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Gilroy Garlic Festival Accepting Recipes for 25th Anniversary Great Garlic Cook-off

GILROY, CALIFORNIA – The Gilroy Garlic Festival is now accepting recipes for its annual Great Garlic Cook-off Recipe Contest. Eight finalists will be selected to prepare their garlicky dishes for a panel of five celebrity judges at the 25th Anniversary Gilroy Garlic Festival, held July 25, 26, and 27, 2003 in Gilroy, California.

The winner receives \$1,000 and an honorary crown of garlic. \$750 is awarded for second place, \$500 for third place, and \$100 for the remaining finalists.

Recipes must be original and specify at least six cloves of fresh garlic, or the equivalent packaged form (3 teaspoons minced or chopped). Recipes must serve six and take less than two hours preparation time. Professional chefs and other food specialists are not allowed to enter. All recipes submitted as entries become the property of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association. Complete contest rules are posted at the Festival website: www.gilroygarlicfestival.com.

Recipes should be submitted via e-mail to clove@gilroygarlicfestival.com or mailed to: Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, P.O. Box 2311, Gilroy, California 95021. Entries must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2003.

The Great Garlic Cook-off is one of the best-known cooking contests in the country. Each year, hundreds of entries are submitted from all across the U.S. and Canada. Recent winners have included Garlic-scented Seafood Cakes with Citrus Salsa & Chipotle Aioli, Garlic Marnier Duck Pot Stickers, and Creamy Potato Gratin with Gorgonzola, Pears & Pecans. For winning recipes from past Cook-offs, as well as more detailed contest information, check www.gilroygarlicfestival.com or call 408-842-1625.

The Gilroy Garlic Festival will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 25, 26 & 27, 2003. The annual event attracts more than 125,000 visitors each year and has become known as one of the premier food festivals in the world. The Cook-off Stage features the Recipe Contest competition and judging on Saturday, plus cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs throughout the rest of the weekend. Guests can also sample the world's best garlic food from "Gourmet Alley," enjoy live entertainment on three stages, shop for homemade arts and crafts, visit the Children's Area, and pick up garlic-themed gifts and souvenirs. Hosted by over 4,000 volunteers, the event has raised almost \$6 million for local schools, clubs, charities, and other non-profit organizations.

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