

## Patch Tour with a Twist (But don't let her have the checkbook)



Yes, it is that time again when the pumpkins are all snuggled up in their blankies, the plants are almost full grown and we find ourselves wondering, hmmm, I wonder how everyone else is doing? Or in our case, I wonder if everyone else is having the same problems we are ??? Well the answers are waiting, along with enough food to feed an army (or giant pumpkin) at the annual patch tour.

This year we will start out tour down in the patch of Sandy Jefferson, you know, that girl who brings monster pumpkin shaped bricks to the weigh-offs. She will start us off at 9:00 AM in her pumpkin patch and tell us all she knows.

We then move on to the new home of our main GPC Pumpkin Weigh-off at Bauman's Farms. There we all will get a free tour of the facilities and see where the world record fall in October. The Bauman's are going all out to make the fall event something we have never seen.

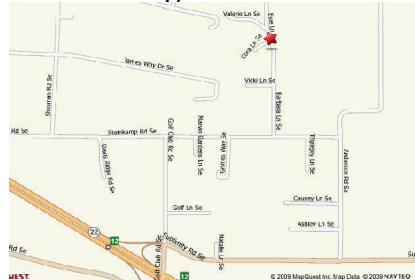
Following the Bauman's we make our way to the Woodburn Outlet Stores. Why do you say???, well, its simple, there are some pumpkins being grown there in an effort to promote the fall festival. This also will be a great time to see the meeting place for all of the growers at the beginning point of the first pumpkin parade, and give the pumpkin widows a chance to hit the outlet stores. Always keep in mind that there must be money in the account, because we didn't run out of checks.

From the Outlets, we drive to the Sherwood Patch to see why the Sherwood name comes after so many very large pumpkins. Be sure to pay attention to the soil Jim grows in, sometimes it is just not fair.

After we leave the Sherwood Forest of pumpkin leaves, we head over to the Hester patch. There you will get to see a new grower, a dog on a diet, an old time grower, tomato trees and Nanny's plant. There will also be food, food and more food as we all know what patch tours are all about.....

We will have a Poker Run during the tour, and at the BBQ, Horseshoe Contest, Pumpkin Trivia, music, and a longer period of time to kick back in the shade and shoot the breeze with other growers as there is no rule that says a late lunch BBQ can't turn into a dinner BBQ too.

### Our Starting Point at 9:00 AM



From I-5 north or south, take the Highway 22 exit (Exit 253) east towards Stayton. Continue east to Golf Club Road, exit 12, off of highway 22. Turn left of Golf Club Road. Go over the highway to Steinkamp Road SE and take a right. Follow Steinkamp road for about half a mile and take a left on Barbara Lane SE. Sandy's Address is 7808 Barbara Lane SE, Aumsville, Oregon, 97325.