



2016 Hills Garlic Festival
Garlic Themed Poem Contest Entries

WINNING POEM

Oh Garlic

by Mihkel Shaarup

So many memories you carry
when I peel you...
It's like working my way through all the summer evenings where you were served
The bbqs
The trips to the beach
The late nights by the bonfire
Your taste has been shared with family and friends
Never have you disappointed
Some mind your scent...
But for me...
It only brings back the memories
In cold winter times
You bring back the summer and the warmth when they are far away.

OTHER POETRY ENTRIES

3 Short Poems

by Dean James

- 1
garlic sweet garlic
pearly, spicy, stinky toes
love your cloviness
- 2
rare is the tongue you
have not danced upon
- 3
To the Big "G"
I eat u up
Like I would unicorn tears
if I had unicorn tears.

Blue Jean Cover-alls & Garlic Sobriety

by Andy Hayward

Pegged off-side the pantry stove
A braid of garlic hangs
To garland rustic hearth and home
as evening rolls around.

Domestic solace warms our hearts
as a soup is brewing there:
A mix of garden herbal fruit
sweet and savoury
warm complete
with garlic's subtle tones
as evening rolls around.

As evening rolls around
we gather at the table bench
kerchief draped o'er collar & neck
Baggy jeans and birkenstocks, perhaps
But – sigh – hearth and home
and peacefully,
as the evening quietly draws nigh.

Ominous Visitation

by Andy Hayward

If while peering through the
blackened reaches of the night
An apparition seems to quest thy gate
and through the misty moon-light's haze
a billowing cape and
bat-like wings appears
(with a vaporous black half-hidden visage of ominous intent)
Then, hold thy door
and fasten tight
with garlic at thy side
Keep vigil guard
with garlic bundled high and low
and wait
and hope
for a glimmer of morning's light.

Allium Sativum

by Andy Hayward

The garlic bulb
with its pale papery enshrouded girth
conceals an inner pungent flesh
whose fragrance tells of its health-sustaining worth
and a flavour that
from men to gods
all must praise it; this from mother-earth.