



Harvest Daze 2023

Iroquois County Historical Society Pumpkin Contest Rules and Procedures

Online registration available at

iroquoiscountyhistoricalsociety.com/pumpkincontest2023.

1. The 2023 Pumpkin Contest theme: *Fairy-Tale Pumpkins!* Carved or Painted - Celebrating stories that delight us!
2. Online entry form or printed entry form must be completed and returned to ICHS office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Each entry will be assigned an entry number that will be posted with each pumpkin display.
3. The entry number must be picked up on Saturday before the pumpkin is set up. The check-in will be to the right of the main entrance steps of the Old Courthouse Museum, and pumpkins will be displayed on the west side of the courthouse.
4. Pumpkin entries should be set up from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 in the designated area. All entries must be in place by 10 a.m. Saturday and should be removed by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8. Any entries left after this time will be discarded.
5. Only one entry per person or organization/group is allowed. You may enter as an individual and as part of an organization.
6. Winners in each category will be chosen by votes of Harvest Daze visitors. Place your votes in the jars in the pumpkin display tent. Voting will close at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8. Winners will be announced from the ICHS booth at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8. Collect ribbons before leaving.
7. Pumpkin display should fit within a 2 ft x 2 ft space.
8. The main part of each entry must be pumpkin or a member of the pumpkin family.
9. Pumpkins may be carved or painted/decorated. Objects, paper and materials of any kind may be attached to pumpkins. Avoid sharp objects.
10. Pumpkin entries deemed inappropriate will not be judged and will be removed.
11. No electrical device or candle may be used as part of any entry.
12. Pumpkin categories and Age categories will be as follows, with awards of 1st, 2nd and 3rd given for each age/pumpkin category.

<p>Special Awards (1 each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick of the Patch • President’s Award – Theme • Guess Weight of Big Pumpkin 	<p>Age categories for individuals (Age on Oct. 1, 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth – 11 years old & younger • Teen 1 – 12-14 years old • Teen 2 – 15-17 years old • Adult – 18 years & older <p>Separate categories for organizations</p>
<p>Entry number will be displayed with the pumpkin.</p>	<p>Pumpkin categories for each age group or organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carved • Painted or Decorated

13. Judging criteria: originality, ingenious use of pumpkin, quality of work.
14. Any and all rules pertaining to Harvest Daze apply to Pumpkin Contest entries and participants. The Iroquois County Historical Society is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
15. HAVE FUN!