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VICTORIA TRUTH CENTRE ACQUIRES PUMPKIN ART DISPLAY

For Immediate Release (Victoria, B.C.) – Pumpkin Art, a local display of hundreds of lit pumpkins made popular in the Capital Region from its previous showings at Government House, has been purchased by the Victoria Truth Centre at 1201 Fort Street.

John Vickers, the artist behind Pumpkin Art says he is delighted the display has been acquired and the pumpkins now have a permanent home. “It’s a significant event to host and area residents will hopefully enjoy the carvings for years to come - complete with free admission at a beautiful location.” He adds he will continue to contribute his art work and help out with the events operation.

“We were quite pleased to provide the display a permanent home”, says Louise Rowbottom, the Truth Centre’s Vice President. “The pumpkins were a marvelous addition to the local community and we are quite excited to bring them back and host them right here in our Rockland neighbourhood.”

Vickers also works at the Truth Centre which already warehouses the entire display onsite following the Centre’s invitation to provide complimentary storage last fall.

Pumpkin Art consists of hundreds of intricate pumpkin carvings carved over ten years from life like polyurethane molds featuring the likes of local personalities, cartoon characters, prime ministers, presidents, and others. It also includes over 1,000 milk crates to display the carvings and yards of string lighting.

This fall’s event will be held on Truth Centre grounds along Fort Street over the final weekend of October. Vickers says volunteers will be welcoming donations like in past years with partial proceeds going to the Victoria Youth Clinic, part of the James Bay Community Project. The clinic provides front line health and counselling support for street youth between 12 and 22.

Founded in 1934 and is celebrating its 75th anniversary year, the Victoria Truth Centre is a New Thought spiritual centre. Sometimes confused with New Age, New Thought is a century old philosophy practicing oneness with through all with eastern meditation influences.

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2009 Event Web Site <http://www.pumpkinart.ca>