



Guidelines for the Bowood Farms Pumpkin Contest!

To be judged on Wed. Oct. 21,
at the second-annual, pre-Halloween **Boo-wood!** event

- This contest is open to home gardeners, community gardeners, children, school groups – to anyone who's growing their own pumpkins for private use, not for sale.
- The six categories in this contest are:
 - (1) **Best Overall Pumpkin**
 - (2) **Largest Pumpkin**
 - (3) **Smallest Pumpkin** (at maturity)
 - (4) **Best Pumpkin Grown by a Child** (12 and under)
 - (5) **Best Pumpkin Relative** (melon, squash or gourd)
 - (6) **Goofiest Pumpkin** (“pumpkins with possibilities” – such as celebrity look-alikes, or spooky faces, or just supremely odd and wacky shapes)
- Submit one entry per person per category.
- Fill out the entry form, below, and attach it firmly to the pumpkin.
- Please drop off pumpkin and entry form to Bowood Farms, 4605 Olive Street in the Central West End 63108, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, the day before **Boo-wood!** (entries will be received up until 4 p.m. on the day of the event, Wed. Oct. 21, but a Tuesday drop off is preferred).
- If possible, save your seed packet showing pumpkin type, and submit it with entry (or print it on your entry form).
- Judging will start promptly at 4:30 p.m. Wed. Oct. 21, **Boo-wood!** day. Judges are to be Chip Tynan, senior horticulturist at the Missouri Botanical Garden, and Nathan Brandt, St. Louis County Extension Horticulture Specialist. Judging is not scientific and somewhat subjective, based on horticultural experience. Judges also reserve the right to move pumpkins among categories.
- Prizes – to be awarded at 5:30 p.m. at **Boo-wood!** -- are gift bags, including Bowood Farms gift certificates and seeds; photos of winning pumpkins also will appear on the Bowood Farms Web site.
- For more information, go to www.bowoodfarms.com, or email events coordinator Becky Homan, at becky.homan@sbcglobal.net, or call Bowood at 314-454-6868.

Pumpkin Contest Entry Form

1. Choice of category _____
2. Name/variety of pumpkin, squash or gourd _____
3. Entrant's name _____
(and of community garden, if applicable) _____
4. Mailing address _____
5. Phone number _____
6. email address (optional) _____

Signature _____

(I agree that the information I've provided is correct; I also agree to abide by the rulings of the **Boo-wood!** judges and of Bowood Farms.)