



The U.S. Collegiate National  
Championships  
Friday September 30 & Saturday  
October 1, 2011

The overall sponsor: Alpenrose  
Fruits and vegetables provided by: Visser Farms

The City of Holland with the help of Alpenrose and Rock On Ice / Art The Experience Would like to welcome you to "The U. S. Collegiate National Championships for 2011." Along with the Collegiate Nationals there will be a People's Choice competition for professional carvers and judges.

### ***Collegiate Nationals:***

This competition will be a two or three-man team event that will take place over two days. Each school will have two carvers compete in the compulsory and two for the singles event; the third teammate will be a helper. The team event will consist of all three competitors carving. A cumulative score from all events will be added together in order to determine the Collegiate U.S. National Champion. The events will consist of the following:

**The compulsory event** will be announced at the time of registration. It will be two hours and cover basic carving techniques. Two of the three-team members will carve in this event as individuals and they may have a third teammate as a helper (helpers role is defined in the rules). The names of the carvers that compete in this event can be determined when the team registers for the event and finds out the particulars of the compulsory. The school may choose the best two students based on the compulsory task.

**The singles event** will be a freestyle sculpture that will be displayed on our pedestals that measure 2ft x 2 ft. The City of Holland and Visser Farms will supply each student with a watermelon, honeydew, cantaloupe and one mystery item. The student will have three hours to complete their sculpture. Students may only use toothpicks and skewers to build their displays. Two of the three-team members will carve in this event as individuals; the third student may be a helper. Students will be allowed to bring in any fruit, vegetable, herbs, spices or beans to add to their display: Everything on the display must be an edible food item.

**The team event** will consist of all three competitors working together to carve one large display. If the school has a two-man team then they may carve with just two for this event. Each team will have an 8ft table to make their display on and may use any apparatus for structure as long as it is completely covered in fruit. If the structure is visible during judging there will be deductions. This event will be 5 hours long. The City of Holland will provide each team with:

2 Watermelons    2 Cantaloupes    2 Honeydews    2 Pumpkins (if available)

The team is allowed to bring in any other fruit, vegetable, herbs spices or beans to carve for their display. There is no limitation to the amount of fruit you may bring in. The entire display must fit on the 8ft table provided.  
Entry fee Collegiate Nationals: \$175 per team

***Professional People's Choice Competition*** is separate from the collegiate competition. Any student, judge, coach or professional carver may enter this competition. Carvers will be required to bring in a pre-carved sculpture and it will be set up on a pedestal that measures 2ft x 2 ft. The public will vote for their favorite sculptures to determine final placement. You may use any fruit, vegetable, spices, herbs or beans for this display. You may add props to your sculpture as long as the prop does not exceed 20% of the total sculpture (use your best judgment). You may also use any apparatus as long as it fits on the carving pedestal provided. This set up will be a timed event. Each carver will have one hour to assemble his or her display. Carvers that cannot complete their set up in the time allowed will be issued a one hour delayed voting penalty. Props are allowed, see rules.  
Entry Fee People's Choice: \$45

**Location of Competition:** Holland Civic Center / Farmers Market  
150 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holland, MI 49423

**Host Hotels:**

Microtel 643 Hastings Ave Holland Mi 49423	616.392.3235	\$49 call before Aug 30
Haworth Inn 225 College Avenue Holland MI 49423	616 395 7200	\$95
City Flats 61 East 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Holland MI 49423	616 796 2100	\$130

**Prizes:**

Overall Collegiate Team wins:

1. \$200 in gift certificates and title of “Collegiate National Champions”
2. \$100 in gift certificates
3. \$100 in gift certificates

\*All gift certificates will be given to the coaches to use for the carving programs.

Professional Peoples Choice Award

1. \$450
2. \$350
3. \$300
4. \$200
5. \$100

**Seminar and Registration:**

Registration will be at 2:30 – 3:30 pm for Collegiate on Friday, Singles event freestyle will follow Vegetable carving seminar at 4:00 pm on Friday , all students are required to attend. Any no shows May result in a point deduction.

Registration for Peoples choice will be 8:45 am to 9:30 am on Saturday October 1.

Agenda will be emailed out to all contestants once we receive the carver’s application and payment.

**Art The Experience ( Rock On Ice and The city of Holland will supply:**

Tables  
Chairs  
Display pedestals 24” x 24”  
Cutting Boards  
Trash cans for clean up  
Water source

**Recommend carvers bring:**

Skewers and toothpicks  
Towels for clean up  
Carving tools  
Ice

## Rules for Collegiate singles event

1. All carving must happen on site in the carving time allowed
2. Must keep table clean and presentable to the public at all times.
4. Must supply your own carving tools.
5. This is a freestyle event and you may carve anything you wish.
6. All cutting must be done on the cutting board provided.
7. Individual events: You may only add toothpicks and skewers to display for stability.  
They must not be visible in the final sculpture. All other elements  
Of the display must be from fruits and vegetable provided.
8. You must use everything provided to you on your display.
9. Students are allowed to bring any additional Fruit, vegetable, herbs, spices, or beans to add to your singles display.
10. Sculpture must fit on the display tray provided. 24" x 24"
11. Appropriate dress required. (Chefs Jacket)
12. To be eligible for collegiate nationals you must present a current student (college) ID or have a letter from your school.
13. Bring cloths or paper towels to clean your carving area.
14. Collegiate teams may consist of two or three-person teams.
15. Titles required for all sculptures (except compulsory)

## Additional Rules for the Collegiate Team Event

(The following rules do not apply for the individual events)

1. Collegiate teams will be supplied with:  
2 Watermelons / 2 Cantaloupes / 2 Honeydews / 2 Pumpkins (if available) large
2. Teams will be displaying on an 8 ft. table for the team event
3. You may use tablecloths around the base of the sculpture to help hide any structural elements. (any color any style)
4. Team event: You may use a pre-built apparatus for your structure. The structures may not be visible during judging or points will be deducted.
5. The apparatus or structure may be built before the competition begins and can be on the presentation table before time begins.
6. Teams may bring in as many fruits and vegetables as they choose to carve for their display. The team must use the items given to them in their display.
7. The team may consist of two or three students.
8. All teammates must sign in for registration at the same time.
9. All teammates must attend the seminar on Friday or their will be a point deduction per student not attending
10. Students will be required to help clean up auditorium at the end of the event.

## Rules for Helpers

1. Helpers may peel any fruits or vegetables to help the carver. Any peelings made by the helper must be discarded and is not allowed in the display.
2. Helpers may clean the carving area and prepare the display pedestal.
3. Helpers may help the carver build or assemble their final sculpture on the display pedestal.
4. Helpers may clean the display pedestal after the display is complete, but not after time is called.
5. Helpers may not carve anything that appears in the display. The carver must carve all finished work on the sculpture.
6. The helper may be (but does not have to be) the same person for the compulsory and the singles event.

## Rules for Professionals

1. Pros will bring their sculpture in pre-carved.
2. Sculptures will consist of at least 80% of carved food items.
3. Each competitor will be allowed to bring in their items and set them near the display site. You will only be allowed to prep your area before the timed set up begins.
4. The actual set up will be timed. You will have one hour to set up the sculpture.
5. Any apparatuses may be pre-built to save time during the set up.
6. If a carver goes over the time limit then he will be penalized by one hour of delayed voting.
7. Sculpture must fit on the display tray provided. 24" x 24"
8. Chefs jackets required
9. Height limit of 48"
10. Any displays thought to be unstable or safe by judges will be required to change their original design
11. Props are allowed (up to 20% of the total sculpture) use your best judgment or call if you have a question  
Props are considered to be any non-food item or not edible.

## Judging Criteria:

The following categories will be judged on a 10-point scale for a total possible score of 80 points. The categories are:  
*Overall Impression / Utilization of Vegetables / Detail / Knife Skills / Use of color / Structural / Creativity / Artistic Impression*





**PUBLICITY RELEASE FORM**

**The Carve IV**

September 30 – October 1, 2011

As a competitor, I hereby assign and grant the right and permission to copyright and/or use and/or publish photographs of me, which may be included in whole or part of composite or reproductions thereof for publicity or advertising purposes.

Accordingly, I release and discharge the persons hosting/sponsoring the event, **City of Holland, MI, Rock On Ice / Art the Experience**, and persons acting for or on behalf of them, from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or in any processing thereof through completion of the finished product. I have read this release and agree to abide by it.

School or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Carver #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Carver #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Carver #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Professional Carver \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT  
Coaches information or professional carver**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number  
(day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM  
LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT  
FOR**

**The Carve IV**

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The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has requested and made formal application for participation in **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals**, sponsored by **City of Holland, MI, Rock On Ice / Art the Experience** and understand that participation in said competition will involve the use of knives and other articles of equipment necessary to shape and sculpt vegetables and fruit. In consideration for and as a condition of being permitted to participate for any purpose in **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals**, the undersigned, for himself and personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, agrees that he/she has or will, prior to his/her participation in **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals**, sponsored by **City of Holland, MI, Rock On Ice / Art the Experience** acknowledge that he/she can fully participate in all areas the competition will encompass without restriction, that he/she is fully aware of the responsibilities his/her participation will require and the dangers wherein thereto, and does further warrant that his/her participation constitutes an acknowledgment that he/she has inspected the location where the competition is to be held and the equipment to be used and that both are safe and reasonably suited for their intended purposes.

In addition **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals on** will not be responsible for theft or damage to any personal property, tools, or equipment before, during, or after **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals**.

Therefore, the undersigned hereby voluntarily releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals, City of Holland, MI, Rock On Ice / Art the Experience**, its officers, directors, employees, or agents all for purposes herein referred to as Releases, from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representative, assigns, heirs and next of kin for all loss or damage and any claim or demands therefore, on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned whether caused by the negligence of the Releases or otherwise from participation in the **The Carve IV Collegiate Nationals**, referred to above.

School or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Carver #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Carver #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Carver #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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