



2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival
July 29, 30, and 31, 2016
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Recipe Submissions for Great Garlic Cook-Off Due May 1

March 7, 2016 (Gilroy, CA): The Gilroy Garlic Festival is accepting recipe submissions for the 2016 Great Garlic Cook-Off amateur cooking competition now through May 1. Eight finalists will be selected to compete on stage at the Gilroy Garlic Festival on Saturday, July 30, 2016 for the coveted garlic crown and a grand prize of \$5,000.

According to Recipe Contest Co-Chairs Dawn Stoll-Davis and Marcie Morrow, each original recipe must include a minimum of six cloves of fresh garlic or three teaspoons of chopped or minced garlic. The recipes will be prepared on the Garlic Cook-Off Stage and must be plated and served to a panel of six judges in two hours' time. The winner receives a cash prize of \$5,000. Second place wins \$2,500, and third place wins \$1,000. The eight finalists also receive travel and lodging accommodations.

In the 2015 competition, Jodi Taffel from Phoenix, Arizona beat out seven other finalists to claim the garlic crown with her winning dish of "Shakshuka with Deep Fried Garlic." Other recent winners have included "Sarsaparilla Glazed Wild West Burgers and Southwest Sweet Potatoes" and "Carnival Style Fish Sticks with Lemony Jalapeno Mayonnaise and Spicy Apple Kohlrabi Slaw."

Entries can be submitted to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Cook-Off, P.O. Box 2311, Gilroy, CA 95021-2311, or via email to clove@gilroygarlicfestival.com and must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2016. Submissions should be provided in recipe form and accompanied by a photograph of the final dish. Entries are limited to two recipes per person. Complete contest rules are posted at www.gilroygarlicfestival.com.

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About the Gilroy Garlic Festival

The 38th 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.