



The Amazing Pumpkin Carve 2020 Carver Participation Rules and Event Details

Thank you for your interest in carving at the sixth annual Amazing Pumpkin Carve. The Hopewell Valley Arts Council is looking for imaginative and truly AMAZING pumpkins. We encourage you to think outside of the traditional pumpkin-carving box!

It is important to read this document prior to registering to understand the level of commitment required.

~ NEW DUE TO COVID-19 ~

Due to safety mandates and social distancing, the following rules will be enforced:

- ✓ The event will be held as drive-thru with visitors viewing pumpkins from the safety of their cars. Carving will be completed before opening to the public.
- ✓ Safety masks are required whenever carvers are outside of their assigned tent area, such as upon arrival or when taking a break.
- ✓ Max team size is two carvers. If carving as a team, select a partner from your social safety circle or quarantine prior to working together in close proximity.
- ✓ Wrapped snacks and beverages will be available all day for the Carvers. Wrapped sandwiches will be available at lunchtime. It's a long day, so feel free to come and go to take a break. Carvers are welcome to pack their own lunches and morning coffee.
- ✓ Arriving cars will receive an event program containing information about the pumpkins, our carvers and sponsors. Carvers may include a short bio with contact information, if received by the print deadline.

Carver Timeline for 2020

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Date/Time</u> |
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| • Carver Email Confirmation | By Wednesday Sept 23 |
| • Pumpkin Carving Day | Wednesday Oct 7 |
| ~ Carving Time | ~ Between 10am - 5:45pm Must begin by 2pm |
| ~ Tent Cleanup | ~ Completed by 6pm |
| ~ Final Lighting Adjustments | ~ Between 6pm – 6:45pm |
| • Posting of Judging Results | Thursday Oct 8 |

Teams & Honorariums

1. An individual or a team of up to two Carvers is permitted to carve a pumpkin. Carvers between the ages of 12 and 18 must be on a team with a parent or guardian.
2. Once the Arts Council has selected the required number of carvers, additional carvers will be put on a waiting list. If a carver has not started by 2pm, their pumpkin will be forfeited and reassigned to a carver from the waiting list.
3. Upon satisfactory completion of a pumpkin, Carvers will receive \$150 per Carver or Carving Team. Each carver, carving individually or on a team, will receive one complimentary car pass for use any day the event is open.

Logistics

4. The event will be held rain or shine, unless the weather is declared unsafe. Weather-related closures will be made on a day-by-day basis and announced through the Hopewell Valley Arts Council website.
5. The carving location has not been finalized. You will be notified of the convenient location in Hopewell Township shortly.
6. Carvers must check-in upon arrival to be directed to a tent. Be sure to leave ample time to complete your design and be cleaned-up by 6pm. Hours later in

the day will allow you to see your pumpkin in the dark and tweak your carving as needed.

7. Each pumpkin will be pre-positioned on hay bales under 10 x 10 tents provided by the HV Arts Council for each carver. **Tents, pumpkins and hay bales may not be moved.** Pumpkins MAY be spun around or propped-up for enhanced viewing and ease of carving. Some bricks and rocks will be available to use as props. Carvers may also bring their own material for propping.
8. No vehicles are allowed in the Pumpkin Carve event courtyard. Please be prepared to transport all necessary tools from the parking area some other way. There will be one wagon available and a Kabota vehicle, but you may need to wait while it is in use.
9. *IMPORTANT:* A chair and a blanket to sit on while carving is highly recommended. Bug spray might be useful. Trash containers and buckets are provided to facilitate cleanup. You are responsible for cleaning up your own area.
10. No pets or alcoholic beverages are permitted. Alcohol and carving don't mix well.

Pumpkin Designs

11. When coming up with your design, please keep in mind that with the event being a drive-thru, the pumpkins will be viewed from approximately 8 feet away with viewing hours primarily in the evening. Lighting will be more important than ever.
12. Assigned 10 x 10 tents can be decorated in anyway or just feature an amazingly carved pumpkin. It's up to you. Keep in mind the pumpkins must remain on the hay bales, centered in the middle of the tent. Nothing of any significant weight can be attached to the pop-up tent structure.
13. Completed pumpkin designs MAY be enhanced with man-made materials and components. In addition, natural material such as smaller pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks or sticks may also be incorporated into your design. Components other than the main pumpkin can be pre-carved or painted in advance.
14. Pumpkin designs may extend below the top of the hay bales to the ground. Safety is of utmost importance. Please ensure that your pumpkin is constructed securely to last for the course of the event.
15. 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. Websites like "Pinterest" may be used for inspiration, but specific designs may not be copied.

16. The use of stencils is permitted, but commercial pumpkin kits and pre-purchased pumpkin stencils are strongly discouraged.
17. 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, other than logos of participating non-profit organizations, 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.

Electrical Access

18. You are encouraged to think creatively about light and motion. Low volume sound is permitted as long as it does not interfere with the enjoyment of the other pumpkins around you. The event will be open primarily in evening hours this year, so please give extra attention to your lighting plan.
19. **IMPORTANT:** Each carver will have access to an electrical plug with 100 watts of electricity near their assigned pumpkin. Battery or candle lighting is NOT permitted. **Carvers are required to bring their own OUTDOOR GRADE LIGHTING AND EXTENSION CORDS. Due to moisture build-up as the pumpkins sit, OUTDOOR grade lighting is imperative to keep the circuits from tripping the generator for the entire event.** Consider using compact florescent or LED lights to maximize wattage. Please put your name on your lighting system or other display items so they can be returned to you at the close of the event.
20. Only cordless power tools may be used. Plug-in power tools typically exceed 100 watts and will overwhelm our generator. Cordless power tools may be re-charged with the tent electrical set-up.

Miscellaneous

21. Use of products/treatments to extend the life of your carved pumpkin is encouraged.
22. Carvers may be asked to make minor repairs to their pumpkin if needed.
23. Registered Carvers may come to the event grounds ONE HOUR prior to public hours to check on their pumpkin.

24. A panel of judges will be assembled and charged with selecting outstanding pumpkins in a variety of categories. Winners will receive a non-monetary award remembrance.
25. Carvers give full permission for the Hopewell Valley Arts Council to use images of their pumpkins and day-of-event carving photos in promotional materials.

Thank you for bringing your creativity to the Amazing Pumpkin Carve!

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Wille at kyle.wille@hvartscouncil.org