

# JDCAC Pumpkin Competition Guidelines

Applications and submissions due by Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

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It's time to call in the creative forces of various ghoulish minds out there to compete in the JDCAC Pumpkin Competition hosted by the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center (JDCAC) and Auburn Arts Association (AAA). We're looking for everything from the spooky to the spoozy, scary or hairy, funny or ghastly! Carvings or paintings can be sculptural, architectural, painterly and very expressive so get CREATIVE! Individual artists, children, families and local businesses are invited to participate in this competition.

## Registration and Submission

No entry fee is required and registration is encouraged. You can find applications by emailing [edombrowski@auburnalabama.org](mailto:edombrowski@auburnalabama.org) or visiting [auburnarts.org](http://auburnarts.org) and [auburnalabama.org/arts](http://auburnalabama.org/arts). You must email a picture submission to [edombrowski@auburnalabama.org](mailto:edombrowski@auburnalabama.org) by Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 5pm. All entries must include a two - four sentence description or inspiration for your piece. Winners will be announced Friday, Oct. 30, 2020.

## Participation

One entry per artist, household or business will be judged. Artwork must be completed exclusively by the submitting artist, household or business and without in-person assistance from outside parties or collaborators. The JDCAC continues to prioritize the health and well-being of the community. The JDCAC asks that you refer to the current CDC guidelines regarding any concerns or questions about social distancing and COVID-19.

## Rules and Guidelines

To be eligible for the JDCAC Pumpkin Competition, please abide by the following rules and guidelines.

1. A pumpkin must be the main element in the submitted work.
2. Along with your submission, you must state which category you are entering your piece in.
3. Per each registration form, works need to be specified as either individual artists, household (child(ren) family or business.

## Content

Artwork submitted must be original and suitable for public and family viewing. No nudity, profanity, political statements or commercial advertising. Any artwork deemed inappropriate by the committee will be disqualified.

## Categories, Prizes and Virtual Exhibition

Prizes will be awarded for categories including Best Carve, Most Creative, Best Mixed Media Effects, and Best Children's Work. Each category will include a prize for first place and runner up. Group participants would split the prize awarded. First prize will be a \$50 gift card and runners up will receive a \$25 dollar gift card to an Auburn business of the artists' choice. The AAA will exhibit all submissions and present awards on their Facebook Page - [facebook.com/AuburnArtsAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnArtsAssociation).

## Best Mixed Media Effects Category

The Best Mixed Media Effects category does not have to involve an actual pumpkin. A visual representation of a pumpkin must be included. This can be done with drawing, painting, photography or any other abstract forms of art.

## Recommended (but not necessary) Materials

1. Pumpkin large enough to carve or paint.
2. Carving kit or carving tools.
3. Adult supervision for children
4. Gloves

## Submission Requirements and Schedule

Digital submissions must be sent no later than **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** or the submission will not be accepted.

**Judging will be completed on October 28 and 29 with winners announced on Friday October 30.**

File type: jpg/jpeg file format only

File size: Maximum file size 8MB

Image dimensions: Artwork can be landscape, portrait or square orientation. Most smart phone cameras and other digital cameras meet the needed requirements to ensure proper online display.

**Cropping** – for the best image quality, we encourage you to crop out any backgrounds or areas of the image that are not part of your artwork.

The JDCAC reserves the right to use photographs for marketing, promotion and publicity purposes.

## Contact Information

For additional JDCAC Pumpkin Decorating Contest information contact:

The JDCAC at (334) 501-2963 or Emillie Dombrowski, Art Education Specialist, at [edombrowski@auburnalabama.org](mailto:edombrowski@auburnalabama.org).

You can also visit [auburnarts.org](http://auburnarts.org) and [auburnalabama.org/arts](http://auburnalabama.org/arts) for more information.

