

For every pumpkin, a different face

A cosmetically perfect, well-coiffed and crowned 1985 Mrs. Michigan created by Sharon Reed won the first prize in the parade of pumpkin characters that fill Orchard-12 Mall businesses this week for browsers and shoppers.

The Detroit Tiger waving a World Series banner took the second-prize ribbon, created by Timothy Shaberry from Mrs. Maddox Cake Shop, and third prize was taken by a chubby pumpkin ballerina in tutu created by Jacqueline Ammond and Peggy Bigelow from Dance Spectrum.

The costumed and painted pumpkins are all part of the merchants-turned-artists entries into Orchard-12's Pumpkin Carving Contest that make a show of everything from pirates to spooky characters, from animals to sport figures.

Reed used Bloomfield Facial Renewal's status as a sponsor of the Mrs. Michigan Pageant, as well as her own know-how as a make-up artist, as a basis for her entry. The Ammon-Bigelow dance teacher team used their business as a theme to create their entry. So did

Dennison's whose diners will be greeted this week with a pumpkin carved with its own logo. And so did Gail Grieve who used Digger's Office Supply to dovetail into the children's Digger character to carve his likeness onto a pumpkin.

HIGH POINTS in the originality department went to 16-year-old Julie Sanders whose bawdy lady from long-ago Paris sits in Henry Miller Flowers window, as well as the Bloomfield Facial Renewal technicians who turned out a pumpkin patch filled with little warts. And the witch whose lips spell BOO sitting in One-Hour Martinizing.

Terry Homan, a waitress in D. Dennison's, was the only entrant who thought ethnic. Her ominous-looking Oriental is at the entryway to the main dining room.

As for strictly Halloween, kudos to Rosaline Sequin who used the pumpkin's stem for her creature's nose; then used the innards of the pumpkin to form the creature's hair. The creature decorates the window of Picture Frames Unlimited.



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"Say the magic word..." and you, too, can have a pumpkin which looks just like classic comedian Groucho Marx. This pumpkin was entered by a Facial Renewal employee.



This pretty young thing, more akin to the looks of Miss Piggy than a real Michigan beauty, was deemed Mrs. Michigan Pumpkin 1985.



A bevy of pumpkins with all different grins, shapes and sizes awaited the scrutiny of passersby as they sat in

the windows of the various shops at the Orchard/12 Mall.

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