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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you



A SINCERE "THANK YOU" IS SENT TO ALL OF THOSE VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CREATING THIS "MONSTER FESTIVAL"

(1)first, the dedicated Atlantic Giant Pumpkin **GROWERS**, who create the raw material for this festival from seeds the size of a thumbnail;

(2)second, the hundreds of individual **VOLUNTEERS** who come together to create each event, and the hardworking **EVENT CHAIRMEN** for engineering the success of those events:

This year's volunteers included the:

Waterlogged pumpkinboat regatta participants

Pumpkin derby pit crew & officials

Catapult & "sling shot" gang

Sun-kissed **parade organizers** with their memorable Queen and Mascot

Pumpkin dessert & pie eating contest officials,

Diverse & talented-buskers, Skidompha Story Hour participants,

InfoZone non-profits

Pumpkin drop and hunt arrangers & donors

Lincoln Theater's Kid's Free Matinee crew.

Kudos also go to the those "back-stage" volunteers, the "unsung heroes" of pumpkinfest who:

- deploy & retrieve 65 giant pumpkins & 5 hay bale pumpkins far & wide,
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- donate & organize parking and shuttle transportation for our visitors,
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- ensure visitor safety with a welcoming smile & 'deputy stickers',
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- write the press releases and LCN-Supplement articles AND publish thousands of copies of the LCN-Supplement,
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- create the newsletter & post updates on social media as well as in the chamber of commerce publications,
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- capture classic photographs of families having big-fun at the festival,
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- broadcast the regatta statewide on Moose 92,
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- arrange for a special Pumpkinfest Cancellation Stamp for use by the U.S. Post Office for all mail sent from Damariscotta during the festival,
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- organize & sell merchandise for what seems like endless-months to fund the festival,
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- drive a giant pumpkin around the State of Maine throughout October in the back of a pick-up truck,
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- keep the financials straight and do our taxes,
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- ensure that our town is pristine during & after the messy-festival,
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- and broadcast the parade & pumpkinboat regatta live for those fans who were unable to attend in person or who were drying out in Lincoln Theater!

(3) third, this incredibly enthusiastic group of volunteers could not function

without our **generous SPONSORS & PARTNERS** with their continuing in-kind and financial support of the festival - thank you sincerely for your **faith in "The Power of the Pumpkin"**;

(4) fourth, the talented and imaginative **giant pumpkin, hay bale, giant fiberglass pumpkin, & t-shirt ARTISTS** whose talent provides countless hours of enjoyment to youngsters of all ages

(5) fifth, the **PARTNERS of Maine's Pumpkin Trail, the collaboration between Pumpkinfest and the Farnsworth Art Museum, the Maine Maritime Museum, and the Boothbay Railway Museum....** volunteers from this partnership co-publicized their events including the "Pints on the Pier Brewfest", "Andrew Wyeth at 100" exhibit, Lighthouse Legends & Lore, Bath Cemetery Tours, the Annual Fall Foliage Festival & Family Harvest Days.

THANK YOU ALL, AND HERE'S HOPING FOR DRY & SUNNY WEATHER

OVER COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND, 2018