**Pumpkin Festival**

**H. O. Smith Botanic Gardens**

**2015**

**Friday, October 16**

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Lighted Jack-o’-Lantern Display, Food Vendors

**Saturday, October 17**

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Lighted Jack-o’-Lantern Display, Festival Activities, Music, and Food Vendors

**Enter the Jack-o’-Lantern Contest!**

**Pumpkin Giveaway:** Free Pumpkins for Contest Entrants

Sunday, October 11 (1:00 p.m. – while supply lasts)

**Contest Registration:**

Thursday, October 15 (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Friday, October 16 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Read contest rules on reverse side. Participants may also provide their own pumpkins for contest.

Special thanks to the Vargo family for making this event possible.

Corner of Park Ave. and Bigler Rd.
University Park, PA 16802

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Pumpkins will be supplied by the Arboretum to participants free of charge, while supply lasts. Participants may also provide their own pumpkins for submission in the contest.

**Entry Categories**
*Pumpkins must be entered in one of the following categories:*
- Age 2-4 / Age 5-7 / Age 8-10 / Age 11-13 / Age 14-17 / Penn State Student / Adult

**Contest Rules**
1. Each participant is allowed one entry.
2. The entry may only be composed of parts from a single pumpkin.
3. Painted, uncarved pumpkins may be entered by children in the Age 2-4 and Age 5-7 categories only.
4. No foreign objects may be used in the construction of carved pumpkins, e.g. toothpicks, glue, yarn, pins, leaves, flowers, etc.
5. Each pumpkin must have a hole of sufficient size (minimum 4” in diameter) to enable the Arboretum to illuminate it with a battery-operated candle from the inside. Participants may not supply their own lighting devices.

*Hint: We recommend that you carve your jack-o’-lantern the day before you enter it in the contest to maintain freshness for judging!*

**Award Ribbons**
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
  - (All Seven Age Categories)
  - Best in Show
  - Best Arboretum Theme
  - Best Penn State Theme
  - Best Traditional Jack-o’-Lantern Face

**Jack-o’-Lantern and Ribbon Pick-Up**
- **Sunday, October 18th**
  - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - Arboretum Event Lawn
  - All pumpkins not picked up by 1:00 p.m. will be composted!