



The Pumpkin Vine

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*Poor, dear, silly Spring, preparing
her annual surprise!*

--Wallace Stevens



*In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six
different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.*

--Mark Twain

*Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"*

--Robin Williams

Grow Big in 2014 Class

Thanksgiving Point - March 1st 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

2929 N. Thanksgiving Way, Lehi, UT

Beginner's Class: 9:00 am - 10:15 am

Advanced Growers' Therapy: 10:15 am - 12:00 noon

New location for our classroom this year. You will find us in the Museum of Ancient Life at Thanksgiving Point, upstairs in the Amber room.

Link to map: (<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Museum+of+Ancient+Life+at+Thanksgiving+Point/@40.4256562,-111.8868133,643m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xec825932c6b0f2c6>)

Don't miss out on the one and only spring class being held this season. Sharpen your skills and get pumped for the 2014 season.

Seed distribution will take place

If you haven't paid the club annual dues, you should if you want to get your hands on the best seed packs Utah has ever seen!

Visit the UGPG website* to pay your dues.

***<http://www.utahpumpkingrowers.com/membership.html>**

Topics for this year's class

1. Fertilizers and how to use
2. Feeding with an injector? Get the scoop on setting up and operating this time saver (secret weapon)
3. Top Growers' Panel - Ask Utah's heavy hitters in a Q&A session (anything goes here)
4. Plant Protection



Just think--this could be you!



OUR SPONSORS

by Brian Davis, Sponsorship

Our sponsors are a BIG part of why we have such great success. We wouldn't be able to do many of the events that we do, without our sponsors' continued support. We at the UGPG feel like we have the BEST of the BEST sponsors.

Please accept our BIG thank you, for all your generous contributions in helping us make our vision a reality. We hope to continue our partnership in all future successes.

Thanks again and GROW BIG!!

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Save BIG and Grow BIG

Club Bulk Order

Get in on the club bulk fertilizer order provided by Wasatch Shadows Nursery. Fill out the order form (last page of this newsletter) with all the best products at UGPG club prices. Wasatch Shadows will be at this year's Grow Big in 2014 class. They will have some of the items on the order form available. It will be first come first serve. Please pick up your order at: Wasatch Shadows Nursery, 9295 South 255 West, Sandy, Utah. Ph: (801) 566-0608. Email: wshadows@msn.com.

Growers, if you have any questions about ordering from the club bulk order, please contact Wasatch Shadows - Loren (801) 566-0608.



Pumpkin Links

<http://www.utahpumpkingrowers.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/utahgiantpumpkingrowers/>

<https://ww.facebook.com/UtahGiantPumpkinDrop/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Utah-Great-Pumpkin-Regatta/271943499490073>

<http://www.bigpumpkins.com>



Wasatch Weight

The Black's Patch -- 1/2 Ton Year in a Nutshell 2013

Our 2013 season started out with a very disappointing 2012 weigh off, we worked our butts off just to end up with two more 600 pounders. After spending the winter poring over everything pumpkins, from big pumpkins to the internet we hit the ground running. On April 6th 2013 I gave the patch a final till, set up the hoop houses, and started the seeds.

Our hoops were much bigger than they had been in the past. The sweet spots had a few additions to them and a new set of heat cables were in the ground. The spring came with a number of unwanted challenges from cold to wind to more late cold, but the plants grew strong. They hit the hoops on April 23rd and took off like a bullet. Our 1807 Stelts put on salad at an amazing rate following neck and neck with our 653 Black seed. My wife and I had made a commitment early on that the summer was dedicated to the Patch at all costs. Our patch was a thing of beauty if you asked me. There was not a weed to be seen or a vine out of place. I watered the whole patch from the start to keep it at an even moisture level so the vines could grow as they may. If I could do it over I would have pushed the nitrogen a lot harder early on, but our plants were very healthy.

I pollinated our first fruit on June 15 at 14 feet out. I left it a few days and then cut it because of a bad looking lobe. From then on it was a roller coaster of 100 plus degree days and one bad pollination after another. Finally, one took on my son's plant on June 27th and my plant on the 3rd of July.

This was also about the time Daria and her husband from California came to do a documentary on our club, it was fun to

have them share the season with us. Both pumpkins grew well. My son's pumpkin was a steady 20-25 pounds a day until around the 29th of August, then it hit the wall around 692, good enough to get him first place in the juniors competition at the weigh off for the second year in a row. My plant on the other hand was a late pollination and we didn't think we had enough time but it took off and never stopped. It was putting on 35 plus pounds a day with almost a week in the 40 pound a day range. Around mid-August we thought it was all over when we found a split near the stem, but with the help of Andrew, Matt, and Gordon, (thanks guys!), we patched it up.

We slowed down the fertilizer and prayed like never before. The pumpkin kept climbing, growing right up to the day of the weigh off. At the first of the season we had a goal of growing a thousand pound pumpkin. The 1807 hit the scales weighing in at 1025, taking the 4th place spot and making some dreams come true, and stealing the show by dropping it from a 120 foot crane.

Over the season we made some amazing friends, learned to ask the right questions, made it into the half ton club, and put in more time than I can count. As for next year, bug control is a must (I hate aphids) and we look forward to another unbelievable season.

Grow 'em big – Chad Black

Mark Your Calendars

March 1 - Grow Big in 2014 Class @ Thanksgiving Point, Dinosaur Bldg., Amber Room, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

August 9 - Club BBQ and the PATCH TOUR
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbJRqXcO4P4>)

September 27 - Weigh Off @ Thanksgiving Point
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWKmP9NRh_A)

October 18 - Ginormous Pumpkin Regatta @ Sugarhouse Park
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPC9Bikf14M>)



October 25 - Giant Pumpkin Drop @ Hee Haw Farms
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoZwUkK1_Bg)



The Fox's first weigh off in 2008 with a 308.5 pumpkin!



With everything we do in life, there are many different ways to do something and much research to be done before starting down a path.

BASIC FERTILIZER PROGRAM

<http://www.extremepumpkinstore.com/media/pdf/basicfert.pdf>

ADVANCED FERTILIZER PROGRAM

<http://www.extremepumpkinstore.com/media/pdf/fert.pdf>

Watch for more information about the *Premier Night* for the *pumpkin film documentary*.

Wasatch Shadows Nursery

Order Form

PRODUCT	UGPG PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Mycorrhizal Soil Inoculant			
Xtreme Gardening Mykos (aka Pumpkin Pro) 2.2lb	\$23.79		
Xtreme Gardening Mykos (aka Pumpkin Pro) 20lb	\$159.80		
Xtreme Gardening Azos 6oz	\$23.79		
Xtreme Gardening Azos 12oz	\$39.94		
Xtreme Gardening Cal Carb 3oz	\$23.79		
Xtreme Gardening Cal Carb 6oz	\$39.94		
Tea Brewer Kit 3 gal	\$59.49		
Tea Brewer Packs 10 pack	\$39.94		
Fertilizers and Soil Amendments			
Fertilome Fish Emulsion 1 gal	\$17.00		
Neptune's Harvest Fish Hydrolized Fertilizer 5 gal	\$130.00		
Neptune's Harvest Seaweed Concentrate 1 gal	\$45.00		
Neptune's Harvest Seaweed Concentrate 5 gal	\$135.00		
Kelp Meal 50lb	\$88.50		
Soluble Kelp Powder 5lb	\$61.50		
Soluble Kelp Powder 10lb	\$119.00		
TKO Phosphite 2.5 gal	\$150.00		
Liquid Potassium 0-0-25 2.5 gal	\$74.90		
Azomite 10lb	\$14.39		
Azomite 44lb	\$20.00		
Worm Gold Plus Worm Castings 20qt	\$17.00		
Natural Guard Soil Activator 70% Humic Acid 20lb	\$12.74		
Natural Guard Soil Activator 70% Humic Acid 40lb	\$21.24		
Gardner & Bloome Harvest Supreme 2cu ft - Premium Compost	\$8.40		
Disease Control			
Fertilome Systemic Fungicide Pint	\$10.95		
Fertilome Systemic Fungicide Quart	\$16.90		
Rootshield WP (Trichoderma T22) 1/4lb. (Covers approx. 400 sq ft)	\$18.50		
Cover Crop Seed			
Buckwheat - Organic (3lb/1000sq ft)	\$3.60/lb		
Winter Rye (7-9lb/1000sq ft)	\$1.50/lb		
Accessories			
Heavy Duty Heat Cables 60' 300W (covers approx. 21 sq ft) (Thermostat required)	\$89.00		
Heavy Duty Heat Cables 100' 500W (covers approx. 36 sq ft) (Thermostat required)	\$110.00		
4 Outlet Thermostat	\$130.00		
Wrap On Heavy Duty Heat Cables 20'	\$61.50		
Wrap On Heavy Duty Heat Cables 40'	\$71.50		
Wrap On Thermostat	\$98.50		

Wasatch Shadows Nursery 9295 south 255 west Sandy, UT 84070 Ph: (801) 566-0608 Fax: (801) 566-0627

Email: wshadows@msn.com

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Accessories cont.			
Shade Cloth 40% UV Treated	*Ask for quote		
Custom Sizes, Taped Edges, 4lb Brass Grommets			
Available in 6, 8, 10, 12, 20, 26 and 32 foot widths			
Approximately 2-3 week lead time			
Hudson 4 gal Backpack Sprayer	\$59.50		
		Subtotal	
		UT Sales Tax (6.85%)	
		Order Total	

**We have many more products not listed on this order guide that we stock or that can be ordered. Please inquire.*

Contact: Loren Nielsen (801) 566-0608 or wshadows@msn.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Payment may be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover)