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GREAT CORTLAND PUMPKINFEST PREPARING FOR 2019 FESTIVAL

Pumpkinfest Returns for Fun-Filled Weekend

(CORTLAND, NY): With October on the horizon, that means the 2019 Great Cortland Pumpkinfest is coming up soon. This year's festival will be held October 5 and 6, 2019, two fun-filled days for the whole family to celebrate both the harvest season and the talent of the area.

"People share with us how much they enjoyed the Great Cortland Pumpkinfest as kids and how they now like to bring their own children to the festival," says Mindy Stevenson, Pumpkinfest co-chair. "The Planning Committee and I are excited to continue this festival that has been such a large part of the Cortland community for more than 20 years, and watch families make new memories they can share with their children."

This year's festival will feature favorite activities such as the craft show, delicious festival dining, talented local entertainment, games for children, the pumpkin decorating contest, and more. In addition, the planning committee is working on bringing some new activities to the festival to continue to fun of the season. One of the changes being made includes introducing new festival hours – Saturday, October 5 from 9AM to 5PM, and Sunday, October 6 from 10AM to 4PM.

"Stay tuned to our website and social media accounts," Elizabeth Cole, Pumpkinfest co-chair, says. "We have a lot of great things that will be announced over the weeks leading up to the festival that we are very excited to share with festival-goers."

In addition to planning this year's festival, the Pumpkinfest Planning Committee is excited that the festival is nominated in USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards 2019 contest as a Best Fall Festival in the USA. Voting runs through Noon ET on Monday, August 26th. "A nomination for a national contest is such an honor," says Cole. "This nomination is recognition of the amazing talent that we have in the area that we get to showcase every year during Pumpkinfest, and we are so happy to see our festival competing with other amazing festivals across the country. Be sure to vote every day at <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-fall-festival/> and help make Cortland's own festival number one in the US!"

For more information, visit the Great Cortland Pumpkinfest on the web at www.cortlandpumpkinfest.org or follow on social media @greatcortlandpumpkinfest.

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