

2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival  
July 29, 30, and 31, 2016  
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### **Entries Now Being Accepted for 2016 Miss Gilroy Garlic Queen Pageant**

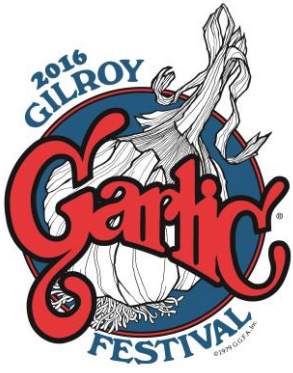
February 18, 2016 (Gilroy, CA): The Gilroy Garlic Festival is accepting applications for the 2016 Miss Gilroy Garlic Queen Pageant. Young ladies between the ages of 18 to 24 who live in Gilroy, Hollister, San Juan Bautista, San Martin, Morgan Hill, or Aromas are eligible to enter.

The Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at the Gavilan College Theater. Contestants are judged by a panel of five judges on personal interview, talent, garlic speech, and on-stage question. The winner is crowned Miss Gilroy Garlic 2016 and receives a \$1,000 prize. The First Runner-Up receives \$500, and Second Runner-Up receives \$250. Contestants are also eligible for other scholarship awards.

The Queen and her Court represent Gilroy at various festivities leading up to the Gilroy Garlic Festival, to be held July 29-31, 2016 at Christmas Hill Park. They have the opportunity to make guest appearances in local print and electronic media, in parades, and at fundraising events. Most importantly, they spend all three days at the festival having a garlicky good time with fellow lovers of the pungent bulb.

Entries must be received at the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association office by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 4, 2016. For complete contest rules, go to <http://gilroygarlicfestival.com> or call 408-842-1625.

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*About the Gilroy Garlic Festival*

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Gilroy Garlic Festival will be held July 29, 30, and 31, 2016, at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy, California. Presented by Raley's, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods, this annual event draws tens of thousands of guests from around the world for a three-day celebration of great garlicky food, live entertainment, and fun for the whole family. For more information, see [www.gilroygarlicfestival.com](http://www.gilroygarlicfestival.com).