



Potato and Kale Soup

(adapted by Karen Osterberg, Gibbet Hill Grill)

- 1 lg. sweet onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2-3 lg. red bliss potatoes
- 5 c. water or vegetable stock
- Bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Saute onion and garlic in the butter until onion is clear and soft.
2. Add 2 cups water or vegetable stock and the potatoes.
3. Simmer, covered, until potatoes start to soften.
4. Wash kale and chop; steam kale separately.
5. When potatoes are well done, puree half of them with remaining water.
6. Combine all ingredients.
7. Add salt and pepper.
8. If needed, add more water or milk for desired consistency.

GPGP has received many requests for this recipe since our Harvest Celebration so we thought we'd include it in our newsletter for everyone to try.



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GPGP's Harvest Celebration a Huge Success!

Growing Places Garden Project held our 1st Harvest Celebration on October 18th. The event

was a tremendous success with 250 attendees, despite the snow-bearing Nor'easter. We shared a wonderful homegrown meal and watched Food Inc. in the warmth and comfort of The Strand Theatre in Clinton and learned so much about how to make an impact in the world and our communities with the simple decisions we make every day.



Thanks to the event committee

members Linda Russell, owner of Scentsibilities in Boylston and GPGP Trustee, and Suzanne Hays, Non-profit Consultant and GPGP Volunteer, for pulling all the details of this event together. These two ladies went above and beyond, and we definitely could not have done it without them.



Thanks also to Diane Duchnowski, Louise Russell, Jim Dobson, Marilyn Rios, Sam Paulino, Dan Breidel, Pat Loverro, Cathy Valerie, and Lori and Mark Champine for volunteering the day of the event.



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GPGP has experienced tremendous growth over the last year to keep up with the demand for food and better health and nutrition and contributions like these go a long way to provide food and edu-

cation to families in need. We're honored to work and live in and around communities with such generous and engaged citizens and businesses. Thank you so much!



Compost Deliveries

First and second year GPGP gardeners should have bags of compost by their gardens already or within the next week. Once you have finished with all your harvest and cleaned out your garden, spread one bag of compost on each of your garden beds. This will provide food for your soil to absorb over the winter months so it is ready to go next spring. Now is also a good time to make a plan of your garden beds so that you don't plant the same crop in the same place next year. Rotating your crops helps to prevent disease and is a good way to make sure that your soil does not get depleted of nutrients.

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Thank you for making our Harvest Celebration a Success!

