



Montréal, September 23, 2020 – Looking for an Outdoor Activity for Children this Fall? The Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal invites young and old to discover the world of squash with Pick a Peck of Pumpkins, a one-month outdoor exhibition presented free of charge in the Governor's Garden, September 23 to November 1, 2020.

While the children are off exploring, discover multiple uses for squash by going through the paths in the Governor's Garden. Every year, pumpkins dominate autumn, sometimes overshadowing humbler members of the squash family, which have many everyday uses. Look for squash not only at mealtimes, but in beauty products and as percussion instruments and decorative items. Cultivated for over 5,000 years, squash are now native to every continent.

New for Children Aged 8 to 12

This year, we've got a new game for youngsters 8 to 12! Through a set of funny questions, they'll find out what they know about this huge family. The subject may seem obvious to anyone unfamiliar with the Cucurbita, but it should surprise your tweens! They'll need 20 to 30 minutes to find the "key" to a surprise at the Chateau Reception desk.

Always a Favourite

With a tour designed specially for them, children get to meet the amazing squash family. Our free activity booklet introduces Reddy, the friendly red pumpkin, and his many cousins. Cucumbers, zucchinis and patty-pan squash join force to help young botanists track down the mystery word!

Download and print the activity booklet before your visit. Go to: https://www.chateauramezay.qc.ca/en/activities/activities-and-lectures/#pickapeckofpumpkins

Don't forget your pencils !

The Pick a Peck of Pumpkins exhibition originated at the Musée-conservatoire ethnologique de Haute-Provence, Prieuré de Salagon.

About

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: <u>chateauramezay.qc.ca</u>

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