

Giant Pumpkins to Haunt Olde Town

The Arvada Gardeners will be having a Giant Pumpkin Contest in conjunction with the Festival of Scarecrows on October 7th in the Olde Town Square in Historic Olde Town Arvada. Entries will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and judging begins at 1:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the three largest pumpkins in adults (13+) and kids (12 and under) divisions. Ribbons and Gift Certificates will be awarded to 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30) and 3rd (\$20) place in each division.

Carved Pumpkin Contest Rules

Pumpkins **must be carved** (colors may be added - colored pencil, paint, magic markers, etc) and completed before they can be entered in the contest.

Maximum pumpkin size is 2'x2'x2'. That size is approximate.

Only parts from one pumpkin may be used.

No foreign objects are to be used. Ex: toothpicks, glue, yarn etc.

No flames or pyrotechnics may be used.

One entry per person.

The judge's decision is final.

All pumpkin entries need to be on site before 11:00AM.

Pumpkin themes deemed inappropriate by the Arvada Gardeners Organization or the judges cannot be entered into the contest.

Age Groups:

12 and under

13 to 17 and

18 and above

Trophies, ribbons and certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each age group. A Special grand Prize will be awarded for the "Peoples' Choice" winner.

At 1:00pm local Master Pumpkin Carver John Bardeen will be on hand to give a demonstration on pumpkin carving and then judge the entries and present the awards.

Arvada Gardeners Booth

Besides the Giant Pumpkin Contest and the Carved Pumpkin Contest, the Arvada Gardens (a 501c3) will be accepting donations from event goers for gourds, cornstalks, mini-pumpkins, decorative (Indian) corn, dried organic herbs, various organic specialty garlic, hand made soap, and some food items.

Arvada Gardeners will provide free, festive gifts to kids at their "Cultivator Wheel of Chance."

Also visit the pumpkin patch at the Arvada Community Garden at 57th and Garrison has lots of good sized pumpkins and many mini-pumpkins and other festive items. Stop by during October during open hours M-F 7:30am to 6:00 pm, Sat-Sun 8am to noon, while supplies last.

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