

PUMPKINS FOR PARKINSON'S DAY



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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended our 11th annual Pumpkins for Parkinson's Day. We had a beautiful day and a great turnout! Thank you to our Y staff and members who helped set up, serve, load pumpkins, clean up, etc.! Brian Bassett loaned us his gorgeous 1,631 pound pumpkin as our display centerpiece, while Jodi Carlson, Patch on the Point (Kristin Vetter), and Kent and DeeAnn Gjerswold donated pumpkins of all sizes and colors, which made our display look spectacular, along with all of the giant pumpkins provided by our growers! We enjoyed tasting over 15 delectable desserts during Al's Pumpkin Dessert Contest. Our friend, John Lee, donated his 935 pound pumpkin and the \$100 prize for a "guess the weight" contest: Brian Bassett & Joanna Pearson tied with their guesses of 932 pounds! Our childcare kiddos were all able to take home a pumpkin of their own, while our members and neighbors were able to pick a pumpkin for an optional free-will offering. A huge thank you goes out to CHS Ag Services for allowing us to use their facility all these years for weighing and staging our giant pumpkins, and to Tanner Sotvik for loaning us his trailer! Thanks also to our pumpkin growers, dessert makers, Joanna Pearson (who donated funds through Al's birthday fund raiser), and Adam Sorum for serving up his delicious pumpkin stew. Winners of Al's Pumpkin Dessert Contest were Ruth Roos (best tasting) and Tammy Horner (best presentation) who received a beautiful stained glass pickup & pumpkin window hanger, hand crafted by Robyn Riffin (AurGlass Studio, Devils Lake).

2026 dessert makers: Tammy Horner, Jani Olderbak, Ruth Roos, Breon Quintero, Freddie Brown, Karen Katrinak, Dawn Morken, Mikayla Gzapiewski, Susan Lund, Kim Hager, Jessica Perez, Sandy Rios, Susan Larson, and Corliss Rogers.

2026 pumpkin growers: Diana Tveit, Julie Tennison, Travis Riedemann, Wade Stadstad, Denise & Curt Knutson, Connie and Tyler Finnie, Kent Gjerswold, Brian Bassett, Justin & Mackenzie Adams, John Mager, Kenny Nultemeier, Steve Guse, Ron Dalbey, Mike Ness, Angie Pulkabek Moen, John Omlid, and John Lee.

Pumpkin winners: Brian Bassett, Best of Show loaner (1,631 lbs); Steve Guse (631 lbs), Ron Dalbey (425 lbs), Tag Construction (312 lbs), Stan & Peg Greicar/Ron Dalbey (308 lbs). John Lee donated the pumpkin for our "guess the weight" contest (935 lbs).

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