



Montréal, September 11, 2014 – The **Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal** invites young and old, **from September 13 to November 2, 2014**, to come and discover the world of squashes, with the ***Pick a Peck of Pumpkins...*** outdoor exhibition, which will be presented for **free** in the Governor’s Garden.

Every year, the pumpkin becomes the queen of autumn. However, in so honouring her, we forget about the other members of the squash family that are used in our daily life. They are not only found on our plates, but are also used in beauty products, on stage, as instruments in concerts, and as decorations in dining rooms. Cultivated over 5000 years ago by the Native People, squashes are now present in all continents. What a history to discover!



The *Pick a Peck of Pumpkins...* exhibition is adapted from the Musée-conservatoire ethnologique de Haute-Provence, Prieuré de Salagon.

For the children...

With a tour designed especially for them, children will get to meet many members of the squash family. With an activity booklet, they will get to meet Reddie, the friendly red pumpkin, and his many cousins. Cucumbers, zucchinis, and patty-pan squashes will reveal their secrets to the young botanists to help them fulfill their mission...to follow the clues and solve the mystery!

Squash Tasting

While your kids roam in the garden, taste the diversity offered by the large Cucurbitacea family. Every Sunday of October, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., four uncommon and intriguing squashes are waiting to be tasted. Can you recognize the pulp of the *Hungarian blue*? Or the surprising taste of the *potiron galeux of Eysines*? Complete your visit by trying some of the delicious pumpkin soup.

The Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal, a non-profit organization, safeguards and makes accessible a collection that reflects and attests to the history of Montréal and Quebec. It was the first building in Quebec to be classified an historic monument and is the province’s oldest private historical museum. Visit our website: www.chateauramezay.qc.ca

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