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The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth

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The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC) is proud to announce the 38th annual Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival is now a fully sanctioned GPC weigh off site.

The Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin festival takes place on historic Main Street in Half Moon Bay, California on Oct. 18 and 19 from 9am to 9pm. The World Pumpkin Capital celebrates its bountiful fall harvest and autumn splendor with a spectacular lineup paying homage to The Great Gourd including a special display of gigantically enormous champion pumpkins.

The Commonwealth wishes to welcome all participants and growers to this immensely popular and now GPC annual event. Kicking off the festivities, the **[SAFeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off](#)** will be held on Monday, **October 13** (7 a.m. on the IDES Grounds, 735 Main Street, Half Moon Bay), with \$20,000 at stake in this "heavyweight championship" of gargantuan gourds. The World's Greatest Gourd Growers compete for the coveted title and top prize of \$6 per pound to the winner. Defending champion Thad Starr, of Pleasant Hill, Oregon, obliterated the impressive field in 2007 with his leviathan 1,524-pound Atlantic Giant. *The grand champion gourd, along with the top five pumpkins, will be displayed at the Art & Pumpkin Festival, October 18-19.*

For further details please visit the site link: <http://www.miramarevents.com/pumpkinfest/>

The addition of Half Moon Bay brings the total number of GPC sites to 68 for the 2008 calendar year. These sites range from the US and Canada to Europe, and spring contests in South Africa and New Zealand.

About the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)

The GPC is the major organizer and sanctioning body overseeing Giant Pumpkin and vegetable growing in the United States of America, Canada, Europe and the world. Now with more than seventy weigh-off locations throughout the world the GPC and its sponsored sites are attended by hundreds of thousands to the ever popular annually run festivals and weekend events held each summer and fall. For sponsorship details and more information please contact President Dave Stelts by email to buckipoln8r@yahoo.com
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