

Pumpkin Artists and Sculptors Sought

Labor Day is behind us. School has started. Fall is in the air. Damariscotta's Seventh Annual Pumpkinfest & Regatta™ is on the horizon.

One of the highlights of the 10-day festival is the display of artistically designed pumpkins that grace downtown Damariscotta, Newcastle, and Wiscasset. These stars of Pumpkinfest are painted and sculpted by area artists to delight the thousands of visitors that attend the annual event.

The Pumpkinfest Artist Committee is seeking volunteers who would like to transform this season's crop of giant pumpkins into whimsical, fabulous works of art. The giant pumpkins will be delivered downtown Thursday evening, October 10, and will be available for painting and carving immediately thereafter (Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12). All artists are recognized for their artwork. If interested in becoming a Pumpkinfest pumpkin artist, please contact Judy Speers (judyspeers@aol.com) or Cynthia Weiss (cpw66@ymail.com).

Pumpkinfest & Regatta is a 501(C)(3) organization whose mission is to promote education to citizens of all ages regarding the specific agricultural science required to grow giant pumpkins, and to provide local non-profit organizations with opportunities for dissemination of information on their activities and fundraising. For more information, visit www.damariscottapumpkinfest.com or follow us at www.facebook.com/damariscottapumpkinfest.com, or twitter, www.twitter.com/squashbuckler. Pumpkinfest is pleased to again have *Down East Magazine* as the official magazine sponsor for the festival.