

UTAH GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS

The Pumpkin Vine

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BLAIR BREAKS THROUGH THE 1000 LB. BARRIER IN UTAH!



Kenny Blair and his daughter with Kenny's state record pumpkin of 1104 lbs.

Welcome to the Utah Giant Pumpkin Growers, UGPG, 2007 season. As of Feb the UGPG is two years old. We had a great year in 2006! It turned out even better than we expected. We had lots of new members sign up and grow. At our October weigh off we had over 50 entries. We gave away over \$4000 in cash, prizes and give a ways. Kenny Blair broke through the 1000 lb barrier and the 1100 lb barrier in Utah for the first time with his new state record pumpkin that weighed in at 1104 lbs! We will have Kenny's story in a newsletter later this year. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone for supporting our group. We couldn't have done it with out your help!

2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

UGPG membership is the calendar year from Jan 1st to Dec 31st. So it's time to renew if you haven't done so already. Membership is \$20. This gets you on the annual seed give away and into all UGPG activities during the year, including free entry into the weigh off. Your membership needs to be to us by March 10th for you to be eligible for our seed distribution this year. If you signed up last fall and did not bring a pumpkin to the weigh off then you are OK for 2007. Thank you to those who have already renewed.

SEEDS DISTRIBUTION

The UGPG seed distribution will take place this March. The distribution will include seeds from the area's top growers and some others from around US. You must be a current member to receive the seed. If you haven't renewed for 2007 please doing so. In March we will be sending out seed from the top fruit at the weigh off. If you want to share your seeds with the group we are looking for about 80-100 packaged of seeds. We have about 75 members and we'll pass the rest out at the seminars and/or the weigh off. Send your seeds to Gordon Tanner at 1393 S 750 Kaysville, UT 84037. Remember to include the seed cross. Thanks to all who have shared or will share their seeds!

2006 WEIGH OFF RESULTS

Place	Name	Weight		Name	Weight
1	Blair, Kenny	1104			
2	Tanner, Gordon	963.5	Other Official Weights:		
3	Bowman, Ross	770.5			
4	Card, Kevin	650*		Tanner, Gordon	775.5
5	Tolman, Ray	635.5		Tanner, Gordon	744
6	Latour, David	606		Card, Kevin	599
7	Westwood, Neal	530.5		Wolfley, Brent	519.5
8	Wolfley, Brent & Jenna	519.5		Tousley, Randy	490
9	Bushman, Marion	499^		Tousley, Randy	474
10	Tousley, Randy	497		Tanner, Gordon	417
11	Fullmer, Ross	441		Tanner, Gordon	397
12	Kushlan, Mike	419		Nelson, Scott	371
13	Jones, Jason	415.5		Carlson, Rick	301
14	Wynn, Marilyn	415		Fullmer, Ross	293.5
15	Fullmer, Gary	400		Fullmer, Gary	289.5
16	Andrew, Ronald	399		Eichers, Ron	284.5
17	Lindsay, Roger	395.5		Chapman, Joe	226
18	Nelson, Scott	388.5		Eichers, Ron	219.5
19	Carlson, Rick	326		Ensign, Bryson	203.5
20	Haslam, Steve	319		Eichers, Ron	198.5
21	McSwain, Phil	298.5		Jones, Jason	134.5
22	Ewing, Mason	294.5		Latour, David	134
23	Hughes, Brent	285.5		Lindsay, Roger	132.5
24	Eichers, Ron	284.5		Nielson, Terry	132.5
25	Haslam, Russ	281.5		Lindsay, Roger	97
26	White, Mike & Jarilyn	278.5			
27	Ensign, Bryson	250			
28	Chapman, Joe	233.5			
29	Taylor, Scott	233.5			
30	Scott, Sam	222.5			
31	McSwain, Harry	192			
32	Richardson, Kristen	181.5			
33	Corey, Madelyn	151.5			
34	Nielson, Terry	151.5			
35	Eiting, Mitch	111.5			
37	Jewkes, Sonia	56			

* Squash.

^ This pumpkin weighed 507.5 at an earlier date.

2006 WEIGH OFF CONTINUED:

At our weigh off last fall, yes, it was cold & wet but we still had lots of fun. And excitement filled the air as Kenny Blair blew away the old Utah State record by almost 200 lbs with his humongous 1104 lb. pumpkin. Kenny grew his pumpkin off the 1247 Handy 2003 seed. Most of the growers at the weigh off had personal bests also.

We had 59 entries ranging from 56 to 1104 lbs., in 2005 we had 31 entries and in 2004 before we started the UGPG we only had 12. Our top ten average weights at the weigh off are also increasing. In 2004 it was 633 lbs., in 2005 it was 665 lbs., now we are up to 774 lbs.

In 2004 the combined weigh of all the entries was 6,826 lbs., in 2005 it was 13,240 lbs., in 2006 we had 23,264.5 lbs of pumpkin and squash at the weigh off, so one could say that we are doing a good job of growing our hobby. And how about this fact from the weigh-off, Brent Wolfley and his family brought two pumpkins both weigh exactly 519.5 lbs! What are the odds of that happening?

Even though it was a cold and rainy day we had a nice time. Hopefully next year our weigh off will be even bigger & better again and we also hope the weather will be better.

Utah State Pumpkin Records

Year	Grower	Weight	Site	Hometown
2006	Kenny Blair	1104	Rockin E Country	Bountiful
2005	Gordon Tanner	932.5	Gardner Village	Kaysville
2004	Gordon Tanner	906	J&L	Kaysville
2001	Bruce Orchard	777.5	Thanksgiving Point	Bountiful
2000	Kenny Blair	633	Thanksgiving Point	Bountiful
1998	Bruce Orchard	620.5	Wasatch Shadows	Bountiful
1994	Ken Giles	520	Wasatch Shadows	
1993	Eric Foutz	489	Wasatch Shadows	
1992	Larry Thopson	452	Wasatch Shadows	
1991	Ray Tolman	280	Wasatch Shadows	Bountiful
1990	Ray Tolman	132		Bountiful

Utah State Squash Records

Year	Grower	Weight	Site	Hometown
2005	Brent Wolfley	737	Gardner Village	Layton
2001	Kenny Blair	524.5	Thanksgiving Point	Bountiful
2000	Matthew Isom	338	Thanksgiving Point	Salt Lake City

Pictures from the 2006 UGPG weigh off on page 4:

Top L-R: Gordon Tanner & family 963.5 lbs., Ross & Kay Bowman 770.5 lbs.

2nd Row L-R: David Latour 606 lbs., Kevin Card 650 lbs., Ray Tolman 635.5 lbs.

3rd Row L-R: Neil Westwood & family 530.5 lbs., Pumpkins lined up at Rockin' E, Kevin Card 599 lbs.

Bottom L-R: Brent Wolfley & family 519.5 lbs, Marion Bushman & family 499 lbs., Randy Tousley & family 474 lbs., Mason Ewing 294.5 lbs.

For more pictures of the weigh off see our web site.



UGPG SEED AUCTION

We had another success seed auction on BigPumpkins.com in December where we raised over \$1000 for the club. This money will go into the prize money for our weigh off on Oct 13th 2007 at Rockin E County store.

SEMINARS

Come join with other pumpkin obsessed people, rub shoulders with Utah's best pumpkin growers and learn their methods and techniques. We have two "How to Grow" seminars planned for this spring, one at the Rockin'E Store on and the other at Thanksgiving Point. The Rockin'E seminar will be broken up into two classes. The beginning/intermediate class will start at 1 pm and will go for approximately 2 hours. We will then take a break and start an advanced class at approximately 3:30 pm. Cost is free. At Thanksgiving Point we will only have the beginning/intermediate class that will start at 1 pm. The class instructors will stay after to answer any questions. Cost is for this class is \$7 but we will have several bags of fertilizer to give away to help offset this cost. See page 8 for maps to the two locations.

MEMBERS GET TOGETHERS?

We were thing maybe growers would like to get together every now an then to, eat out and talk pumpkins? We are just trying to get a feel for who might be interested in doing this, and if so how often. If you would be interesting in going out once a month or once every 2, or once 3 months, let us know and we'll organize something to accomplish this.

2nd ANNUAL PATCH TOUR

Coming again this summer to patches across the Wasatch Front. Join with us and see the patches of your fellow growers from novice to expert. Often being there is a great way to learn. If a picture is worth a thousand words then how many words is it worth if you are there in person? More details will be made available at a later date. If you'd like your patch to be included on the tour let us know. We plan to visit patches of grower's of all abilities so don't be afraid to contact us and let us know you are interested.

WEIGH OFF'S

We are happy to announce that this years main weigh off will be at Rockin E Country store in Woods Cross on Saturday Oct 13th2007. We are hoping to have Larry Sagers be the MC again this year. The J&L Garden Center Weigh off should be October 23-27th. More details to come as the dates get closer.

OUR WEB SITE

Yup we have a web site. Nothing fancy but you can weigh off results from 2001 to 2006 along with pictures for most years. Also there is information on upcoming events and some other good stuff. You can find it at <http://www.utahpumpkingrowers.com/>

THE UGPG BOARD

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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NINETY THREE OF THE BEST AND WORST GIANT PUMPKIN BUMPBER STICKERS, TEE-SHIRT SLOGANS, CLASSIFIED ADDS, PICK UP LINES, JOKES and/or UGPG SLOGAN'S, in random order:

93. My soil is better than your soil.
92. I spend all my spare time in the patch.
91. Dear get sprayer 3 ready, I just saw a squash bug outside, I'm going to suit up.
90. I just got back the results of my soil test but I'm too nervous to open it.
89. Will teach you how to grow giant pumpkins in exchange for organic matter or trailer.
88. Psychiatrist: What do you see in this picture? Grower: My neighbors back lawn that could be converted into a growing space for 9 plants with 450 sq. ft. each.
87. To the Weigh off or bust!
86. What do you mean you're having contractions, tomorrow's the weigh off!
85. SMGPG (Single Male Giant Pumpkin Grower) seeks SF must be able to pinch and prune, pollinate, water, fertilize, drive fork lift and do other patch work as needed.
84. Giant pumpkin grower seeks good lifting tarp with strong straps.
83. Old growers never die they just go to the big weigh-off in the sky.
82. My patch is full of crap and I like it that way.
81. I used to have a lawn- now I grow Giant Pumpkins.
80. My wife colored her hair orange so I'd pay more attention to her.
79. I'd trade my first born for a 1068 Wallace.
78. My only hobbies are growing Giant Pumpkins and ... hum I thought there was another one.
77. Wow honey how long have we had 3 children? I thought we just had 2.
76. Giant Pumpkins: This ain't no beauty contest missy.
75. So how many plants are you going to be growing this year?
74. How could you grow anything but giant pumpkins in your garden?
73. Wow that would be a nice cross-back.
72. Got Big, Round and Orange yet? Well what are you waiting for?
71. If you're not growing Giant Pumpkins then why bother.
70. Forget your fairy godmother; I've got a giant pumpkin in my patch right here for you.
69. Howard Dill the man who started it all.
68. Shade Cloth ... shhhh it's a secret.
67. I once had a 723 Bobier.
66. Ron Wallace 1502 lbs New World Record!
65. Powdery Mildew: do you know how to prevent it?
64. Jack-be-little's are for wimps. Real men grow Atlantic Giants Pumpkins.
63. I'm a giant pumpkin grower...I forget what my real job is.
62. Please take your bagged leaves to my patch.
61. Twenty lbs. a day... that's nothing Bub.
60. Just try to steal my pumpkin this year you rotten kids!
59. Follow me to the Utah Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off.
58. I feed my babies manure because that's what they like best.
57. OM, don't get caught in the patch with out it.
56. UGPG the biggest bunch of gords you'll ever see in one place.
55. One AG safely on the scale is worth two in the patch.
54. Beauty & the Beast: Do you have to put my big, pretty, tall, round, orange pumpkin next to that small, ugly, short, flat, white one?
53. My N, P & K are all of the charts in the dangerously high range how about yours?
52. What do you do with them? I grow them for fun. No really what do you do with them?
51. Psychiatrist: What do you see in this picture? Grower: A Christmas tree plant shape.
50. Go big or go home.

49. My Dad won first place at the weigh off and all I got was this lousy T-shirt.
48. I could you teach me how to pollinate some day?
47. Hagrid grows giant pumpkins how come you don't?
46. I'd like to let the boy scouts have it for an activity, but...um...Cinderella has it.
45. How would you like to come over to my patch and help me do some weeding?
44. Vacation, can't we find some place to go in the off season.
43. Do you rotate them? Yes everyday I go in the patch and roll my 600 lb pumpkin over.
42. UGPG: toughest bunch of growers west of the Mississippi.
41. I'm looking for a 1068 Wallace or an 1104 Blair or maybe you.
40. I brake for Giant Pumpkins.
39. Hi what's your favorite cross?
38. OTT... the only way to measure.
37. Honk if you'd like to swap seeds?
36. I am a Pumpkinologist!
35. You've never really lived unless you've lived with a grown a giant pumpkin grower.
34. I love Big & Orange x Big & Orange!
33. My first coach was a giant pumpkin...
32. Tomorrows expensive hotties are free today for a SASBP.
31. The B.S. stops when the tail gate drops.
30. My real job is growing Giant Pumpkins... I just do that other 9 to 5 thing to support it.
29. I know is early in the day but I'm just going to move this main vine a little.
28. Wanted: Steamy date for Friday night to help me load some steamy manure.
27. Sorry x open just isn't acceptable anymore pal... but honey please take me back.
26. Keep your kids off my pumpkin... it hasn't been weighed yet.
25. Pistol + Stamen = True Love (no bee's allowed)
24. Warning: Smith and Wesson protect my patch.
23. Giant pumpkin growing: not just a hobby- an obsession!
22. Wanted: 12 experienced lifters.
21. Squash bugs can ruin your whole season.
20. The love of my life gained 40 lbs. yesterday. Keep going baby!
19. Moving to new house for a bigger patch is worth it.
18. I love manure. Wanted: more manure.
17. YES they are REAL pumpkins.
16. Rib splitting is no laughing matter.
15. Wow look at those sets ...Who does your pollinating?
14. Compost Tea anyone?
13. Honk if you love Howard Dill.
12. I'll show you my pumpkins if you show me yours?
11. pssst hey buddy- yea you- got any extra pallets I can borrow?
10. Hi neighbor how's your back and what are you doing next Friday?
9. My wife said it's either me or the pumpkins... every now and then I miss her.
8. Looking to rent fork lift for month of October, will trade Giant Pumpkin after weigh-off.
7. Giant Pumpkins: Grow'em or blow'em
6. Honey I'm going out side to check on the seedlings... I'll be back some time after the weigh-off.
5. Ask me about my wife's giant fruit?
4. Giant Pumpkins are they a vegetable or a fruit? ... The world may never know.
3. Wife: Pumpkins, that's all he thinks about. Psychiatrist: Look at this light please.
Grower: humm bright light, hey Dear...I think I'll add grow lights to the patch this year.
2. Ask me about milk injecting?
1. Happiness is spending hundreds of dollars to win a \$5 ribbon.

UTAH GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS 2007 HOW TO GROW SEMINARS

Saturday, March 10 at 1:00 pm

Advanced Class: 3:30 pm

Rockin E Country Store

1201 West 500 South

Woods Cross, UT 84087

Cost: Free

www.rockinecountrystores.com/

Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Point

3003 North Thanksgiving Point

Lehi, UT 84043

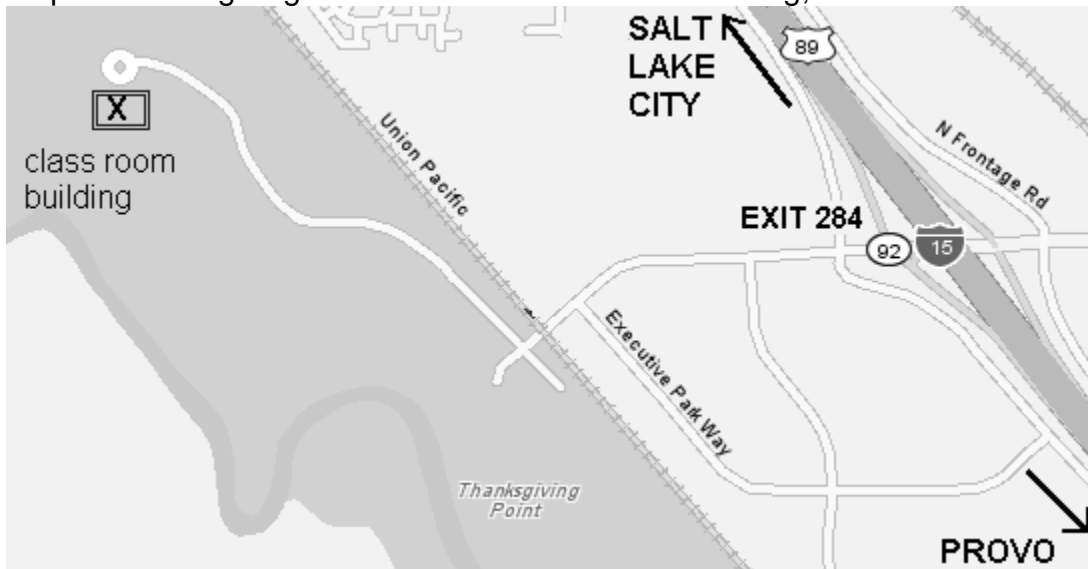
Cost: \$5

www.thanksgivingpoint.com

Map to Rockin E Country Store Seminar.



Map to Thanksgiving Point Seminar Class room building; the room is downstairs.



Utah Giant Pumpkin Growers

2007 Membership Form

The Utah Giant Pumpkin Growers, UGPG, is a group of everyday people who enjoy growing giant pumpkin. Our goal is to promote the hobby of growing giant pumpkin and squash in the Utah area.

An individual or family Membership for one calendar year is \$20.

Membership benefits include:

- ❖ UGPG annual seed distribution.
- ❖ 2 to 3 news letters per year, with growing tips and UGPG news & events.
- ❖ Free entrance to UGPG weigh offs.
- ❖ Access to other UGPG members for friendship, fun and growing advice.

For more information call or email any of the following UGPG board members:

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The UGPG does not sell or give away any of your personal information to anyone. It is used for UGPG purposes only.

Make check to UGPG Send completed form to: UGPG/ Ray Tolman 331 E Parkview Cir Bountiful UT 84010	2007 Membership \$20 \$ _____ T-shirts are \$25 each for S M L & XL \$27 for 2XL and \$29 for 3XL _____ = \$ _____ Hats are \$20 each, x _____ = \$ _____ <p style="text-align: right;">Total: \$ _____</p>
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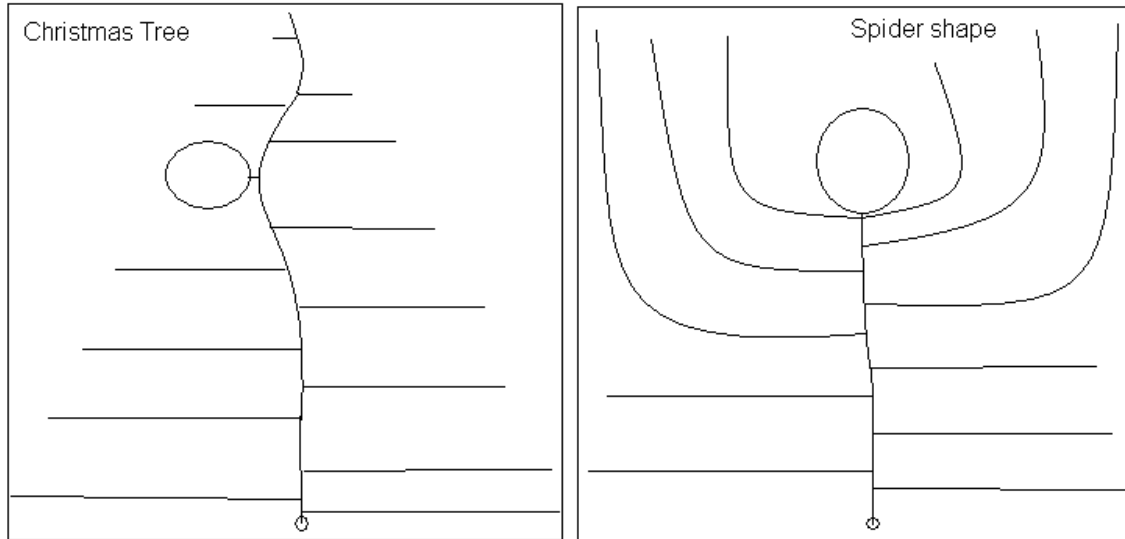
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SEED STARTING / PLANT STYLES

There are many different methods but the idea is the same. Control the environment so that your seed has the greatest chance of making it. The seed should be kept damp (but not wet) and warm between 75° and 85° F is ideal, use a thermometer. Transplant the seedling outside when it reaches the first true leaf stage. Typically the main vine will grow the opposite direction of the first true leaf. Protect from the seedling from frost as required. Below are two of the most popular ways to prune a giant pumpkin plant. Let the vines grow to the patch boundary then terminate them.



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