

How-to-Grow World Class Giant Pumpkins III

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Alan Gibson has been writing the Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Growers Newsletter for several years, and as a director, secretary, and treasurer of the association, has contributed much to the success of giant pumpkin growing in the state of Ohio. It would be difficult to imagine where giant pumpkin growing in Ohio would be if not for the administrative talent, and genuinely friendly leadership role that Alan has brought to the OVGPG. Along with Tim Parks, the late and greatly admired Dick Baird, Fred Calai, Ron Moffett, Jack and Dale Lanterman, and Dave Stelts, the OVGPG has flourished, combining an intense and serious competitive nature with a friendly and charitable treatment of every grower in their membership. This is truly the sport of giant pumpkin growing at its very best!

Alan had personal bests in 2002. He grew a, exhibition only, 990 and an official 907.5; both of which were weighed at the Canfield Fair.



Alan Gibson's patch and his 2002, 808.5.

I am indebted to Alan for the many pictures he generously submitted for this book. He is extremely proud of the OVGPG and its members, and was a staunch advocate for the induction of the other five Ohio growers that join him here as *Heavy Hitters*.



Standing from the left, the OVGPG Directors: Jack Lanterman, Alan Gibson, Dale Lanterman, Dick Baird, Dave Stelts, Fred Calai, Tim Parks, and Ron Moffett.



The Heavy Hitters



Top: Fred Calai and Alan Gibson pose with their unofficial entries at the 2002, Canfield Fair – the Calai 884 and the Gibson 990. You can see that the competition was extremely good. Right: Alan, with his wife Joan, and daughter, Jenny, attend to grower registrations