necessary tools from the parking area some other way. There will be one golf cart available, but you may

need to wait while it is in use. We suggest you bring a wheelbarrow, wagon or some other non-mechanized form of transportation.

18. Pop-up tents or umbrellas are STRONGLY encouraged. In the event of sunny or rainy weather on carving day, you will wish you had one! Carvers may bring chairs or blankets to sit on while carving. Trash containers and buckets will be available to help contain pumpkin refuse and facilitate cleanup.
19. No alcoholic beverages are permitted during carving. Alcohol and carving do not mix well. ☺
20. Regular and vegetarian hotdogs and water will be available to Carvers for lunch. Feel free to pack your own lunch or snack.
21. No pets are allowed in the Pumpkin Patch at any time. No Exceptions.
22. Carvers give unlimited permission to the Hopewell Valley Arts Council to use images of the pumpkins in promotional materials.

## **The aMAZing Pumpkin Carve Time Table for Carvers**

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
• <i>Call For Artists</i> document available online at <a href="http://www.HVArtsCouncil.org">www.HVArtsCouncil.org</a>	Aug. 3, 2016
• <i>Carver Registration</i>	Between Aug. 3 and Sept.18, 2016
• Selection Notification	Via email by Sept. 20, 2016
• Carving Day	Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 Between 10am and 8:30pm (Severe Weather Date: Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016)
• Pumpkin Judging	Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 5 & 6
• Award Winners posted to website	Friday, Oct. 7
• Public Viewing of Pumpkins:	Friday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> 5 to 9pm Saturday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> 12 to 9pm Sunday, Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> 12 to 9pm Monday, Oct. 10 12 to 5pm (Columbus Day) Friday, Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> 5 to 9pm Saturday, Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> 12 to 9pm Sunday, Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> 12 to 5pm