

## 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 for the contest.

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 Jardin botanique de Montréal reserves the right to compost any pumpkin that starts to rot during the contest period.

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

The contest is not open to employees of the Jardin botanique de Montréal, 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 14, 2019, 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 15, 2019, at the Jardin botanique, 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 19, at the Jardin botanique. 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 4 to 31**, the Jardin botanique is presenting all kinds of activities to celebrate Halloween.

## JARDIN BOTANIQUE 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**



For more information, visit [montrealspaceforlife.ca](http://montrealspaceforlife.ca).

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JARDIN BOTANIQUE

OCTOBER 4 TO 31

# PUMPKIN- DECORATING CONTEST



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## Celebrate Halloween at the Jardin botanique de Montréal!

### Great Pumpkin Ball October 4 to 31, 2018

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 Jardin botanique Reception Centre, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on October 4 to 10, or between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on October 11 to 14.

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 19.

**Contest closing date  
October 14 at 7 p.m.**

## 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 Jardin botanique de Montréal and the Insectarium.

### 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 see 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.



### Entry form

#### Individual and family entries

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's office #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's office #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

