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## Calling All Pumpkinheads...

**Volunteering** for Pumpkinfest is not only tons of fun, but it feels great to get involved in the wonderful community in which we live. There are many levels of participation that cover a variety of different interests. Join us to find your niche and become a member of the Pumpkinfest family. Volunteer Opportunities Available:

**The Pumpkinfest team is currently looking for volunteers to prepare for the Plantlet Give-Away on Sunday, May 20th. Please email [jen.york72@gmail.com](mailto:jen.york72@gmail.com)**

## The Latest Dirt...

**Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta has a new, really cool website!** Click [here](#) to check it out!

**Calling All Maine Artists....**We invite all Maine artists to submit their design for the 2012 festival t-shirt. The chosen artist receives \$500 and phenomenal exposure! click [here](#) FMI.

**'The State of Maine's largest weigh-off, featuring the jaw-dropping TOTAL PURSE OF \$10,000, again will be sponsored by Damariscotta Pumpkinfest!'** Click [here](#) to get the whole story!

**New in 2012 the Damariscotta Association of Stock Pumpkin Racers" (DASPR) race!** Click [here](#) FMI.

Click [here](#) to learn all about how to build a Derby Racer



## How Does Your Pumpkin Grow?

### Ladies and Gentlemen... Start your Plantlets!!!



Here's the Dirt on how to make your plant flourish during the month of June according to our expert grower Bill Clark...

- Pumpkin plants do not like extreme heat and will not tolerate the cold. Therefore you need to do everything you can to keep the plant happy. At night, place a bucket or a box over your plant and cover with a blanket to retain as much of the day's warmth as possible. Uncover in the morning when the temperature is above 45.
- Water your seedling as needed to keep the soil moist but not wet. Lukewarm water is better than cold for watering.
- Your plant should start to vine in about 2-3 weeks, depending on the temperature and soil moisture. If your plant decides it wants to vine in the wrong direction, you can turn it in the right direction over the course of a couple of weeks using a few stakes and moving the vine a little bit each day during the heat of the day, starting when the vine is about 12' to 18' long. At around 5 weeks old, your plant vine will grow up to 1 foot a day so be prepared to stay on top of it from this point on.

## The Great Pumpkins' Favorite Picks...

**Plantlet Give-Away**

**Sunday May 20, 2012**

If you want to grow a giant pumpkin this year, then attending this event is a must! Not to mention the added benefits of getting free Poo (don't forget to bring your

5 gallon bucket), meeting a very famous Cat (yes, Togus will once again grace us with his presence), indulging in one of Ms. Ciara Pinkham's legendary 'chocolate pumpkin chip cookies", luscious mint balls, fragrant pumpkin bread (mouth watering yet?)...and let us NOT forget the rare opportunity to hob knob with the best of the best... our Pumpkin Expert Panel !



Pinkham's Plantation, 431 Biscay Road, Damariscotta, ME - 8:00am

[Click Here for More Information](#)

## The Pumpkin Store...

Purchasing merchandise from our Pumpkinfest collection is an excellent way to help promote and support the Event and Maine Artists alike. Not to mention the added benefit of sporting really cool gear!

Commemorative Caps will be available for Purchase at The Plantlet Give-Away on May 20th.



## Fun Pumpkin Trivia...

1. Who was the first place winner in the extraordinary \$10,000 total purse in the Official GPC weigh- off in 2011?

Email your answers to [marketingcents4u@gmail.com](mailto:marketingcents4u@gmail.com) . The first correct answer wins a commemorative pumpkinfest pin. Winning answers will be posted in the next issue.

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