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**FACT SHEET  
GREAT PUMPKIN CARVE AND SHOW**

***When and how did the Pumpkin Carve get started?***

The tradition began in the 1970's when a group of local artists gathered on the front porch of the Chadds Ford Inn for a friendly pumpkin carving competition. The event grew and in 1992 it was moved to the meadow behind the Chadds Ford Historical Society.

***How many attend?*** More than 10,000 visitors come to Pumpkin Carve over the three days.

***How many pumpkins and carvers are participating this year?*** There are usually about 70 pumpkins with carving groups of up to 4 people.

***How much do the pumpkins weigh?*** Last year the largest weighed 420 pounds, the smallest 110.

***Where do pumpkins come from?*** They are grown by S.I.W. Vegetables of Chadds Ford.

***Do carvers select their pumpkin?*** No, pumpkins are assigned randomly so that carvers have to decide on the spot what to do with the pumpkin's shape and size.

***Who are the carvers?*** Most are area residents (Chester and Delaware Counties, nearby Delaware); most form a team that tackles the project together; many return year after year.

***What are the prize categories?*** Best Overall, Best Carving, Best Use of Pumpkin, Most Original and Most Halloween and four Honorable Mentions are chosen by the judges. The People's Choice award is based on votes cast by Thursday night visitors to the event. Prizes are handcrafted wooden furniture donated by Hunt Country Furniture.

***Who are this year's judges?*** Lee Miller of Chaddsford Winery, George Nolan of Feasts of Fairville and Mary Keiser of the Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary.

***Who sponsors Pumpkin Carve?*** The event is co-sponsored by the Chadds Ford Historical Society and the Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary. Proceeds fund CFHS and its educational programs. The Rotary turns money from food proceeds back into the community through scholarships, service organizations, donations to local fire companies and contributions to youth and women's programs. Citadel Federal Credit Union sponsors the music for Thursday night.

***Who chaired this year's Pumpkin Carve?*** Co-chairs Kammy Franz and Sally Weil