

## 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 (at least five and no more than thirty members).

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 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 12, 2015, 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 13, 2015, at the Botanical Garden, out of all the entries received. The decision will be made in part by a jury and in part on the basis of votes from the public.

The winners will receive their prizes at the award ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 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.

Full contest rules are available at [espacepourlavie.ca/pumpkins](http://espacepourlavie.ca/pumpkins)

## 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.



### BOTANICAL GARDEN The Great Pumpkin Ball

- Admire hundreds of **decorated pumpkins**
- Meet the unforgettable **Esmeralda the witch**
- See *Pépo-citrouille*, a play.
- Enter the quiz at the **Squash Counter**, pick up some **recipes by famous chefs** and learn more about Cucurbitaceae
- Have fun on the games in the **Little Monsters Courtyard**

## 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 to November 1, the Botanical Garden and the Insectarium are presenting all kinds of activities to celebrate Halloween.

### INSECTARIUM Tricky Spiders

Enjoy many fascinating presentations on spiders!

- Learn more about the charms of jumping and hunting spiders, in our **Naturally Well Made presentation**
- Give a friendly "leg shake" to Quebec's arachnids & insects in the **Insects on Tour presentation**
- Be surprised by our **pop capsules** mini-presentations



For more information, see the fall program brochure or visit [montrealspaceforlife.ca](http://montrealspaceforlife.ca).

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**Montréal Botanical Garden**  
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