



Media orchard offers templates for pumpkin carving

MEDIA -- Time used to be when just a couple of triangles cut into a pumpkin for eyes and a mouth, and your jack-o-lantern was done. But today, pumpkin art has turned into something with far more detail.

Elaborate faces and tableaus are springing from the minds of "Pumpkin Picassos," whose blank canvasses can be found in abundance at Linvilla Orchards in Media, in suburban Philadelphia.

The orchard offers weekend demonstrations of artistic pumpkin carving, not to mention fresh apple cider, doughnuts and pumpkin pies.

There is even a stonekins.com site that has downloadable templates of scary faces, Hollywood personalities, movie characters and Gothic scenes that anyone can use to trace a pattern that will make them a Van Gogh of gourds.