



PIEDMONT ARTS

# Pumpkin *Palooza*

## Event Schedule & Rules

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

### Event Schedule

#### **5:00 pm — CARVER SET UP**

Carvers arrive at Piedmont Arts and set up their carving stations by 7:00 pm.  
Use this time to gut your pumpkin and decorate your table.

#### **7:00 pm — READY, SET, CARVE!**

Carving begins and guests are welcome to arrive. 90 minutes of furious pumpkin carving action ensues. In addition to carving, the photo booth, 50/50 raffle and cash bar will be open.

#### **8:30 pm — CARVING ENDS / STATION PREP**

Carving ends. Carvers prep their stations for judging.

#### **8:45 pm — JUDGING**

Judges will make their rounds, scoring each entry.

#### **9:00 pm — WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

We'll announce winners and award prizes.  
Enjoy music, drinks and food while celebrating until 10 pm.

## Carving Rules

- **BYOP!** (Bring your own pumpkins). You may incorporate multiple pumpkins/gourds and/or other materials in your design, but these items will not be provided.
- Carving tools are not provided. Please bring any tools needed to create your masterpiece.
- Pumpkins should be gutted before carving begins at 7 pm to save time and reduce mess on-site.
- Other than planning and gutting, no other prep work may be done on your pumpkin (drawing, scoring, pre-cutting parts, etc.) before carving begins.
- Carving time is 90 minutes.
- Power tools are acceptable. If you need access to an electrical outlet, you must indicate this on your registration form. If extension cords or other electrical outlets are needed, please bring them with you (no power cords, equipment, etc. will be provided).
- Props may be used but cannot comprise the majority of your design. Keep in mind this is a pumpkin carving contest and carving skill will be evaluated most heavily by the judges.
- Painting can be part of your design, but it must also be carved.
- Lighting for your pumpkin is up to you (no power provided).
- Costumes are welcome and decorating your prep area is encouraged. Table decorations and costumes are key factors in the Team Spirit Award.

### Judging

There will be three impartial judges to determine winners. Judging will take place after the 90 minutes of carving and all pumpkins are set up for judging.

### Scoring

Every judge gives each entry a score in the range of 1 – 10 (1 being the worst, 10 being the best). Each entry will receive a cumulative score in the range of 3 – 30.

### Awards

**1st Place • 2nd Place • 3rd Place**

**Team Spirit Award** – Awarded to the team with the most spirit. Attitude, costumes, decorations, etc. will be considered by the judges when choosing a winner.

**People's Choice Award** – During the 90-minute carving period, spectators can vote for their favorite team. The team with the most votes will win People's Choice.

