**“THE BEST PICK OF THE PATCH “**

**CONTEST RULES**

1. One entry per paid booth. Each participant must provide their own pumpkin.
2. Decorated pumpkins must be submitted by Saturday, 10/7/2023 @ 11:00 AM
3. Do not write or display your name on your entry, all entries will receive an identification number.
4. Decorated pumpkins will be displayed on the Village greens Saturday and Sunday with the numbered card.
5. Pumpkins will be left outside during the festival, make sure decorations withstand the elements.
6. Pumpkins may not be larger than 1’ X 1’ X 1’ or heavier than 35 pounds.
7. All entries must be real. No artificial pumpkins will be accepted. No pre decorated/ or store boughten pumpkins.
8. Pumpkins must be appropriate and child friendly. We reserve the right to reject the entry.
9. Decorate your pumpkin before entering. You may use a variety of materials, such as, paint, paper, ribbon, etc. Only decorate the outside of your pumpkin, no holes or punctures**. No carved pumpkins allowed.**
10. The winner of the contest is the pumpkin with the most votes by the public. The ballot box will be at the information booth.
11. The winner will be determined at 3:00 pm October 8th by the festival committee.
12. Take a picture of your pumpkin where you leave it. The CDC may have to move the pumpkin to allow space for other entries.
13. Any information collected in connection with this contest may be used by the Cohocton Development Corporation for advertisement or festival promotion.
14. Entered pumpkins may be taken by the participants and Sunday at 5:00 PM or they will be claimed the Cohocton Development Corporation.

**THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE 1 FREE VENDOR SPOT FOR THE 2024 FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL**