

CONTEST RULES

The main part of each entry must be a pumpkin or a member of the Cucurbitaceae family.

Participants may not submit more than one entry as individuals, one as a family (at least one adult and one child) and four as a group.

Pumpkins may **NOT BE CARVED OR HOLLOWED OUT**.

Pumpkins may not be larger than **60 cm x 60 cm x 60 cm (2' x 2' x 2')**, except for those in the *"biggest pumpkin"* category.

Pumpkins need to be decorated with **more than one technique** (painting, carving, collage, etc.) to be eligible to the contest and receive a compensation (entry pass).

Pumpkins entered may not be reclaimed during or after the contest.

Objects and materials used to decorate pumpkins **may not be reclaimed** during or after the contest, under any circumstances.

Objects, paper and materials of any kind may be pinned or glued to pumpkins. Participants may also draw or paint on their entries, cut designs into their surfaces or dress them up.

No electrical device may be used as part of any entry.

Each entry (except for those in the *"biggest pumpkin"* category) must have a title.

The Montréal Botanical Garden reserves the right to compost any pumpkin that starts to rot during the contest period.

The pumpkins become the property of the Montréal Botanical Garden, which may use them for any purpose, with no compensation or acknowledgement.

The contest is not open to employees of the Montréal Botanical Garden, contest organizers or their families.

All participants must be residents of the province of Quebec at the time of the contest.

Participants have until 7 p.m. on October 15, 2017, to submit their entries. **Any entries submitted after the contest deadline will not be eligible.**

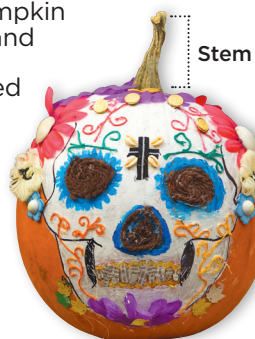
The winners will be chosen at around 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at the Botanical Garden, out of all the entries received. The decision will be made by a jury.

The winners will receive their prizes at the award ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, at the Botanical Garden. If participants cannot be present, their prizes will be mailed to their home addresses.

All winners agree to allow the Montréal Space for Life to use their names, cities, photographs and videos for advertising and promotional purposes, with no credit or other compensation.

KEEPING YOUR PUMPKIN IN GOOD SHAPE

- Choose a firm pumpkin, with no blemishes, and make sure the stem is firmly attached.
- First wash your pumpkin under running water.
- Store your pumpkin in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place, protected from frost.



SOME DECORATING TIPS

- Use acrylic paint if you wish to paint your pumpkin.
- To engrave or carve designs into your pumpkin, use a knife for cutting leather. Never puncture your pumpkin.
- Use a glue gun and straight pins to attach decorations to your pumpkin.



Halloween compost!
After the exhibition is over,
the pumpkins will be composted.



From **October 6 to 31**, the Botanical Garden and the Insectarium are presenting all kinds of activities to celebrate Halloween.

BOTANICAL GARDEN The Great Pumpkin Ball

Learn everything there is to know about the gourd family!

- Admire hundreds of **decorated pumpkins**
- Meet the unforgettable **Esmeralda the witch**
- Enter the quiz at the **Squash Counter** and learn more about Cucurbitaceae
- Have fun on the games in the **Little Monsters Courtyard**



INSECTARIUM Spiders Unmasked

- Did you know that they are not only cunning masters of seduction, but also fearsome hunters? Spider's adaptations are particularly incredible. To celebrate Halloween, we will shed light on the amazing performances of these magnificent creatures. Come see if you can resist the charm of the **Tricky Spiders**
- **Halloween Stars:** Go ahead and touch them! Spiders and their cousins are waiting for you to give them a friendly "leg shake." You're sure to find them very docile and totally irresistible.

For more information, visit montrealspaceforlife.ca.

Insectarium
4581, rue Sherbrooke Est
Montréal Botanical Garden
4101, rue Sherbrooke Est



Information: 514 872-1400
Group reservations: 514 868-3056



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PUMPKIN- DECORATING CONTEST

BOTANICAL GARDEN + INSECTARIUM

OCTOBER 6 TO 31



CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

Nearly \$8,000 in prizes

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Biggest pumpkin
3 prizes of \$200 to \$500
For all

Best-decorated pumpkin
14 prizes of \$50 to \$250
Ages:
3 to 5 • 6 to 8 • 9 to 12 • 13 to 17 • adults

Young jury prize
3 prizes of \$50
Ages:
3 to 5 • 6 to 8 • 9 to 12

FAMILY ENTRIES

Best-decorated pumpkin
3 prizes of \$75 to \$150 and passes to the Montréal Botanical Garden, Insectarium and Biodôme.

GROUP ENTRIES

(schools, daycare centres, etc.)

A group of at least 5 and at most 30 people must have worked on entries in this category. A single prize will be awarded to the entire group. A school may enter a maximum of four pumpkins.

Best-decorated pumpkin
10 prizes of \$50 to \$200 in gift certificates and passes to the Garden, including an educational workshop.
Ages:
3 to 5 • 6 to 8 • 9 to 12 • 13 and over

Good luck to everyone!



JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

- originality
- ingenious use of inexpensive and recycled materials
- quality of the work
- suitability of the title
- quality of the work in light of the participant's age

Please note that the judges must be able to recognize the pumpkin or squash used in the contest entry.

Entries in the "*biggest pumpkin*" category will be judged according to their weight when they arrive at the Main Exhibition Greenhouse. For this category, you must call 514 872-8798 before delivering your entry to the Garden.



Entry form

Individual and family entries

Participant's name: _____

Parents' names (father): _____

(mother): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Father's office: _____

Mother's office: _____

Categories: Ages 3 to 5 6 to 8 9 to 12
13 to 17 Adults Families

Pumpkin title: _____

Group entries

School grade: _____

Name of school or organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone (school): _____

Group leader's name: _____

Group leader's telephone (home): _____

Categories: Ages 3 to 5 6 to 8
9 to 12 13 and over

Number of participants: _____

Pumpkin title: _____



**Celebrate Halloween
at the Montréal
Botanical Garden!**

Great Pumpkin Ball

October 6 to 31, 2017

Orange, green, striped, speckled, small, big, long, flattened ... have fun learning about the amazing Cucurbitaceae family when you enter our pumpkin-decorating contest. Turn your pumpkin into a witch, a funny character, an animal ... Let your imagination run wild!

Bring your masterpiece to Multipurpose room 1 (behind the Horticultural information desk) at the Botanical Garden Reception Centre, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on October 6 to 12, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on October 13 to 15.

The masterpieces will be on display in the Main Exhibition Greenhouse until November 1.

The winners will be announced at the award ceremony, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21.

**Contest closing date
October 15 at 7 p.m.**