

2026 CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW WINDOW TRIMMING CONTEST

Trustee: Ernie Weaver, 740-412-2779

Chairperson: Diana Weaver, 614-769-1599; **Committee:** Lacie Emerine

The Circleville Pumpkin Show invites you to participate in the window and/or store front contest. Join us as we decorate our community in preparation for this year's Pumpkin Show and America's 250th Anniversary!

RULES:

- Any Circleville downtown business, located within the boundaries of North: Ted Lewis Drive; East: Washington Street; South: Mound Street; and West: the railroad tracks, may participate

- Applications can be completed online at www.pumpkinshow.com beginning September 1, 2026. Applications **MUST** be received no later than 5:00 p.m. October 14, 2026

The theme for 2026 is: **RED, WHITE AND WINKIE**

- All windows **MUST** include at least One live pumpkin to be considered
- Professional window trimmers cannot be used
- Prizes will be awarded to the top three best windows in Retail or Service
- For safety and security purposes, **ONLY** windows will be accepted into the contest. No outdoor decorations will be judged.
- For questions, please contact Diana Weaver at 614-769-1599 or email: Weaver0427@gmail.com

PRIZE MONEY:

Best Decorated Window:

1st Place: \$300; 2nd Place: \$200; 3rd Place: \$100

Best Painted Window: 1st Place: \$100

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119th ANNUAL CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW® Premium List OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 24, 2026

We are happy to submit this Premium List and trust that you will find an exhibit that your labors have produced and that a satisfactory premium is offered.

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Definition of Trading Area: Trading Area as specified in premium book is the area within a 21 mile radius of the City of Circleville and including all of Pickaway County.

Pumpkin Show Headquarters is located at 159 East Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113, 740-474-7000. See our Web Page at www.pumpkinshow.com

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2026 PUMPKIN SHOW OFFICIALS

OFFICERS

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The Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization founded for the purpose of providing and holding an annual Pumpkin Show on the streets of Circleville, Ohio and to promote and encourage fellowship among patrons, visitors and citizens of the community and to promote the general welfare of agricultural, manufacturing and mercantile interests of the city and surrounding territory. Also, to demonstrate the resources of Pickaway County and to do all things necessary to promote the same.

The Internal Revenue Service considers cash prizes taxable income and as such, the Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. must file the appropriate forms at year end. All winners of prizes of \$2,000.00 or more will be required to submit a signed W-9 before the prize winnings will be issued and the winner will receive a 1099 from the Circleville Pumpkin Show reporting said prizes at year end.

2026 PUMPKINS-SQUASH-GOURDS

Sponsored by Circleville Pumpkin Show, Circleville Giant Pumpkin Growers and Corporate Sponsor, Kingston National Bank

Trustees: Ernie Weaver 740-412-2779 and Bryan Sowers 740-248-6744

Chairperson: Justin Jacobs

Committee Members: Tyler Sowers, Colin Sowers, Dustin Richards, Steven Thornhill, Ryan Morrison, Tiffany Sowers

- All entries exhibited must be grown by exhibitors within Pickaway County or trading area of Circleville.

- Displays must be made on **Monday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** at the Pumpkin Display. All pumpkins and squash must be clean.

- All displays must be maintained during the course of the Pumpkin Show or Prize Money will not be awarded.

- All displays in this department will be cared for and protected until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, after which all exhibits will be left at exhibitors' risk.

- Displays will be judged, but inferior exhibits should not be made and will not be rewarded.

- A ribbon and plaque will be give for best of show in three categories: Best Overall Display Pumpkin/Squash, Best Side of Pyramid, Best Display of Gourds

- You may use no more than two (2) props with your pumpkin/squash display

- You are required to use the previously furnished Scarecrow in your Gourd Display.

Definition of Trading Area for this Department: is specified as an area within a 25 mile radius of the City of Circleville and including all of Pickaway County. See map below.

- Exhibitors are permitted to sell (pumpkin, squash, & gourds) from beneath the displays daily.

Weigh-in for the Largest Squash will be held at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday. All registrations/entries for the Weigh-in must be completed online at www.pumpkinshow.com and submitted by midnight, Friday, October 16, 2026.

- Largest Squash prizes are paid in part by donations from the Concessionaires and Vendors;

- No previously weighed pumpkins can be entered. Only two pumpkins from any one patch may be entered.

- Enter Main Street at Washington Street (Duke & Duchess) and proceed west to center of town by 6:30 a.m.

- Must bring your on-line registration sheet with you on Wednesday morning of weigh-in.

- If Squash is not picked up by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning after Pumpkin Show, it becomes the property of Pumpkin Show.

LARGEST SQUASH

1st Prize - \$3,000 2nd Prize - \$1,750 3rd Prize - \$1,250 4th Prize - \$750

Best Overall Display Pumpkin Squash - \$300

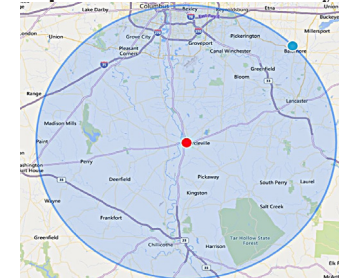
Next 16 places to receive \$100 each

Best Display of Gourds with Scarecrow - \$200

Nancy Martin's Prettiest Pumpkin Award \$300

Best Side of Pyramid - \$200

Farm Market Participants receive a Monetary Award up to \$500



2026 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Trustee: Tonya Thompson 740-412-8018

Chairpersons: Stephanie Gibson and Kari Landenberger

Committee: Janna Reeves-Wilkins, Tammy Lively,
Ginger Radcliff, and Will Thompson

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1. Entries to be made between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **Monday at the Pumpkin Show Building**, 124 Watt St., Circleville, Ohio.
2. All entries must be grown by exhibitor within Pickaway County or the Trading Area of Circleville.
3. All entries will be judged, but inferior exhibits should not be made and will not be rewarded.
4. Prizes will be awarded according to quality in case of only one entry.
5. All entries under "any other kind" must be identified by the exhibitor.
6. Only one entry permitted in each class from any one family.
7. Spoilage will be removed from display.
8. **No oil is to be put on items.**
9. Exhibits will not be released before Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Premiums will be paid at this time.
10. Watt Street building will open on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Results may be viewed at that time.

I POTATOES

1. 3 Best Irish Cobbler
2. 3 Best Kennebec
3. 3 Best Any Other Kind

II SWEET POTATOES

4. 3 Best Red Sweet Potatoes
5. 3 Best Yellow Sweet Potatoes
6. 3 Best Yams
7. 3 Best Any Other Kind

III BEANS

8. Best Plate Limas - Hulled
9. Best Plate String Beans – 10 Pods

IV BEST JAR DRY BEANS (1 Pint)

10. Horticultural Beans
11. Navy Beans
12. Lima Beans
13. Red Kidney Beans
14. Any Other Kind

V BEETS

15. 5 Best Table Beets – 2" Tops

VI CABBAGE

16. Best Head Cabbage - Trim for Market

VII CARROTS

17. 3 Best Carrots - 1" Tops

VIII CORN - ANY VARIETY

18. 3 Best Sweet Corn Ear, Fresh
19. 3 Best Ears Field Corn - No Shocks
20. 3 Best Ears Ornamental Corn - Shocks on

IX POPCORN

21. 5 Best Ears Strawberry Popcorn
22. 5 Best Ears Yellow Popcorn
23. 5 Best Ears Any Other Kind - Popcorn

X CUCUMBERS

24. 3 Best Cucumbers

XI ONIONS

25. 3 Best Yellow Onions
26. 3 Best White Onions
27. 3 Best Red Onions
28. 3 Best Green Onions
29. 3 Best Onion Sets

XII PEPPERS

30. 3 Best Green Bell Peppers
31. 3 Best Red Bell Peppers
32. 3 Best Green Peppers
33. 3 Best Red Peppers
34. 3 Best Hungarian Wax Peppers
35. 3 Best Red Jalapeno
36. 3 Best Hot Peppers
37. 3 Best Any Other Kind - Peppers

XIII RADISHES

38. 3 Best White Radishes - 2" Tops
39. 3 Best Red Radishes - 2" Tops

XIV TOMATOES

40. 5 Best Red Tomatoes
41. 5 Best Small (Salad) Tomatoes, 2-3 inches
42. 5 Best Yellow Tomatoes
43. 5 Best Any Other Kind - Tomatoes - Cherry Tomatoes
44. 5 Best Cherry Tomatoes

XV TURNIPS

45. 3 Best Any Kind Turnips - 1" Tops

XVI SQUASH

46. 2 Best Acorn
47. 2 Best Butternut
48. 2 Best Zucchini
49. 2 Best Any Other Kind Squash

XVII MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES

50. 5 Best Brussels Sprouts
51. 1 Best Cauliflower
52. 1 Best Celery
53. 1 Best Swiss Chard
54. 1 Best Egg Plant
55. 5 Best Okra
56. 5 Best Parsnips
57. 1 Best Stalk Peanuts
58. 10 Best Hickory Nuts
59. 10 Best Black Walnuts
60. 10 Best Chestnuts
61. Most Unusual Freak
62. Any Vegetable Not Listed
63. 1 Best Watermelon

XVIII LARGEST VEGETABLE (Weight to Determine)

64. Largest Beet - 2" Top - No Roots
65. Largest Cabbage
66. Largest Turnip - 2" Top - No Roots
67. Largest Cucumber
68. Largest Sunflower Head (Diameter) - 8" Stem
69. Largest Carrot - 1" Top - No Roots
70. Largest Onion
71. Largest Potato
72. Largest Sweet Potato
73. Largest Tomato
74. Largest Zucchini
75. Largest Radish - 2" Tops - No Roots
76. Largest Watermelon
77. Largest Squash

XIX MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS

78. 3 Best Apples - Any Kind
79. 3 Largest Apples - Any Kind
80. 3 Best Pears
81. 3 Largest Pears
82. Best Plate Any Kind Fruit

Prizes for Classes: 1 through 83

First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

XX BEST DISPLAY - PATRIOTIC THEME

84. Best Display of Fruits and Vegetables Featuring at least One Pumpkin. Must not exceed 18" in diameter or length and no artificial material.

Prizes: First Place: \$11.00 Second Place: \$8.00 Third Place: \$6.00

XXI DECORATED PUMPKIN

Must consist of ONLY one (1) REAL Painted or Decorated Pumpkin which need not be grown by entrant, but must be decorated by entrant. Paint must be dry. No carved or hollowed out pumpkin will be permitted. Pumpkin cannot be more than 10" in height.

85. Ages 3 to 5 86. Ages 6 to 7 87. Ages 8 to 9 88. Ages 10 to 12
89. Ages 13 to 15 90. Ages 16 and over

PRIZES: First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

Best of Show: \$10.00 Ages 3-7; Ages 8-12; Ages 13-16 and over

Special Decorated Pumpkin - Patriotic Themed 1 Entry/1 Prize: \$10

2026 FLOWER SHOW

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201 South Pickaway Street, Circleville, Ohio

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Go to **REGISTRATIONS** on the website. Then pick the department you wish to enter. Exhibits may also be entered onsite on the appropriate day and time.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to any resident of Pickaway County and Trading Area. Amateur growers only.
2. Only appointed officials may be present for judging.
3. Entries must be removed **Sunday, 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. October 25th, 2026.** (Premiums will be paid at this time.)
4. The Board of Directors will not be responsible for loss or breakage of containers or material.
5. Greenhouse flowers permitted in the Artistic Division in Section III.
6. Any arrangement is to be interpreted as cut plant material in a suitable container. Accessories are optional. Any accessory, if used, must be incorporated in the arrangement, and will be judged as part of the arrangement, and must remain until the specified time for the removal of that class.
7. All plant material must be well groomed and free of disease. Containers must also be clean and free of dirt. (No foil wrapped pots.) **SIZE OF POTS NOT TO EXCEED 10". (HANGING PLANTS ONLY - 12" POT)**
9. Any premium may be withheld at the discretion of the Circleville Pumpkin Show Flower Committee for failure to comply with the rules and regulations. All specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor.
10. No artificial plant material permitted. Painted or artificially colored dried plant material permitted except by schedule. Painted or artificially colored fresh material is permitted. **NO SILK** ever permitted.
11. Judging will be by Ohio Association of Garden Clubs standard system.
12. Only one variety of plant per pot.
13. Winners will not be released until Wednesday at 1:00 P.M.
14. Only one entry per person, per class.

SECTION I - HOUSEPLANTS

(SIZE OF POT NOT TO EXCEED 10". Class 1 through 8)

Houseplants must be in possession of the exhibitor for 60 days or more. Houseplants and Specimens are to be entered **Monday, October 19th, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.** and must be removed **Sunday, October 25th, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** Closed judging will be at 4:00 P.M.

Class 1. African Violet (Single Crown)

A. Single Bloom B. Double Bloom

Class 2. Begonias - Tuberous Only

Class 3. Cacti

Class 4. Succulents

Class 5. Vining Plants A. Green B. Variegated

Class 6. Foliage Plants A. Green B. Variegated

Class 7. Ferns

Class 8. Any other kind

PRIZES:

First Place: \$8.00 Second Place: \$6.00 Third Place: \$4.00

Award for Best of Show: \$15.00

SECTION II - HANGING PLANTS

Size of Pot not to exceed 12"

A. Flowering type B. Foliage type C. Ferns

PRIZES:

First Place: \$8.00 Second Place: \$6.00 Third Place: \$4.00

Award for Best of Show: \$15.00

SECTION III - DECORATIVE

A. Fairy Garden - not to exceed 20" (A fairy with wings has to be included)

B. Terrariums

PRIZES:

First Place: \$8.00 Second Place: \$6.00 Third Place: \$4.00

Award for Best of Show: \$15.00

SECTION IV - DECORATIVE - Juniors

A. Fairy Garden - not to exceed 20" (A fairy with wings has to be included)

PRIZES:

First Place: \$10.00 Second Place: \$8.00 Third Place: \$6.00

Award for Best of Show: \$15.00

SECTION V - SPECIMENS

Specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor. One specimen in each class per exhibitor. Exhibits are to be entered **Monday, October 19th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.** and removed **Sunday, October 25th from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

Class 1. Roses - Any Color

A. Hybrid Tea - 1 bloom, disbudded, foliage attached.

B. Grandiflora - 1 stem naturally grown, named, foliage attached.

C. Floribunda - 1 spray naturally grown, named, foliage attached.

D. Miniatures - 1. Spray 2. Singles

E. Knock Out - Spray F. Climbing G. Shrub

Class 2. Dahlia, at least 2 sets of leaves on stem and disbudded.

A. Decorative - 6" to 8", any color

B. Decorative - 4" to 6", any color

C. Cactus - 6" to 8", any color

D. Cactus - 4" to 6", any color

E. Miniature - 2" to 4", any color

F. Pompon - 2" and under, any color (3 blooms)

G. Ball and Seedling Class

Class 3. Celosia

A. Crested Cockscomb, disbudded, foliage attached.

B. Plume, 1. Feathered 2. Spike, not disbudded, foliage attached.

Class 4. Branch Specimen - not to exceed 24"

A. Fruited Branch

B. Branch with Autumn Foliage

Class 5. Marigolds

A. French, 1 spray, not disbudded

B. American Hybrid, 1 individual bloom, disbudded, foliage attached.

Class 6. Chrysanthemums - 1 spray, not disbudded, foliage attached.

A. Pompon

B. Spoon

C. Quill

D. Harvest Giant

E. Decorative - divided to colors as follows: stems no shorter than 6"; disk must not be apparent

1. White

2. Yellow

3. Purple and Pink

4. Bronze and Orange

5. Red

F. Anemone - 1 spray

G. Daisy Mum - 1 spray, any color

Class 7. Zinnias - Any Variety

Class 8. Any other kind

A. Annuals

B. Perennials

PRIZES:

First Place: \$8.00 Second Place: \$6.00 Third Place: \$4.00

Award for Best of Show: \$15.00

SECTION VI ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

Artistic arrangements will be entered from **8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, October 21st**. Closed judging will be **11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

THEME: Happy 250th Birthday America
(Can use props)

Class 1. America's Flower - Rose

All Fresh Material

Class 2. 4th of July - Red, White and Blue

Predominately red, painted material permitted

Class 3. PARTY!

Water Showing

Class 4. Birthday Cake

Anything goes (Candles permitted)

Class 5. Fireworks

Designers choice

PRIZES:

First Place: \$15.00 Second Place: \$10.00 Third Place: - \$8.00

Award for Best of Show: \$35.00

SECTION VII JUNIORS

THEME: Birthday Cake
Designer's Choice (Can use Props)

Class 1. Ages 10 and under

Class 2. Ages 11 to 17

PRIZES:

First Place: \$10.00 Second Place: \$8.00 Third Place: \$6.00

Award for Best of Show: \$15.00

2026 BAKED GOODS AND BAKE A PUMPKIN PIE

Trustee: Dawn Meyers 740-477-7408

Chairperson: Renae Loughman 740-309-6129

Committee: Mona Hollar 740-474-3080 Halie Kingery 740-248-2007

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries, except pies, to be made between **10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday** at 124 Watt Street, Pumpkin Show Building. Closed judging Monday night.
2. Entries for the 9" Bake-A-Pumpkin Pie and Mini Pies contests to be made between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Wednesday only. **Closed judging Wednesday.**
3. Winners names will not be released until 1:00 P.M. Wednesday.
- 4.a All cakes, 2 or more layers, no larger than 9", (must be entered on heavy cardboard) with edges extending beyond cake not more than one inch. **No box cakes permitted.** You are only required to enter half of a cake.
- 4.b Large loaf breads: Only half the loaf required. Small loaf: Whole loaf must be entered.
5. Pies must be baked in and entered in 9" and 4" disposable foil pans. Canned pumpkin may be used, but premixed filling, cream cheese fillings, pie crust mixes or refrigerated crusts cannot be used. **9" PIES ARE LIMITED TO PUMPKIN ONLY!**
6. All pies, except winning pies, will be sold Wednesday evening at the Pumpkin Show Building immediately following the parade. All monies are allocated back to the Pumpkin Show to cover incurring costs.
7. Only one entry permitted in each class from any one residence with the exception of children.
8. Persons making entries must be residents of Pickaway County or the Trading Area of Circleville.
9. Cheese Cake items are not permitted.
10. Pre-entries can be made with any of the above named officials.
11. All entries will be released 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Sunday.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Grand Champion Cake	\$30.00
(Trophy by Pumpkin Show, Inc.)	
Champion Cake	\$25.00
Grand Champion Pumpkin Pie (Adult Division)	\$55.00
(Trophy by Pumpkin Show, Inc.)	
Champion Pumpkin Pie	\$30.00
Third Prize	\$13.00
Fourth Prize	\$ 7.00
Junior Grand Champion Pumpkin Pie (Student Division)	\$30.00
Junior Champion Pumpkin Pie	\$13.00
Third Prize	\$ 8.00
Fourth Prize	\$ 5.00

SPECIAL I-A MINI PIES

- Class 1. Fruit Filled Mini Pie (double crust)
- Class 2. Filled Mini Pie (single crust)
- Class 3. Pumpkin Mini Pie
- Class 4. Any Kind Mini Pie (Age 18 and under)
 - A. age 10 years and under
 - B. age 11-18 years

Prizes:

First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

Best Mini Pie: Rosette - \$8.00

SPECIAL I-B

- Class 1. Prettiest Decorated Cake
- Class 2. Best Plate Decorated Cupcakes (5 per plate)
- Class 3. Decorate for Fun
 - a. age 18 and under
 - b. age 19 and older
- Class 4. Most Original
- Class 5. Any Kind Decorated Cake (age 18 and under)
 - a. age 10 years and under
 - b. age 11-18 years

Prizes: First Place: \$8.00 Second Place: \$7.00 Third Place: \$6.00

SECTION I CAKES

- Class 1. Best Chocolate Layer Cake, Iced
- Class 2. Best Nut Layer Cake, Iced
- Class 3. Best Yellow Layer Cake, Iced
- Class 4. Best Pumpkin Layer Cake, Iced
- Class 5. Best German Chocolate Layer Cake
- Class 6. Best Angel Food Cake
- Class 7. Best Bundt Cake
- Class 8. Best Any Other Kind of Two Layer Cake
- Class 9. Best Carrot Layer Cake
- Class 10. Best Any Kind One Layer Cake
- Class 11. Best Plate Cupcakes (5 per plate)

Prizes: First Place: \$8.00 Second Place: \$7.00 Third Place: \$6.00

SECTION II - Cookies (at least six per plate)

- Class 1. Best Plate Toll House
- Class 2. Best Plate Oatmeal
- Class 3. Best Plate Sugar
- Class 4. Best Plate Snickerdoodles
- Class 5. Best Plate Peanut Butter
- Class 6. Best Plate Brownies
- Class 7. Best Plate Any other Kind
- Class 8. Best Plate Decorated Cookies
- Class 9. Best Plate Bar Cookies
- Class 10. Best Plate No Bake Cookies

Prizes: First \$5.00 Second \$4.00 Third \$3.00

SECTION III - Bread and Rolls

- Class 1. Best Quick Bread (any kind)
- Class 2. Best Loaf Bread (any kind yeast)
- Class 3. Best Plate Clover Leaf or Pan Roll
- Class 4. Best Plate Any Other Kind of Misc.
- Class 5. Best Zucchini Bread
- Class 6. Best Banana Bread
- Class 7. Best Plate Cinnamon Rolls
- Class 8. Best Plate Muffins

Prizes: First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

SECTION IV- Candy (8 pieces per plate)

- Class 1. Best Plate Fudge
- Class 2. Best Plate Any Other Kind Candy
- Class 3. Best Plate Peanut Butter Fudge
- Class 4. Best Plate Nut Brittle

Prizes: First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

SECTION V- Pumpkin Items

- Class 1. Best Pumpkin Roll
- Class 2. Best Plate Pumpkin Cookies (6 per plate)
- Class 3. Best Loaf Pumpkin Bread
- Class 4. Best Plate Pumpkin Fudge (8 pieces per plate)
- Class 5. Best Plate Pumpkin Whoopee Pies (6 per plate)
- Class 6. Best Any Other Kind Pumpkin Item

Prizes: First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

Best Pumpkin Entry (Section V) Rosette \$12.00

SECTION VI - American Celebrates 250 Years

- Class 1. Any baked good decorated with America Celebrates theme

Prize: First Place: \$10.00

2026 CANNED GOODS DEPARTMENT

Trustee: Beth Windsor 740-601-3761

Committee: Robbin Henry, Landa Dorris, Clarissa Cooper,

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries to be made between **2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Sunday and 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday** at the Pumpkin Show Building, 201 S. Pickaway Street. Closed judging Monday evening. Winners will not be released until Wednesday.
2. Exhibits will be released Sunday between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. (Premiums will be paid at this time). If exhibits are not picked up, they will be disposed.
3. Only one entry permitted in each class from any one family.
4. Persons making entries must be residents of Pickaway County or the Trading Area of Circleville.
5. All spoilage will be removed from the display.

SECTION I Fruits and Vegetables (Quarts or Pints)

(Will not be opened)

- Class 1. Best Can Peaches
- Class 2. Best Can Pears
- Class 3. Best Can Apples
- Class 4. Best Can Applesauce
- Class 5. Best Can Red Tomatoes
- Class 6. Best Can Red Tomato Juice
- Class 7. Best Can Green Beans
- Class 8. Best Can Corn
- Class 9. Best Can Beets
- Class 10. Best Can Pumpkin
- Class 11. Best Can Carrots
- Class 12. Best Can Vegetable Soup
- Class 13. Best Can Sauerkraut
- Class 14. Best Can Spaghetti Sauce
- Class 15. Best Can Pizza Sauce
- Class 16. Best Any Other Kind

SECTION II Relishes and Pickles (Pints) (Will Not Be Opened)

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| Class 17. Best Can Corn Relish | Class 27. Best Can Salsa |
| Class 18. Best Can Zucchini Relish | Class 28. Best Can Catsup |
| Class 19. Best Can Sweet Pickle Relish | Class 29. Best Can Chili Sauce |
| Class 20. Best Can Sweet Relish, Any Kind | Class 30. Best Can Any Other Kind |
| Class 21. Best Can Sweet Pickles | |
| Class 22. Best Can Cinnamon Pickles | |
| Class 23. Best Can Dill Pickles | |
| Class 24. Best Can Bread and Butter Pickles | |
| Class 25. Best Can Pumpkin Pickles | |
| Class 26. Best Can Hot Peppers | |

SECTION III Preserves and Jellies (half-pints or jelly glasses) (Will be Opened)

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| Class 31. Best Can Grape Jelly | Class 37. Best Can Blackberry Jam |
| Class 32. Best Can Apple Jelly | Class 38. Best Can Peach Preserves |
| Class 33. Best Can Blackberry Jelly | Class 39. Best Can Pumpkin Preserves |
| Class 34. Best Can Black Raspberry Jelly | Class 40. Best Can Apple Butter |
| Class 35. Best Can Tomato Preserves | Class 41. Best Can Any Other Kind |
| Class 36. Best Can Strawberry Preserves | Class 42. Pepper Jelly |
| | Class 43. Maple Syrup |

SECTION IV Junior Division - Age 18 and under

1 entry from each junior foods preserver (3 total entries) in:
Fruits and Vegetables • Relishes and Pickles • Preserves and Jellies
Entries will be judged separately and awarded prizes

SECTION V Best Display

Best display of Fruits and Vegetables featuring Theme 250 America and one item of canned goods. Must not exceed 15 inches in diameter.

CANNING PRIZES: 1st: \$8.00 2nd: \$6.00 and 3rd: \$5.00

Special Prizes: Best Can of Pumpkin: Rosette, \$10.00; Best of Show: Rosette, \$10.00

SECTION VI (New) Honey, Creamed Honey

Entrants must produce all entries from their own apiaries (apiaries must be registered with the State of Ohio). No labels permitted on entries. One entry per class per exhibitor.

Extracted Honey: Classes 44, 45, 46, 47 will require 2, 1 pound glass honey jars (classic or queenline) judged on quality, cleanliness, volume, taste, uniformity, moisture content, and color class.

Class 44. Water White to Extra White Honey (Pfund scale 1-17)

Class 45. White Honey (Pfund scale over 17-34)

Class 46. Extra Light Amber to Light Amber Honey (Pfund scale over 34-85)

Class 47. Amber to Dark Amber Honey (Pfund scale over 85 and above)

Creamed Honey: Class 48 and Class 49 must be displayed in uniform round, straight sided, wide mouthed glass honey jars. Judged on uniformity, set, taste, cleanliness, volume and quality.

Class 48. 2, One pound jars; Creamed Honey

Class 49. 2, One pound jars; Creamed Honey – Flavored

HONEY PRIZES: First \$18.00 Second \$16.00 Third \$15.00

SPECIAL PRIZE

Best Jar of Honey - Rosette, \$15.00

CANNING DEMONSTRATION

Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

2026 CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW® OFFICIAL ENTRY INFORMATION

2026 LITTLE MISS PUMPKIN SHOW INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2026 at 3:30 PM

All registrations/entries for the Little Miss Pumpkin Show must be completed online only beginning September 1, 2026

www.pumpkinshow.com

and must be completed and submitted by midnight
October 14th, 2026. No exceptions.

Contestant must be a resident of one of the following school districts:
Circleville, Logan Elm, Teays Valley, Amanda, Westfall, Zane Trace,
New Hope Christian, or Crossroad Christian Academy

2026 BABY JUDGING AND PARADE INFORMATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026 3:30 P.M.

All registration/entries for the Baby Judging and Parade must be completed online only beginning September 1, 2026

www.pumpkinshow.com

and must be completed and submitted by midnight October 15th, 2026

Contestant must be a resident of one of the following school districts: Circleville, Logan Elm, Teays Valley, Amanda, Westfall, Zane Trace, New Hope Christian, or Crossroad Christian Academy

Please note that no Motorized Vehicles of any kind are allowed for decorative strollers, wagons or mini-floats

2026 COMPETITION FLOAT ENTRY INFO

**All Competition Float entries must be completed online at
www.pumpkinshow.com**

Application/Registration is available online beginning September 1, 2026 at www.pumpkinshow.com under the Registration Section. Registration includes a brief description of the float and/or sponsoring organization which will be used by the announcers at each of the reviewing platforms (stages). Registration must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on the Wednesday before the start of Pumpkin Show.

All entrants must participate in all parades as designated by the float rules. The Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. reserves the right to reclassify any entry in case of a dispute of classes.

Class 1 - Scouts, School, Youth, Church

Class 2 - Commercial, Industrial

Class 3 - Fraternal, Civic, Festival

Class 4 - Small Business, Special

Class 5 - Health Care Living Facilities

Class 6 - Celebrating America's 250th!

2026 BIG WHEEL RACE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

1:30 TO 3:00 P.M.

All registrations/entries for the Big Wheel Race

must be completed online only

beginning September 1, 2026

www.pumpkinshow.com

and must be completed and submitted

by midnight October 15, 2026

1. Child must be 4 to 5 years of age on the day of the race.
2. Must be pre-registered to win.
3. Maximum 84 racers with a standby list for no-shows.
3. All Big Wheels will be furnished.
4. Check-in at the Pinckney Street stage begins Thursday, October 22 at 1:00 P.M. Please arrive by 1:15 P.M., but must arrive no later than 1:30 P.M. Race starts at 1:30 P.M.
5. The Big Wheel Race is sponsored by the **CIRCLEVILLE NOON ROTARY CLUB**

2026 GOLF CART DECORATING CONTEST

Sponsored by: **Sunrise Rotary**

Steve Thomerson, Chairperson 614-264-1963 email: wdytir@gmail.com

For this contest, we are limiting the number of registrations/entries to 20 (Twenty). The registration for the Golf Cart Decorating Contest will be open on September 1, 2026 under Registrations at www.pumpkinshow.com and must be completed and submitted no later than midnight Monday, October 12, 2026. No Exceptions.

All Decorated Golf Carts entered must represent businesses, organizations, or individuals from within the "trading area" (21-mile radius of the City of Circleville) including all of Pickaway County.

All Decorated Golf Carts will participate in the Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon parades. Evening Parades start at 8 PM and afternoon parades at 3:30 PM. All Decorated Golf Carts will form for the parade ONE HOUR before parade time at the intersection of Washington and Main Streets and will be directed from there to the appropriate line-up slot on East Main Street at Pickaway or another line up location as designated by the Parade Committee. Assembly space at the parade formation area is extremely limited. Observe line-up lanes and obey attendants. Do not leave your Decorated Golf Cart unattended and do not remove the keys are leave the area. If you must leave the Decorated Golf Cart, make keys available to the Line-UP personnel in the Orange Jackets. **A licensed driver must operate all Decorated Golf Carts.**

A banner by the Sponsoring Organization (Sunrise Rotary) will move out before all the Decorated Golf Carts. Once the parade starts Keep Close to the unit ahead of yours at all times to avoid a break in the procession. Please operate with headlights off if possible. If you are having problems maintaining your position in the parade, pull out of the parade line-up at the next intersection. In the event of a complete breakdown, push the Cart to the side of the street to allow other units to continue.

ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN OR PASSED FROM THE VEHICLE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED IN THE DECORATED GOLF CART. Note: The Circleville Pumpkin Show and Sunrise Rotary reserve the right to reject any entry that is deemed not in the best interests of the Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. or Sunrise Rotary or its participants.

All Decorated Golf Carts must include one PUMPKIN in the decorations. This may be a real pumpkin, a crafted pumpkin, a pumpkin image, or art. Decorations should be securely attached to the Cart and should not obstruct the ability for the Cart to be driven on city streets during the parade. Decorated Golf Carts should not include any towed trailers or other towed devices.

No political signs, campaign literature or apparel will be permitted.

Judging

All Decorated Golf Carts must be assembled on Monday Evening October 19th at 6 PM on East Main Street in front of CVS. Judging will be conducted at this time and place. The Circleville Herald and the Pumpkin Show photographer may be present to photograph all the Decorated Carts for publication.

Winners will be announced, and prizes awarded during the Wednesday evening parade.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Prize \$100.00, Second Prize \$75.00, Third Prize \$50.00

2026 ART SHOW

Lisa Cline, Trustee 614-496-5563 Chairperson: Halie Kingery 740-248-2007
Committee: Linda Preast, Elizabeth Dresbach, Crystal Clarke, Sandy Dresbach, Robin Ash, Kathy Mattingly, Patt Clifton, Kristy Arledge, and Kim Stonerock

The Pumpkin Show Committee shall not be liable or responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any of the projects exhibited. However, Pumpkin Show, Inc. will take every precaution possible to protect exhibitors from loss or damage to all articles entered and exhibited in the various classes.

Definition of Trading Area: Trading Area as specified in the premium book is the area within a 21 mile radius of the City of Circleville and including all of Pickaway County.

Online registration of entries opens September 1st at www.pumpkinshow.com

Go to **REGISTRATIONS** on the website. Then pick the department you wish to enter. Exhibits may also be entered onsite on the appropriate day and time.

1. Entries to be made at Pumpkin Show Building, 124 Watt Street between **4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Sunday evening or between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday.**
2. **Adults are permitted two entries** and must be framed and have a sturdy wire for hanging.
3. **Youth are permitted two entries** and can be **matted or framed.**
4. **Photography** divisions. (Digital and 35 have been combined)
New categories: Scenic, People, Animals or Miscellaneous. You can only enter 2 photography entries.
5. **Photography Only: Patriotic Theme with Pumpkins** – Limited to one entry which must include pumpkins.
6. **Pumpkins Only** division. (Artwork and Photography) Limit one entry and it must include a pumpkin
7. All Photography entries must be framed.
8. Paintings and frames must be dry. All frames must have wires fastened securely for hanging. (NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS).
9. All entries must be the work of the entrant and must be original, not copied or traced from other paintings or drawings. An entry that has previously won an award at Pumpkin Show may not be reentered.
10. The Trustee reserves the right to reject any work of art that is, in her opinion, unsuitable for exhibition.
11. Entries will be released Sunday between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon
12. The Pumpkin Show Committee will not be responsible for unclaimed entries.
13. Watt Street building will open on Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. Results may be viewed at that time.

YOUTH CLASSES

PRE - Preschool 1. - Grades 1-2-3 3. - Grades 7-8-9
K. - Kindergarten 2. - Grades 4-5-6 4. - Grades 10-11-12
Premiums: First - \$4.00 Second - \$3.00 Third - \$2.00
2 - Best of Show - \$8.00 Pre through Class 1 Class 2 through Class 4

ADULTS

Premium: First - \$5.00 Second - \$4.00 Third - \$3.00 Best of Show - \$10.00
PHOTOGRAPHY (Per Category)
Premium: First - \$5.00 Second - \$4.00 Third - \$3.00 Best of Show - \$10.00

PUMPKINS ONLY Art work must have a pumpkin in it.

	First	Second	Third
Adults (one entry)	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Youth (Grades 1-12, one entry)	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Photography (one entry)	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

Best of Show - \$50.00

2026 HOME ARTS AND CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

Trustees: Liz Chrismer 614-313-0031 Chairperson: Kay Egbert 740-474-4117

Kim Alley	Diana Godfrey	Sandy Montgomery	Jan Reid
Kim Bullinger	Marcia Kenworthy	Ted Moss	Ann Shannon
Elaine Cook	Cindy Kinney	Cindy Nichols	Sue Twining
Peggy Crawford	Gary Montgomery	Pam Patrick	

The Pumpkin Show Committee shall not be liable or responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any of the projects exhibited. However, Pumpkin Show Inc., will take every precaution possible to protect exhibitors from loss or damage to all articles entered and exhibited in various classes.

Home Arts and Crafts Department is located at 159 East Franklin Street.

Premiums: will be awarded as follows: Unless otherwise noted, entries in Section I will receive \$8.00 for 1st Place, \$6.00 for 2nd Place and \$4.00 for 3rd Place. Entries in Sections II, III, IV and V will receive \$5.00 for 1st Place, \$4.00 for 2nd Place and \$3.00 for 3rd Place. A special premium is offered in Section IV, Class 24 (Pumpkin Man, Woman or Child), with \$10.00 awarded for 1st Place, \$4.00 for 2nd Place and \$3.00 for 3rd Place.

Online registration of entries opens September 1st at www.pumpkinshow.com

Go to **REGISTRATIONS** on the website. Then pick the department you wish to enter. Exhibits may also be entered onsite on the appropriate day and time.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Entries to be made at 159 East Franklin Street on Sunday, **October 18th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Monday, October 19th, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**
- Each exhibitor is limited to one exhibit per class or division, unless otherwise noted. Exhibitors are encouraged to keep a list of their entries.
- All entries must be handmade or hand decorated by the exhibitor. The only exceptions to this rule are the Antique Classes (Sec I Class 1, Sec II Class 14 and Sec III Class 16 unless otherwise specified.
- All exhibits must be clean, odor-free, and not show wear. **Paint must be dry.**
- No props or accessories accompanying entries permitted without Trustee approval. Trustees reserve the right to move entries into a more appropriate class.
- Entries will be released and premiums will be paid on Sunday, **October 25 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.** Exhibits not picked up by 1:30 PM may be retrieved by special arrangement with a Trustee or Chairperson.
- Entries must be from Circleville Trading Area, an area within a 21-mile radius of the City of Circleville including all of Pickaway County.
- Articles that have previously won a blue ribbon are not eligible for competition.
- All pictures, plaques and wall hangings **MUST BE WIRED** for safety in hanging. Please use wire or heavy cord. **SAW-TOOTH HANGERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SECTION I QUILTS

(At registration, please provide the pattern name of your quilt, if known.) All labels must be covered. Grand Champion Quilt Award is open to all classes except Class 1. The Award will be \$25 and a Rosette.

- Antique Quilts: Must be at least 40 years old and in good condition. A short written history of the entry may be pinned to it to add interest to the display.
- Hand Quilted: New quilt must be less than 10 years old, hand quilted and must not show wear.
Division A - Bed Size: Top may be pieced, appliquéd or mixed technique. Shortest side is 60" or more.
Division B - Wall Quilt: Top may be pieced, appliquéd or mixed technique
Division C - Lap Quilt: Shortest side not to exceed 60"
- New Quilt made by exhibitor 65 or older
A. Quilted by exhibitor B. Quilted by another
- New Quilt made by Exhibitor and Collaborators, Quilted by Another.
A. Bed Size: Top may be pieced, appliquéd or mixed technique. Shortest side is 60" or more.
B. Wall Quilt: Top may be pieced, appliquéd or mixed technique
C. Lap Quilt: Shortest side not to exceed 60"

- Class 5. Commemorative or Holiday Quilt. A quilt made by Exhibitor to honor a special group or event. A. Pumpkin themed – Only class eligible for the Pumpkin Award in Section 1 B. All other commemorative or holiday
- Class 6. New quilt – Machine Quilted: Quilt must be less than 10 years old and must not show wear. A. Bed Size: Top may be pieced, appliquéd or mixed technique. Shortest side is 60" or more. B. Wall Quilt: Top may be pieced, appliquéd or mixed technique C. Lap Quilt: Shortest side not to exceed 60"
- Class 7. Wool: Any size Quilt made by Exhibitor, may or may not be quilted.
- Class 8. Baby Quilt made by Exhibitor, designed for use on a baby/child's bed. Longest side to exceed 60"
- Class 9. Miniature Quilt made by Exhibitor. Must be a scaled down version of full-size quilt pattern. Maximum size 24" x 24".
- Class 10. Pre-print Quilt made by Exhibitor that originates from a pre-printed panel. May be any size.
- Class 11. Beginner's Class: First time entry with a Quilt. Quilt may be any size:
A. Hand Quilted B. Machine Quilted C. Quilted by Another
- Class 12. Needlework-Enhanced Quilt: Any quilt made by an exhibitors that includes needlework, embellishments, cross-stitch and/or embroidery. No wool materials permitted.
- Class 13. Bed Cover or Spread may be tacked or tied.
- Class 14. Any entry made by a resident in Assisted Living/Nursing Home and/or DD

SECTION II ARTICLES FOR THE HOME

Framing/plaque guidelines can be found under Rule #9 in the Rules and Regulations section.

- Class 1. Rugs, Hooked with Fabric
- Class 2. Latch Hooked – Precut Yarn
- Class 3. Other Rugs – Any other kind of rug not covered by previous classes. May be any size
- Class 4. Handmade Wall Hanging Rug – Must include a sleeve and dowel for hanging display.
- Class 5. Kitchen Needlework
- Class 6. Bathroom Needlework
- Class 7. Needlework Accessories for the Home
- Class 8. Crocheted Home Decor – crocheted piece or set.
- Class 9. Pillowcases – Commercial or handmade, embellished with crochet, embroidery or other decorative techniques.
- Class 10. Embroidered Home Decor – May include framed or unframed pieces.
A. Hand Embroidered B. Machine Embroidered
- Class 11. Crewel Embroidery – may be framed for display.
- Class 12. Counted Cross Stitch: A. Pictures B. Any other article
- Class 13. Needlepoint and Petit Point – May included framed or unframed pieces.
- Class 14. Antique Needlework – must be at least 50 years old and in good condition. A short, written history of the entry may be included to add interest to the display.
- Class 15. Pillows – may be decorated
- Class 16. Home decorating accessories (non-fabric) no pictures in this class.
- Class 17. Home Accessories Using Natural Materials
- Class 18. Wreaths A. Natural materials. B. Ribbons & fabric C. Any other
- Class 19. Decorating Accessory for a child's room
- Class 20. Quilted Home Accessories – Includes hand or machine quilted items for home use. (Pre-quilted fabric and bed-sized quilts are excluded.)
- Class 21. Christmas Tree Decorations. Maximum of 5 pieces in a set
- Class 22. Decorations for the table or mantle: A. Christmas B. Other Holidays
C. Table Runners
- Class 23. Decorations for the wall or Door – Items must hang for exhibition purposes
A. Christmas B. Other Holiday
- Class 24. Christmas A. Stockings B. Tree Skirts
- Class 25. Framed Pictures, any medium except crewel or counted cross-stitch.
- Class 26. Plaques in any medium – Must have solid back. Frames are not permitted.
- Class 27. Wall hangings with sleeve and dowel for hanging. Rug-style wall hangings should be entered in Class 4.
- Class 28. Diamond Art A. Framed pictures B. Other items
- Class 29. Any entry made by a resident in Assisted Living/Nursing Home and/or DD

SECTION III - Clothing, Accessories, and Crochet

Grand Champion Afghan is open to Classes 20-24. The Award will be \$25 and a Rosette.

- Class 1. Knitted Adult Clothing (e.g. sweaters, jackets, tops, etc.)
- Class 2. Crocheted Adult Clothing (e.g. sweaters, jackets, tops, etc.)
- Class 3. Knitted Adult Accessories (e.g. scarves, hats, socks, purses, etc.)
- Class 4. Crocheted Adult Accessories (e.g. scarves, hats, socks, purses, etc.)
- Class 5. Knitted Children's Clothing (e.g. sweaters, jackets, tops, etc.)
- Class 6. Crocheted Children's Clothing (e.g. sweaters, jackets, tops, etc.)
- Class 7. Knitted Children's Accessories (e.g. scarves, hats, socks, purses, etc.)
- Class 8. Crocheted Children's Accessories (e.g. scarves, hats, socks, purses, etc.)
- Class 9. Sewn Adult Clothing
- Class 10. Sewn Children's Clothing
- Class 11. Sewn Party Wear – Adult or Child (e.g. bridal party, prom, “after six” ensembles)
- Class 12. Seasonal Costumes (e.g. Halloween, Christmas, etc.)
- Class 13. Sewn Clothing Accessories – Adult or Child (e.g. hats, purses, etc.)
- Class 14. Accessories Other Than Sewn, Knitted or Crocheted (e.g. jewelry, belts, pins, etc.)
- Class 15. Decorated and/or Embellished Clothing
- Class 16. Antique Clothing or Accessories. Must be at least 50 years old and in good condition.
A short written history may be included to enhance interest.
- Class 17. Knitted Dolls, Toys or Doll Clothes
- Class 18. Crocheted Dolls, Toys or Doll Clothes
- Class 19. Sewn Dolls, Toys or Doll Clothes
- Class 20. Afghan Beginner's Class – First-time Entry with a Knitted or Crocheted Afghan.
- Class 21. Knitted or Crocheted Bedspread or Tablecloth – Exhibitors may submit one entry of each type: one bedspread and one tablecloth.
- Class 22. Handmade Afghan A. Knitted B. Crocheted
- Class 23. Baby Afghan A. Knitted B. Crocheted
- Class 24. Bed Cover or Bedspread A. Tacked or Tied B. New Woven Throw
- Class 25. Any entry made by a resident in Assisted Living/Nursing Home and/or DD

SECTION IV Crafts

- Class 1. Ceramics (Limite of 6 pieces per Exhibitor in each division.)
A. Commercial mold-any technique. B. Hand molded or sculpted
- Class 2. Beading
- Class 3. Handcrafted Woodcrafts A. Furniture B. Other
- Class 4. Wood A. Carvings B. Woodburning
- Class 5. Metal Work
- Class 6. Gourd Art
- Class 7. Bird Houses – Handmade and/or Decorated
- Class 8. “Come Into My Garden” – Craft using a garden theme
- Class 9. Handmade Craft using a Pumpkin Theme
- Class 10. Holiday Craft A. Halloween B. Any Other Holiday
- Class 11. Basketry
- Class 12. Decorative Painting on medium other than canvas or paper
- Class 13. Leather Work
- Class 14. Stained Glass
- Class 15. Miniatures
- Class 16. Rubber Stamping A. Paper Craft B. Any other medium
- Class 17. Scrapbooking: decorated scrapbooks and photo albums
- Class 18. 3-Dimensional Art includes Soft Sculpture, Trapunto
- Class 19. Mosaic Tile
- Class 20. Pioneer and Old World Crafts; Handmade by the exhibitor using Old World Techniques
- Class 21. Treasures from Trash A. Functional Item B. Decorative Item
- Class 22. Pet accessories, including sewn items
- Class 23. Hobbies and Collections Exhibits made up of small items must be securely attached to a board not to exceed 18” x 36”. Collections mounted and suitable for hanging must follow Rule #9. Collections of coins, currency or stamps will not be accepted.
- Class 24. Pumpkin man, woman or child with emphasis on use of natural materials. Create a life size figure using pumpkins and other natural materials. May be entered as an individual or organized group project (e.g. school, church, or club). Display may be set on table or floor, but it must fit within a 48” x 48” space.
- Class 25. Resident-Made Entries A. Assisted Living/Nursing Home B. DD

SECTION V - JUVENILE/YOUTH CLASSES

- Class 1. Quilt made by exhibitor; A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 2. Christmas decorations made by an exhibitor A. Age 12 and under B. age 13-18
- Class 3. Clothing made by exhibitor A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 4. Decorated and/or embellished article of clothing A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 5. Knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch. May be clothing or home decorating item. A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 6. Needlework and Handmade Accessories – includes Latch hook, Novelties, Toys, Kitchen or Fashion accessories (No clothing) A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 7. Ceramics using a commercial mold A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 8. Ceramics or Sculpture, hand molded by exhibitor A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 9. Woodcrafts A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 10. Handmade Craft Using a Pumpkin Theme A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 11. Pioneer and Old World Crafts A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 12. Juvenile Crafts – Excludes Needlework, Ceramics, and Christmas decorations (Note: Divisions 12-C and 12-D may feature projects in any medium or holiday theme). A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18 C. Teacher-led Individual Projects to be judged within its own class D. Teacher-led Class Projects to be judged against other class projects.
- Class 13. Treasures from Trash A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 14. 3-D Art A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 15. Scrapbooking A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 16. “Come Into My Garden” including gourd art, birdhouses, stepping stones, etc. A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 17. Hobbies and Collections (See Guidelines in Section IV, Class 22) A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 18. Any Decorating Accessory for a child's room A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18
- Class 19. Any entry made by a youth in the DD program A. Age 12 and under B. Age 13-18

EXHIBIT ONLY. Exhibits may be entered in any class as Exhibit Only. This option is for those who wish to share their work without being judged. Exhibit Only entries are not eligible for awards or premiums.

SECTION V, CLASS 12 C. Class reserved for teachers submitting individual student projects; no group entries.

SECTION V CLASS 12D. Class reserved for teachers submitting group class projects; no individual entries.

PUMPKIN AWARD Special Pumpkin Award rosettes will be presented to one entry from the Adult categories (Section I through IV (Adults) and one entry from the Youth/Juvenile category (Section V). Within Section I, only entries submitted under Class 5-A are eligible for consideration for the Pumpkin Award. All other classes within Sections II through IV, as well as all entries in Section V, are eligible.

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS: will be presented to one entry in each section, except for Section I, which is not eligible. Additionally, entries in Section III, Classes 20 through 24 (Afghans), are not eligible for Best of Show consideration. Section V will receive two Best of Show awards: one for Youths age 12 and under and one for Juveniles age 13-18. Each Best of Show winner will receive double premium money for their awarded entry. **A SILVER ROSETTE** will be given to the most senior entrant. To qualify, entrants must submit their age at the time of entry.

DESIGN NOTE: Items made from kits will not be disqualified, but original designs are preferred in all classes.

PLEASE DISPLAY PERMIT IN LEFT-FRONT WINDSHIELD. IF YOUR PERMIT IS NOT DISPLAYED, YOU WILL NOT GAIN ENTRY INTO PARADE AREA.

PARADES

Craig Wellman and Kim Wellman, Parade Directors

Craig (740) 207-1412; Kim (740) 601-6444

The Circleville Pumpkin Show is a festival celebrating everything wonderful about Autumn in Ohio – it is not a venue for protests or political statements.

Our parades will reflect that philosophy.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ROUTE OF PARADES – All parades will form at Franklin and Pickaway – proceed west to Scioto – north to Pinckney – east to Court – south to Main – east to Pickaway.

APPROVAL – Parade entries must have committee approval and all entries other than **COMPETITION FLOATS AND BANDS** (see Float Dept.) must have a parade permit issued by Parade Director. Entries must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. the Wednesday preceding the show.

STARTING TIME – All parades will start promptly at the time designated, except in the event of bad weather, when officials may delay the start as much as one hour or cancel, without rescheduling.

PARTICIPATION – Parade officials reserve the right to reject, or evict, any entry that is not in the best interest of the Pumpkin Show. The decision of Parade Trustee is final.

RESPONSIBILITY – Neither Pumpkin Show, Inc. nor its officials shall be liable or held responsible for any personal injury or for damage or loss to parade entries or observers. However, officials will take precautions to avoid such injury, loss or damage. Parade participants shall assume responsibility for injury or damage to personnel, property or observers resulting from negligence of their entry. By entering and/or participating in a parade, you agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Circleville Pumpkin Show Inc. and the City of Circleville from any claims, losses, injuries, death, or damage that result from the acts or omissions of your parade entry and/or participants.

ASSEMBLY – **Your Issued Parade Permit is required to be displayed in the left front windshield prior to entering the barricade.** Space is critically limited in the assembly area. All vehicles must observe parking lanes and heed parade officials. **Parked vehicles in this area must be attended, or ignition keys made available. Entries shall be present at least 30 minutes before parade time. Participants should be present at least one hour before starting time of parade.**

MOVEMENT – No band or marching unit shall perform in a manner as to impede the forward progress of the parade. **Stopping to perform during the parade is strictly prohibited.**

LIMITED ENTRIES – In the interest of safety to observers along parade route, horses, motorcycles, hot rods, or other entries of a questionable nature will be included or excluded in the judgement of the parade trustee. **Participants are prohibited from throwing or distributing anything before, during or after parade. Failure to adhere will result in immediate removal from the parade and future participation.**

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION: Incumbents, who at the time of the parade represent the people of Pickaway County, will be allowed parade participation, with recognition of their Present office only. If the incumbent is seeking any other elected office, campaigning for that office is prohibited in the parade. Elected government officials will ride in the parades according to the following schedule: City – Wednesday evening; County – Thursday evening; State – Friday evening; Federal – Saturday. **CANDIDATES** for political office are permitted to ride in the **FRIDAY NIGHT PARADE ONLY** with submission of application to the Directors along with Declaration of Candidacy paperwork submitted to the Directors. Candidates will only be permitted to line up after 7:00 p.m. **No walking through the parade by candidates or persons with candidate. All candidates must remain in/on their vehicle at all times.** They may not drive a car for an elected official, nor may they participate in parades in non-political ways as members of groups to which they belong. **They may not campaign for any other candidates NOT participating**

in the parade. Political constituents are NOT permitted to accompany an incumbent or candidate by riding in the parade. **Political, Partisan, State, Government and Social issue participation is not permitted, except on floats sponsored by the designated group and as such, will only be permitted to participate in the Friday night parade.** **ADVERTISING** – Business advertising is limited to float entries and Little Miss Sponsors, without previous approval. Paid advertising can be arranged with the Parade Trustee for \$125.00 per entry per parade.

RECOGNITION – Entries are required to present to the director one week preceding the show. Wording for announcers must be complete on the application for application to be considered.

Failure to follow the established rules, or verbal directions by parade officials, can result in the eviction, and/or rejection for future participation.

MARCHING BANDS

1. Parade officials reserve the right to extend and/or revoke invitations to participating marching bands.

2. Parade officials reserve the right to limit the number of participating marching bands in each parade.

3. Directors of participating marching bands may be asked to acknowledge receipt of Marching Band Participation Expectations. Failure to comply with the Expectations may result in revocation of invitation to participate in future parades.

4. Buses and equipment vehicles must be parked following the directions of officials. In addition, please take care to avoid blocking driveways and alleys. Bands which only participate in the 3:30 parade must have their buses and equipment vehicles move out of the bus parking area by 5:30 p.m. If the band is staying later than 5:30 pm, arrangements to move buses to an alternate parking area can be made by contacting the Parade Bands Chair (Marsha Waidelich at pumpkinshowmarchingbands@gmail.com or 740-412-3637).

5. Bus and equipment vehicle parking is on residential streets. We ask that bands respect the private property of residents and to refrain from congregating on lawns and in driveways.

6. Members of the Parade Bands committee will be in the area of Watt and Pickaway Streets to “line up” the bands in parade order approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the parade. Please follow the directions of the committee members and have your band ready to move into the staging area no later than 15 minutes prior to parade start time.

7. Students are expected to follow their school’s Code of Conduct while at the Circleville Pumpkin Show as a member of a participant band. Band members serve as representatives of their school and community, and directors are asked to remind students of this responsibility prior to arrival. Students should also be reminded to avoid misconduct such as shoplifting/theft, intimidation/harassment, profanity, and fighting. Repeated official reports of misconduct by band members and/or staff may result in revocation of invitation to participate in future Circleville Pumpkin Show parades.

8. During the parade, there is to be no distribution of any items (flyers, candy, notices, etc.).

9. While the need for some adult support is understood, please limit the number of parents, siblings, chaperones, etc., accompanying the band on the parade route. We ask that you avoid having large groups follow your band through the parade.

10. During the parade, marching bands must maintain forward progress at all times – no “show stops”, mini-concerts, or choreography that impedes the forward progress of the parade. Parade officials will be stationed along the route to ensure compliance with this expectation.

MISS PUMPKIN SHOW PARADE

Wednesday, October 21st, 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Pickaway Flooring Center

Trustees: Rob Febes 614-804-7944 and Diana Weaver 614-769-1599

Committee Members: Calee Sowers, Collin Sowers, Tami Dean, Cheryl Miller

Each Pickaway County area high school district: Amanda Clearcreek, Circleville City, Logan Elm, New Hope, Teays Valley, Westfall and Zane Trace to select two junior candidates.

The contestant must ride on the right front fender of a passenger car, sitting on a rubber-backed rug. Transportation provided for contestants by Coughlin Automotive Group of Circleville. Only designated driver allowed in the car. Contestant must provide their own rubber-backed rug.

Ribbon designating school represented and contestant's name signage, will be furnished by the Miss Pumpkin Show Committee.

Judging will take place at the Pumpkin Show Park North Court Street stage immediately following parade. Winners will be crowned 2nd Attendant, 1st Attendant, and Miss Pumpkin Show, in that order. First three winners will participate in all remaining parades. If contestant is chosen as Miss Pumpkin Show Queen or Court member and is reigning on any other Festival court, she must relinquish her Title, Crown and Sash to that Festival in order to continue as Pumpkin Show Royalty. Exception given for School or County/State Fair Courts.

BABY JUDGING AND BABY PARADE

Thursday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by: Fischer Homes

Trustee: Shena Justus 740-207-5306

REGISTRATION: All contestants must be registered online at www.pumpkinshow.com by midnight Thursday preceding Pumpkin Show. Contestants must be a resident of one of the following school districts: Circleville City School District, Logan Elm Local School District, Teays Valley Local School District, Amanda Local School District, Westfall Local School District, Zane Trace Local School District, New Hope Christian or Crossroads Christian Academy. Contestants must be a resident of Pickaway County

JUDGING: The judging will be held Thursday before the parade at the **Pickaway Agriculture and Event Center, 415 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, Ohio 43113** at specified times. The results of the judging will be announced immediately following the parade at the South Pickaway and East Franklin Street platform.

PARADE: Contestants must be on East Main Street between Pickaway and Washington Streets no later than 3:00 p.m. **All contestants must participate in the parade in order to be recognized as a winner.**

AGE GROUPS PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE

Class A	Baby Girl must be 0 months - 5 months	Judging Time 9:00 a.m.
Class B	Baby Boy must be 0 months - 5 months	Judging Time 9:00 a.m.
Class C	Baby Girl must be 6 months - 12 months	Judging Time 9:30 a.m.
Class D	Baby Boy must be 6 months - 12 months	Judging Time 9:30 a.m.
Class E	Baby Girl must be 13 months - 20 months	Judging Time 10:00 a.m.
Class F	Baby Boy must be 13 months - 20 months	Judging Time 10:00 a.m.
Class G	Baby Girl must be 21 months - 24 months	Judging Time 10:30 a.m.
Class H	Baby Boy must be 21 months - 24 months	Judging Time 10:30 a.m.
	Twins	0 months - 24 months Judging Time 8:30 a.m.

Toddlers 25 months and older are not permitted to participate.

PREMIUMS FOR CLASSES A-J

First Place: \$5.00 Second Place: \$4.00 Third Place: \$3.00

Class K Prettiest and Most Artistic Baby Buggy, Stroller, Wagon or Mini-float.

Judge time is 11:30 and you must be signed in by 10:00 in order to be judged.

No motorized vehicles of any kind allowed. No lawnmowers, tractors or 4-wheelers, etc. The entry must be pulled through the parade by an adult.

PREMIUMS FOR CLASS K

First Place: \$10.00 Second Place: \$7.00 Third Place: \$5.00

Girl Scouts may march in this parade.

LITTLE MISS PUMPKIN SHOW PARADE

Wednesday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.

Sponsor: Circleville Pumpkin Show Trustees: Diana Weaver and Rob Febes

Chairperson: Cheryl Miller 740-207-3069

Committee Members: Calee Sowers, Collin Sowers, Lacie Emerine, Tami Dean

REGISTRATION: All contestants must be registered by **Wednesday October 14th**. No exceptions. An entry blank will be available at www.pumpkinshow.com beginning September 1, 2026. Judging at Pumpkin Show Park North Court Street stage, will be held immediately following parades. First three (3) winners must participate in remaining parades.

Contestants must be residents of the Circleville Trading Area, as defined in the premium book. Definition of Trading Area: Trading Area as specified in the premium book is the area within a 21 mile radius of the City of Circleville and including all of Pickaway County. Contestants must be a resident of one of the following school districts: Circleville, Logan Elm, Teays Valley, Amanda, Westfall, Zane Trace, New Hope Christian and Crossroad Christian Academy.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must be in second grade and preregistered by cutoff date.
2. Contestants must be residents of the Circleville Trading Area as defined in the premium book and must reside in one of the following local school districts: Amanda Clearcreek, Circleville City, Logan Elm, New Hope Christian, Teays Valley, Westfall, Zane Trace or Crossroad Christian Academy.
3. Business establishments and schools may sponsor only one contestant. It is up to the individual sponsor to decide what they will contribute to the Candidate, (if anything). Each Contestant is to have only one sponsor. Sponsor does not need to be a local business.
4. Twins must have separate sponsors.
5. A parent/guardian must provide automobile, driver and (2) identifying signs, one for each side of the parade vehicle.
6. The driver and one passenger will be permitted to ride in the parade vehicle during the parade. The passenger must remain with the candidate as the car exists the judging area after the parade.
7. The Contestant must ride on the right front fender of the parade vehicle on a rubber-backed rug. No pick-ups, vans, or jeep-like vehicles (i.e., Jeep Wrangler or Tracker) are permitted.

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8. Candidate packages, containing number, sash with pins, Parent Wristband and parade/contest information, may be picked up parade day from a Pumpkin Show representative beginning at 2:00 p.m. on the corner of N. Pickaway and E. Franklin Strs. (Beside CVS).
9. Parade vehicles are to be lined up no later than 2:30 p.m. on parade day.
10. If Contestant is chosen as Little Miss Pumpkin Show Queen or Court member and is reigning on any other Festival Court, she must relinquish her Title, Crown and Sash to that Festival in order to continue as Pumpkin Show Royalty. Exception given for School or County/State Fair Courts.

PARADE OF BANDS Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

Marsha Waidelich, Trustee, Marching Band Committee, 740-412-3637
Todd Stevens, Trustee Chairperson: Leeann Stevens, 740-571-1276
Participating Bands - by invitation only
Queens from local area - with trustee approval
Varsity Cheerleaders - from local Trading Area only
Boy Scouts will march in this parade.

PET PARADE Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Sponsor: Circleville Kiwanis; Travis Humphrey, Chairman 740-477-8098
Judging will be at South Pickaway and East Franklin Streets
platform immediately following the parade.
Typical Boy and His Pet Typical Girl and Her Pet Unusual Pets (Boys & Girls)
Greatest Number of Pets Shown by One Person
(Horses and Ponies are not permitted in this parade)
Best Decorated Bicycle Best Dressed Dog Best Dressed Cat

Premium for the Pet Parade

First Prize: \$5.00 Second Prize: \$4.00 Third Prize: \$3.00
Fourth Prize: \$2.00 fifth Prize: \$1.00
(Ribbons for first three places)

Best Miniature Float (Pet Not Required)

First Prize: Trophy and \$5.00 Second Prize: \$7.00 Third Prize: \$5.00

NOTE: All entrants will line up on East Main Street between 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. All entrants will choose the category in which they will compete at that time. All entrants must participate in the parade to qualify for judging.

There is no limit on exhibitors.

Contestants must be a resident of Pickaway County or Trading Area as defined in the premium book.

Definition of Trading Area: Trading Area as specified in the premium book is the area within a 21 mile radius of the City of Circleville and including all of Pickaway County.

Girl Scouts will march in this parade.

PARADE OF CIVIC AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Fraternal groups may make applications to participate, along with local civic, educational, patriotic and vocational groups of recognized status. Parade officials reserve the right to limit or reject participation.

Queens from local area with trustee approval.

PARADE OF QUEENS Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

Queens of Ohio Festivals and Events Association will participate – **by invitation only.**

All Competition Floats will participate.

Parades will feature floats, bands, drill teams, clowns, Miss Pumpkin show and Little Miss Pumpkin Show along with their attendants, as well as other entries, deemed to be in the best interest of The Pumpkin Show.

2026 PIE EATING CONTEST

**Sponsored by: Central Ohio Honda Dealers
50 Pies provided by Lindsey's Bake Shop**

The Circleville Pumpkin Show's Pie Eating contest takes place each Saturday of the Show at the Main Stage within Pumpkin Show Park located on North Court Street in downtown Circleville across from the pumpkin display area. The specific times for the contest are determined by the Entertainment schedule and are published as such.

Contestants are volunteers from the general audience. Advance registration is not available. The number of contestants is limited to twelve (12) per age category. The age categories are Junior Male (age 15 and under); Junior Female (age 15 and under); Senior Male (age 16 and over), Senior Female (age 16 and over)

Winners for each age category receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Rosette Ribbons. Grand prize Rosette Ribbons are also awarded for a combined Male/Female Grand Champion age 15 and under, as well as a combined Male/Female Grand Champion 16 and over. Pumpkin Show Trustees for the Entertainment Committee and the Main Stage Committee serve as the official judges and timekeepers.

Contestants are required to place both hands under the pumpkin pie plate. Use of their hands while consuming the pie is prohibited. To win, the contestants must eat the entire crust around the sides of the pie, as well as the pie's entire pumpkin filling. The bottom crust of the pie does not have to be eaten. The contestant who eats all the required sections of the pie within the fastest time wins the contest. The second fastest time wins second place. The third fastest time wins 3rd place. The Grand Champion is the contestant who records the fastest time in the combined male/female age groups; 15 and under/16 and over.

All winners automatically agree to the release of information and media publication of their participation.

2026 COMPETITION FLOATS

Circleville Pumpkin Show Celebrates 250 Years of Agriculture Parade

Lynn Bower, Trustee and Committee Chair 740-869-2958
Email: 2016SpringfieldRider@gmail.com

All floats entered must represent businesses or organizations from within the “trading area” (21 mile radius of Circleville) including all of Pickaway County.

Maximum length of any float is 40 feet. Maximum height is 13 feet, 6 inches. Maximum width is 10 feet.

All floats must participate in four parades. All floats participate in the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday night parades. You must pick to participate in at least one additional parade which includes Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon or evening parades. You will need to mark your additional parade on the registration form on-line.

Floats shall display assigned numbers (distributed at the judging) on the front of the towing vehicle, or if self-propelled, on the front of the float. Numbers shall be prominently displayed in the middle of the windshield without obstructing the driver’s vision. Headlights must be turned off during the parade, if possible. Numbers must be displayed so they are easily read by the announcers at each reviewing stand.

Towing vehicles shall be of sufficient size and braking power to control the float in tow, and are limited to cars, vans, pickups or small utility tractors. No other vehicles will be permitted.

Each float or towing vehicle must carry two 2 1/2 lb. fire extinguishers (1A10BC) or one 5 lb. fire extinguisher (3A40BC). The fire extinguisher must be readily available in case of an emergency. No open flame may be used on the float. Keep CLOSE to the unit ahead of yours at all times to avoid a breakdown in the procession. If you are having problems maintaining your position in the parade, pull out of the parade line-up at the next intersection. In the event of a complete breakdown, push the unit to the side of the street to allow the other units to continue.

ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN OR PASSED FROM THE VEHICLE OR BY WALKERS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED IN THE VEHICLE OR ON THE FLOAT. The Circleville Pumpkin Show reserves the right to eject any entry that is deemed to be not in the best interests of the Circleville Pumpkin Show or its participants.

All floats will form for the parades ONE HOUR before parade time at the intersection of Washington and Main Streets, and will be directed from there to the appropriate line-up slot on East Main Street at Pickaway or on South Pickaway at Mound. Afternoon parades begin at 3:30 p.m. Evening parades begin at 8:00. Assembly space at the parade formation area is extremely limited. Observe line-up lanes and obey attendants. Do not leave towing vehicles unattended, and do not remove the keys and leave the vehicle. **MAKE KEYS AVAILABLE TO THE LINE-UP PERSONNEL IN THE ORANGE JACKETS.**

Application/Registration is available online beginning September 1, 2025 at www.pumpkinshow.com. Registration includes a brief description of the float and/or sponsoring organization which will be used by the announcers at each of the reviewing platforms (stages). Registration must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on the Wednesday before the start of Pumpkin Show. For 2025 the registration deadline is October 8, at 5:00 p.m. Registration is found at www.pumpkinshow.com under the Registration section. All entries must participate in all parades as designated by the float rules. The Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. reserves the right

JUDGING

All floats must be assembled at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, the opening day of Pumpkin Show.

All floats must assemble in classes for judging. Each class in competition must have a minimum of three entries. Otherwise, the float committee reserves the right to reclassify for judging.

Judging will also be conducted during the Wednesday evening parade. Winners will be announced and Banners and Ribbons awarded during LINE UP for the Thursday night parade. The following categories will be used for judging purposes.

Class 1: Scouts, School, Youth, Church

Class 2: Commercial, Industrial

Class 3: Fraternal, Civic, Festival

Class 4: Small Business, Special

Class 5: Health Care Living Facilities

Class 6: “Celebrating America’s 250th!” (See Category Rules) Floats in this category will participate in the Tuesday night parade (Circleville Pumpkin Show Celebrates 250 Years of Agriculture) as well as the regularly required parade participation. Judging will be at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Fairgrounds and all participants will line up 1 hour before the Tuesday night parade at 7 p.m. at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets. For this category, there will be one Grand Prize Winner with a monetary award of \$500. Other participants in this category will receive the \$100 Participant award.

Class 6 Criteria:

Special 2026 “Celebrating America’s 250th!” Category Rules: This new 2026 category celebrates America’s Birthday. The theme is “Celebrating America’s 250th! Judging will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds. The winner will be selected at the end of the judging process. All entrants must participate in the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday night parades, plus 1 more of their choice (see below).

Criteria:

- Design a show-stopping float inspired by this historic milestone, bursting with patriotic spirit and plenty of **red, white and blue!**

- Must follow the Competition Floats Rules and Regulations

- Entrants in this category may not enter another category

- This category has to participate in (but not limited to) 4 parades: Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening, Thursday evening and Saturday evening.

Prize and participation monetary awards will be mailed. A digital photograph will be emailed to all prize winners. Participation in the required parades is necessary to collect award money.

The “Special” category in Class 4 is for those floats representing a non-profit organization that do not fit any of the other listed categories.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Grand Prize – (Most Outstanding from classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) – \$500.00

First Prize – (One selected from each class) – \$400.00

Second Prize – (One selected from each class) – \$300.00

Third Prize – (One selected from each class) – \$200.00

Participation Award –

(Any participating float that did not win a prize) – \$100.00

Prize money will be mailed to winners. All prize winners will be presented with an 8 x 20 color photograph of their float. Participation in all the parades as required is necessary to collect prize money.

NON-COMPETITION FLOATS

Non-competition floats must have a parade permit issued by parade officials. Contact Craig or Kim Wellman, Parade Trustees, for an application form or go to www.pumpkinshow.com for the parade application. All floats, if accepted for participation, must conform to the rules set forth in the application.

OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN PUMPKIN SHOW BOUNDARIES

Concessionaires and Members of the Public are Not Permitted to:

1. To make deliveries on the midway or within the boundaries of the Show after 10 AM, except in the case of an emergency and/or with written consent.
2. To operate the following on the midways or within the boundaries of the show from 10:00 AM through 10:00 PM.:

As defined by Section 4501.01 of the Ohio Revised Code:

All vehicles and motor vehicles; registered or unregistered with the State of Ohio, licensed or non-licensed, regardless of the power source, including electricity and alternative fuel types; including but not limited to golf carts, passenger cars, tractors, buses, commercial trucks, bicycles, skateboards, motorized bicycles, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles; without a permit and written consent issued by the Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc.

AMERICA CELEBRATES 250 PUMPKIN SHOW TUESDAY NIGHT PARADE

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM

“Pumpkin Show Celebrates 250 years of Agriculture”

1. The only float will be The Circleville Pumpkin Show Miss Pumpkin Show Float with the exception of the floats built for the special AMERICA 250 Themed Competition Float Category 6. Registration for this Competition Float is online at www.pumpkinshow.com under REGISTRATIONS.
2. The Marching Bands are limited to the six local high school bands and 3 local community bands.
3. FFA units but no Royalty.
4. Agricultural Equipment from the past 250 years limited to a size to easily pass through the parade route including turning corners.
5. Agricultural Crops displayed on pulled wagons or in truck beds.
6. For this parade only, the Circleville Pumpkin Show will allow horses and mules, farm animals on leashes (such as goats, sheep, llamas, alpaca, etc.), in cages on wagons (such as ducks, chickens, or rabbits), or large livestock (cows, hogs, etc.) in trailers. No pets.
7. The last unit through the parade will be the Pumpkin Show Trustees and Chairpersons.

The Pumpkin Show Celebrates 250 Years of Agriculture Parade will follow all of the parade Rules of the Circleville Pumpkin Show other than the exceptions noted above. This parade will not include old cars, jeeps, politicians or those seeking political office or Advertising.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration opens September 1st for the following departments at www.pumpkinshow.com under **REGISTRATIONS**:

- Fruits and Vegetables
- Flower Show
- Baked Goods and Bake a Pumpkin Pie
- Canned Goods
- Art Show
- Home Arts and Crafts Department

Once registered, bring the Exhibits to be entered on the following days:

Departments at 124 Watt Street, Pumpkin Show Building:

- Fruits and Vegetables on Monday, October 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM
- Baked Goods and Bake a Pumpkin Pie on Monday, October 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM
 - Entries for 9" Bake a Pumpkin Pie and Mini Pie Contests to be made between 9 AM and 11 AM on Wednesday, October 21 only
- Art Show on Monday, October 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM and on Sunday, October 18 from 4 PM to 6 PM

Departments at Pickaway Street and Franklin Street Building:

- Flower Show on Monday, October 19 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM
 - Entries for Artistic Arrangements on Wednesday, October 21 from 8 AM to 10:30 AM
- Canned Goods on Monday, October 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM and on Sunday, October 18 from 2 PM to 6 PM
- Home Arts and Crafts on Monday, October 19 from 10 AM to 3 PM and on Sunday, October 18 from 3 PM to 6 PM

ONLINE REGISTRATION also opens on September 1 for the following at: www.pumpkinshow.com under **REGISTRATIONS**

Please note the deadline for entries:

- Largest Squash must be completed by midnight on Friday, October 16.
- Little Miss Pumpkin Show must be completed by midnight on October 14. No Exceptions.
- Baby Judging and Parade must be completed by midnight on October 15. No Exceptions.
- Competition Float must be completed by 5 PM on October 14.
- Big Wheel Race must be completed by midnight on October 15.
- Golf Cart Decorating Contest must be completed by midnight October 12
- Window Trimming Contest must be completed by midnight October 14

2026 PUMPKIN SHOW TALENT CONTEST

Thursday, October 22, 12:30 P.M.

Heidi Rogols, Trustee 419-889-7711

Tiffany Pickett, Chairperson 614-746-7649

email: pumpkinshowentertainment@gmail.com

The Pumpkin Show Talent Contest invites local performers to showcase their skills on the Savings Bank Stage during the Circleville Pumpkin Show, with Junior and Senior contestants competing for recognition in a family-friendly community event.

Key Dates and Requirements:

- Applications open **September 10, 2026**, and must be submitted by midnight on **September 24, 2026** at www.pumpkinshow.com **Registrations NO EXCEPTIONS**
- A brief performance description and video submission are required with each application.
- Contestants selected for the live performance round will be notified by October 9, 2026.

There will be two categories of contestants based on age: **Junior** (age 15 and under) and **Senior** (age 16 and over). Junior contestants must be able to perform on stage without the aid of an adult unless medically required. Adults may assist with carrying props, equipment, and other materials onto and off the stage.

All contestants must reside within the Pumpkin Show trading area, defined as the 21-mile radius of the City of Circleville and including all of Pickaway County.

The contest will be limited to the top 15 entries in each age category. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges, who will select the top 15 entries in each category to compete on stage at Pumpkin Show Park. Contestants will be notified by **October 9, 2026** if they are selected for the live performance round.

Rules:

- Performances may not include political signs, campaign literature, political apparel, or political messaging.
- Setup and teardown may not exceed 1 minute and 30 seconds.
- Performances may not exceed 3 minutes.
- Fire, explosions, dry ice, and other potentially harmful items may not be used in any performance.
- Contestants may not jump off or hang from stage equipment, jump off the stage, or sit on the front edge of the stage.
- Costumes and apparel must be in good taste.
- Contestants must respect visitors and children attending the Circleville Pumpkin Show by refraining from profanity during setup, performance, and teardown.

All photographs taken during a performance by the Circleville Pumpkin Show or its agents shall remain the property of Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc.

Note: The Circleville Pumpkin Show reserves the right to reject any entry deemed contrary to the best interests of Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc. or its participants.

Winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded following the final act. Trophies will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place winners in each category.