

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Rules

Event Details:

- **Registration Period:** October 1 – October 30, 2026
- **Judging Date:** November 2, 2026
- **Location for Judging:** Online

Rules for Participation:

1. **Eligibility:** Open to all ages! Anyone who registers between October 1-30, 2026 can participate.

2. Registration:

- How to Register: Anyone who wishes to participate is welcome. All ages allowed. This will be a virtual competition, so you may do your own pumpkins at home and send us the photo.
- To register, please contact the tourism department via email at maddie.okeefe@carletonnorth.com, or at 506-392-6763 Ext 210 or through our Facebook page Explore District of Carleton North.
- Participants need to provide their name, contact information (in case they win a prize!), and the photo of their pumpkin.

3. Pumpkin Requirements:

- Participants must supply their own pumpkins & materials. Can be painted or carved.
- Only one pumpkin per contestant.
- Pumpkins can be any size or shape.

4. Carving Details:

- All carving/decorating must be done at home.
- Carving tools and required materials are the responsibility of the participant.
- Participants may use stencils or free-hand designs.
- Battery-operated candles or lights may be used to illuminate the pumpkins during judging.
- All pumpkins will be posted to our Facebook albums for others to view and vote, but judges have the final decision.

5. Judging Criteria:

- **Creativity:** Originality of design or concept.
- **Craftsmanship:** Precision and quality of carving.
- **Theme:** How well the pumpkin fits the category (spooky, cute, or overall design).
- **Overall Presentation:** How well the pumpkin is displayed, including lighting effects.

6. Categories:

- **Pets & Pumpkins** – Your pet and a pumpkin.
- **Fan Favourite Pumpkin** – As determined by our Facebook votes, Judge will make a choice from top 5 finalists.
- **Most Creative Pumpkin** – We love originality!

7. Judging Process:

- Judging will begin **November 2, 2026**, and results will be posted online.
- Prizes will be awarded for **Pets & Pumpkins, Fan Favourite Pumpkin & Most Creative Pumpkin.**
- Likes/ Votes are great, but Judges' have the final decision.

8. Prizes:

- Winners of the contest categories will receive a prize from the District of Carleton North Tourism Department. More details to come at a later date.

9. Disqualification:

- Pumpkins containing inappropriate or offensive content will be disqualified.
- Participants who do not follow the rules or miss the submission deadline will not be eligible for judging.