



## 2018 Pumpkin Carving Contest Registration & Rules

Show off your skills at the First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest at Compass Inn Museum. Families are encouraged to participate!

### How to Enter

There is no fee to enter.

- Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated.
- Free-hand design as well as carving kits and patterns may be used for this contest.
- Finished entries need to be free standing or attached to foam core or plywood base enabling it to be free standing.
- **ONLY Battery Operated** flameless candles allowed.
- Entries are due between **11 am to 2:30 pm Saturday, October 20<sup>st</sup>** at Compass Inn Museum **1382 Route 30 East • Laughlintown PA, 15655.**
- **Pre-registration is encouraged** but you may also register onsite when you drop off your carving. There is no registration fee.
- Each person may submit only one entry, which can include more than one pumpkin.
- Entries should not be difficult to move.
- Compass Inn Museum reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

### Judging

Pumpkin Carving Artists will enter their creations into one of three categories:

- **Juniors** (ages 12 & under)
- **Adults** (ages 13 & up)
- **Families** (mixed ages)
- All entries will be on display at Compass Inn Museum from **6 to 9 pm the evening of Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**, during the Halloween Hauntings Storytelling Tour. They will **be judged by popular vote by the Halloween Hauntings attendees.**
- Winners need not be present. They will be contacted the following morning.
- All entries, including winners, **will also be on display during the October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Haunting Storytelling Tours from 6 to 9 pm.** Each Pumpkin will be displayed with the name, age category and city of the artist.

### Prizes

Prizes will be distributed as follows in each category:

- First Place - **\$75**
- Second Place - **\$50**
- Third Place - **\$25**
- Winners in each category will also **win 2 free admissions to the October 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Hauntings Storytelling Tours.**

If desired, pumpkin entries **may be picked up BETWEEN 9 and 9:30 pm October 28<sup>th</sup> or during operating hours Monday, October 29 (9 am- 4 pm).**

Call **724-238-6818** or email [tgrohall@compassinn.org](mailto:tgrohall@compassinn.org) with questions.

# Tips for Helping Your Carved Pumpkin Last Longer

## **TIP #1**

**Make sure you use a fresh pumpkin**

## **TIP #2**

**Clean your pumpkin in bleach**

1. After carving your pumpkin, rinse it out with water to get rid of excess strings and gunk.
2. Fill a large bucket or tub with three gallons of water.
3. Add three teaspoons of bleach and stir.
4. Dunk in the pumpkin in the solution and hold it down so it will not float. (Be sure to wear water resistant gloves). The entire pumpkin should sit in the solution for two minutes.
5. Remove from the solution and let the pumpkin completely air dry.

## **TIP #3**

**Place your carved pumpkin in a tub or large bowl filled with cold water, carved side down.**

Let it absorb the water for at least 1 hour; however, you can leave it in for up to 8 hours. This will create a firmer pumpkin that will resist dehydration for longer than an untreated pumpkin. Dry the pumpkin completely after soaking.

## **TIP #4**

**Seal with petroleum jelly or vegetable oil**

On a completely dry pumpkin spread petroleum jelly or vegetable oil inside your pumpkin and around all cut out areas.





Compass Inn Museum  
2018 Pumpkin Carving Contest



Entry Form

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Carver's Name

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Title of Entry

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Email Address

Phone

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Street Address

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City/State/Zip

Category (please check one)

Juniors (ages 12 & under)

Adults (ages 13 & up)

Families (mixed ages)

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Signature of Participant

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Parent Signature for Participants under 18 year of age

Age of Junior

**\*Waiver: by signing this form, entrants agree that Compass Inn Museum has the right to use pictures of the entries and entrants on their website. You also understand that the award decisions are final.**

**Please send completed pre-registration to:**

Ligonier Valley Historical Society  
Pumpkin Carving Contest  
PO Box 167  
Laughlintown, PA 15655

or email it to [tgrohall@compassinn.org](mailto:tgrohall@compassinn.org) (carving contest in subject line)

You may also bring it with you when you drop off your entry between 11 am and 2:30 pm Saturday, October 20, 2018.