

# Tangletown CALENDAR

- Monday, Oct. 17 • TNA Board Meeting \* • 7:00pm Fuller Park
- Sunday, Oct. 30 • Halloween House Family Tour 1pm • Meeting place TBD (depends on tour route)
- Sunday, Oct. 28 • Halloween House Evening Tour 7pm • Meeting place TBD (depends on tour route)
- Monday, Oct. 28 • Fuller Park Halloween Party 6-8pm • (free)
- Saturday, Nov. 4 • Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Monday, Nov. 19 • TNA Board Meeting \* • 7:00pm Fuller Park
- Thursday, Nov. 22 • Thanksgiving • (Fuller Park closed)
- Saturday, Dec. 15 • Fuller Park Gingerbread Houses • 1-3pm

\* All TNA meetings are held on the third Monday of every month.

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Our Tangletown Neighborhood Association is made up entirely of volunteers from the neighborhood. These are your neighbors, and everything that comes to you from the Tangletown Neighborhood Association has come from people who care about this community, and who have generously given of their time and talents to make this community a better place for us all. Please consider giving back to your community by attending monthly meetings and/or consider volunteering your time to the many activities that need the participation of residents in order to be successful for all of us. Thank you.

## Yes! Put my house on the route of the Tangletown Halloween Walking Tour

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(We DO NOT share email information for any purpose other than communication for this event.)

Sign me up for the Tangletown e-news list!

Mail this form and \$5 check\* payable to the "TNA" to be received by Saturday, October 13th to:  
**Jeff Gears • 14 East 49th Street • Minneapolis, MN 55419**



\* To cover minimal costs

# Tangletown NEWS

Fall 2012 Edition

2nd Annual

By Jeff Gears

## Tangletown Halloween Walking Tour



Last year the Tangletown Neighborhood Association was proud to introduce the first annual Tangletown Halloween Home Tour. For any of you out there that joined us on the home tour or if you participated as one of the decorated homes on the tour, I think we can all agree that it was a huge success! So it is with great excitement that we announce the 2nd Annual Tangletown Halloween Home Tour!

If you didn't participate last year or you are new to the neighborhood here is what you need to know:

- On Sunday October 28th the Tangletown Neighborhood Association will lead two FREE walking tours.

- The first tour will be during the day and will be a family-friendly tour intended for families with small children (not too scary). Strollers and/or wagons are encouraged for carrying very small children.
- The second tour will be in evening and will be much scarier and intended for adults and older kids. Walking shoes are mandatory!

**"How do I get my home in the Tangletown Halloween House Tour?"**

It's easy. Just by simply filling out the entry form in this newsletter and including a small \$5 entry fee anyone in Tangletown who decorates their yard/house for Halloween can be part of this festive event, and will be included on the tour map. Houses (exteriors only!) on the tour will be enjoyed by everyone, and some will be awarded framed certificates for excellence in several categories; Best Lights, Special Effects, Scariest, Most Creative, Best Pumpkins, Kids Choice and Best In Show. Best of Show will also be awarded a professional artist's rendering of their home, signed and framed.

**"What will the route be for this year's walking Tour?"**

Once entries are received, TNA board member Jeff Gears will lay out a route and put together a map that includes all homes participating in the Tangletown Halloween House Walking Tour.

So round up your neighbors and submit your entry forms by Oct 13th! Your creative endeavor can be as simple, elaborate or scary as you like.

Depending on the weather, we may call for volunteer vehicles and caravan along the route. Stay up-to-date by looking for signs across the neighborhood in the next few weeks or online at [www.tangletown.org](http://www.tangletown.org), and be sure to Friend us on Facebook.

## Hints for Happy Haunting

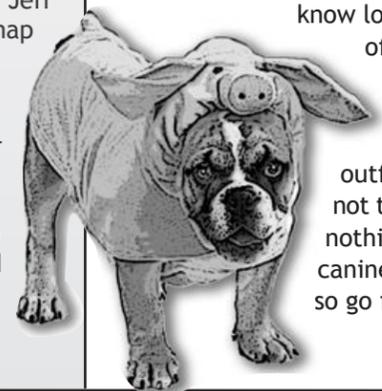
By Tjody deVaal

Why are houses decorated for Halloween? Halloween has become one of the favored holidays for outwardly displaying a primal need to creep-out your neighbors and frighten little children. There's something deliciously wicked in carving a ripe pumpkin into a face with a grimace or snarl, and watching it glow when you put a lit candle inside.

This tradition is based on very old customs surrounding All Saints Day. The night before (All Hallows Eve) the spirits - which are supposed to walk free this night - will be scared and won't come in or near the house. Maybe that's why we have to tempt visitors with candy. Hmmmm.

It doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg (no pun intended...) to be part of the fun. Drape old sheets over brooms stuck in the ground. Hang tealights in mason jars and suspend them from branches. Stuff a pillow case with rags, add a hat and sunglasses and prop it up in a lawn chair. The Dollar Tree has bags of spider web cotton that can be stretched across doors and railings. And don't forget the power of lights!

Do you have a pet? Every cat I know loves the thought of being stuffed into a velcro-fastened ballerina outfit. Okay that's not true. But there's nothing cuter than a canine in a costume, so go for it!



This spring, Don Hall, a longtime Tangletown resident, attended a Tangletown Board meeting with a list of names and the idea of creating some sort of plaque to recognize a neighborhood committee that had been formed in 1973 to help in planning the space that became (Margaret) Fuller Park.

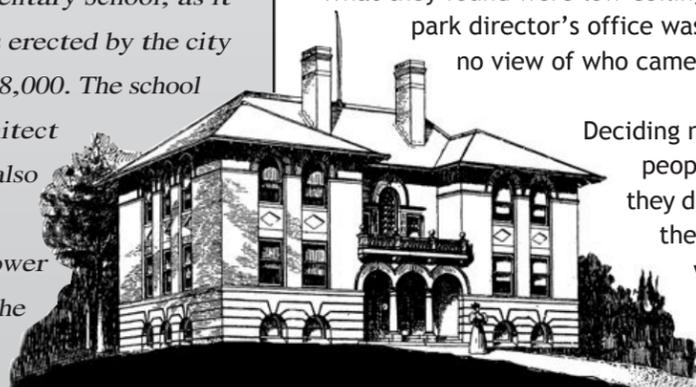
The board was very interested and decided to look more closely at the idea of a TNA-sponsored plaque and get more information.

A committee was formed to discuss what could be included, and I was one of the group, along with Don and Marion Hall (Marion was the chair of the original committee in 1973) Roy LaFayette, and Judy Diffley. We met at Don and Marion's beautiful home on Harriet Avenue and in the course of our meeting I got quite an education in community involvement.

There was much reminiscing about the old Margaret Fuller grade school; they all remembered it fondly and could recall details and people from almost fifty years ago with clarity and an impressive file of supporting documents from the actual period. (A fine example of the value in printed materials...)

Tangletown's resident historian, Tom Balcom, was approached to put together a complete history, which will eventually be available to everyone at the park itself. The actual plaque content is still being discussed, but a big dedication is planned when the park celebrates it's fortieth anniversary.

*Margaret Fuller Elementary School, as it looked in 1896. It was erected by the city of Richfield and cost \$8,000. The school was designed by architect Harry W. Jones, who also designed the notable Tangletown Water Tower and several homes in the neighborhood.*



## A Little Bit of Local History~ Fuller Park *By Tjody deVaal*

Everyone in Tangletown knows about Fuller Park, right? The little park between 48th street, Grand and Harriet Avenues? It is the destination for several generations of families with strollers and little red wagons, coming year-round to enjoy the swings, playground, kiddie pool and sledding hill.

The annual events have been creating memories for years; the ice cream social heralding the start of summer, the parade through the neighborhood celebrating the Fourth of July, a Halloween party for little trick-or-treaters, painting gingerbread houses for the Holidays, and many other activities associated with the park.

But how many really know the history of this central hub of Tangletown? Some are aware that it was the site of the Margaret Fuller Elementary school from 1896 until 1974. When the building's age made a structural overhaul necessary the school board voted to level it, and the space was given to the Minneapolis Park Board.

Lesser known perhaps, is the small neighborhood group that decided to get involved in what was actually put on that half block of land. The Park Board had their ideas, but those would have involved changing the focus of the neighborhood and disrupting the surrounding homes. This determined group of Tangletown residents joined together to canvas the neighbors and determine what the neighborhood needed and wanted in their midst. These twenty-one volunteers actually went door to door, covering a 20-block area, and polled their neighbors on what they would like in this little community park. Then they acted on the feedback they received.

The Park Board at that time had proposed a one-story building in the center of the lot. Since this particular space was technically half a block, the building they suggested would have taken up pretty much the whole lot, leaving not much of a playground for, well, playing. One of the park board members suggested they take a tour of other park buildings in the area. This group decided not to wait for the tour, and set out to see for themselves.

What they found were low-ceilinged "gym" spaces and in one case, the park director's office was set at the back of the building, with no view of who came in or out.

Deciding not to leave the design of the park to people who didn't know the neighborhood, they drew up a proposal in 1975 outlining what they, the residents who would be using it, wanted in a neighborhood park.

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Anyone familiar with Fuller Park will recognize how Fuller Park has been influenced by the eight *Goals For Proposed Fuller Park*, as set down by the Fuller Park Committee in 1975. It is so succinct, I will simply record what they wrote back then:

1. *Age of People Served*-we would like the park to service elementary and pre-school children as well as the elderly. Older children and adults can avail themselves of neighboring parks.
2. *Supervision*- We look forward to the supervision that goes with a neighborhood park. We suggest that the supervisor here be chosen for arts, crafts and activity director rather than the athletic director in keeping with the age groups we want served. Efforts should be made to hire helpers from the neighborhood.
3. *Building*- Taking into consideration the limited space, we would like the smallest possible building that would still serve our needs. In addition to saving space, smaller size would reduce the number of parking space necessary. We suggest bathrooms, warming room, and one to one meeting/craft rooms.
4. *Program*- the program should be set up with the neighborhood input subject to periodic review. Afterschool programs should coincide with arrival of school busses.
5. *Aesthetics*- all care should be taken to make the park visually pleasing, saving trees whenever possible. We suggest some natural separation such as hedges from neighboring houses. This may also serve as a necessary noise barrier.
6. *Use of Space*- Considering the limited space, make maximum use of land available especially in deciding the placement of the building. To save space for activities- make the building two-story or build it into the hill. Multiple use of space is also suggested, i.e. winter skating in the same area as summer basketball. Take into consideration characteristics of the land itself. Drainage may be a problem. Some neighbors are worried about undercutting the hill. There was overwhelming opposition in our survey to using up land for off-street parking. We urge that parking space be minimized. We also request a waiver of city code on parking.
7. *Safety* - Arrange groupings to provide safety for older people and bus riders and children against baseballs, bikes, etc. Dog laws should be enforced. Design the park and its supervision to minimize vandalism to the park itself and to neighbors.
8. *Specifics* -from survey-
  - A. Skating rink should be a small pond to discourage hockey and organized teams.
  - B. Small basketball area with one basket for practice for unorganized informal games for elementary children, designed with safety in mind.
  - C. Tot lot- in a safe location, proportional to the size of the park.
  - D. Tennis court- in view of specific space limitations and the age groups we expect to serve, eliminate tennis courts, substitute a practice board for beginners. Negotiate with School Board for use of space at Ramsey/Washburn.

I recall going to Fuller Park almost daily when my two children were little, and I would recognize familiar faces and see many of the same people there week after week. My kids are now in high school and can drive or take their bikes to the other community parks without me, but I now watch a new crop of young parents and children walk by the house every day on their way to Fuller.

I've always been grateful it was the kind of park that made us want to live in Tangletown in the first place. Now I know the names of the people who helped make it the park that it is. And I thank you.

### *The Fuller Park Committee of 1975*

*Marion Hall (Chair)*

*Roy LaFayette (Associate Chair)*

*Robert & Sandra Anderson*

*Art Cavarz*

*Judy Child*

*Bruce Clark*

*Judy Diffley*

*Carl Franzen*

*Art Green*

*Richard Haynes*

*Jo Hohenshelt*

*Jackie Irey*

*Paul Knutson*

*Stephen Mahannah*

*Jim O'Neill*

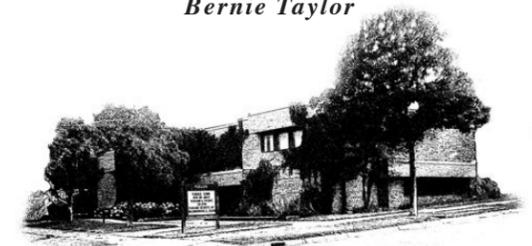
*Mary Lou Pease*

*Kathi Sieger*

*Ferdie Sokoloski*

*Nora Stewart*

*Bernie Taylor*



## Fuller Park continued

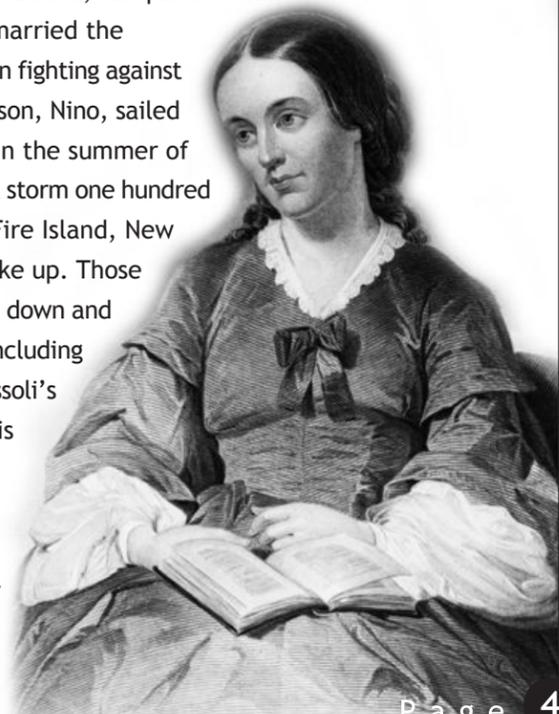
### Who was Margaret Fuller? By Tjody deVaal

*Both Margaret Fuller Elementary School and Fuller Park are named for this woman. It turns out she was quite amazing.*

Margaret Fuller, born in 1810, lived a rich, complex, creative, and much-too-short life. She was a contemporary of Emerson and Thoreau, fluent in Latin, Greek, German, French, and Italian. She published six books in all during her lifetime when the American publishing industry was still in it's infancy. At age 24 she assumed editorship of *The Dial*, The New Yorker of its day. At age 34 she was the first woman in America to have a front page by-line and her essays were widely published and highly regarded by the intelligensia of her day. While working at Horace Greeley's New York Tribune, she was sent to Europe as the first woman foreign correspondant.

Margaret was a vocal proponent of womens' rights to jobs and education. She is best known for an essay she wrote in 1843. Her essay explored the nature of both men and women, she said. "Man" could not fulfill his potential, she believed, until "Woman" fulfilled hers. Heady stuff for its time when mere whisper of women's rights set off alarms. Fuller wanted it all for women—as thinkers, voters, governors, carpenters, mothers, and anything else they desired—and she wanted it all for men.

When Margaret, her husband, Marquis Giovanni Ossoli (while in Rome, she married the impoverished Italian nobleman fighting against the Papists), and their little son, Nino, sailed back to the U.S. from Italy in the summer of 1850, the ship got caught in a storm one hundred fifty yards off the coast of Fire Island, New York, hit a sandbar, and broke up. Those on shore watched the ship go down and the last passengers with it, including Fuller. Neither her body or Ossoli's was found; their young son is buried at Mount Auburn, Maseachusetts. Sadly, her manuscripts from the years in Italy went down too, never to be recovered.



## Seasonal Events



**Wednesday, Oct. 31st, 6-8pm, Free**

Wear your costumes and join other trick-or-treaters at the 3rd annual Southeast CSA\* Halloween Party held at Fuller Park. Enjoy party games, entertainment, light refreshments and treat bags for all the children. The Southeast CSA parks are: Fuller, Lyndale Farmstead, Rev. Dr. Martin King Jr, and Painter.

\* CSA stands for Community Service Area

**Saturday, Dec. 15th, 1pm-3pm. (Cost: \$8 per house)**

Start a family tradition! A great event for all ages; make a darling little gingerbread house to begin the holiday season. We'll supply a pre-formed house, directions, and all the sweet decorations needed to make a delightful creation. Cookies and cider will be served.

Pre-registration is required by **Dec. 12th**. Register online or in person at Fuller Park (612) 4963.



[www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org)

## Independence Day Wrap Up By Ryan Fisher

This past July Tangletown neighborhood came together for the annual 4th of July celebration. Although it was a little steamy for some, a mid-week holiday made for another well-attended parade and party. Beginning the day with the parade from Washburn High School and led by a fire engine from local Station 27, a large group of bikers, walkers and other wheeled participants rolled along the streets of Tangletown to arrive at Fuller Park. At the park, guests were treated to music by Roe Family Singers, games, face painting, food, and more.

The annual 4th of July event is co-sponsored by the Tangletown Neighborhood Association and Fuller Park & Recreation Center. Many thanks go out to the dedicated volunteers who helped bring the event together and make it as successful as it is, year after year.

## 2012 Fabulous Door Prizes By Lynell Voight

This year we tried something a little different. No longer using the term *raffle* to describe our method of sharing wonderful prizes donated by our local businesses, we distributed door prizes by means of a door prize drawing during the event. Tickets were obtained by a \$1 donation at the ticket booth. We had 18 door prizes donated by 12 businesses.

We thank these businesses for their ownership in our neighborhood and willingness to take part in our July 4th festivities by providing prizes. Please take a moment to look at the list below. Perhaps you were the lucky winner of one (or more) of these door prizes. Even if you weren't a winner, please consider the spirit and generosity of these merchants and let them know that we appreciate their participation. Shop at their shop; tell them you appreciate their active help in our neighborhood.

- CK Food N Fuel  
Certificate for One Chicken
- Dance Tonight  
Two (25 minute) private lessons
- Color Wheel  
Original artwork
- Re-Cycle Bikes & Service  
Two tune-up Certificates
- Tangletown Gardens  
Gift box plus gift certificate
- Diamond Lake Hardware  
Three Gift Certificates
- Nokomis Chiropractic  
Three (1/2 hour) massages
- Red Cricket  
One hour massage
- CafÈ Ena  
Two Gift Certificates
- Steve's Auto  
Free Oil Change
- Wise Acre  
Gift Certificate
- Kowalskis  
Gift Card

## Make Your Voice Heard



Tangletown Neighborhood Assoc. is planning to conduct a survey of neighborhood residents and business owners within the coming months.

This survey is critical to establishing neighborhood goals and priorities, and aligning initiatives for funding in years to come. More events, more educational opportunities, more committees, less noise/ traffic? You'll have your chance in the next few months to provide feedback. All participants will be entered in drawings for cash prizes and gift certificates from local businesses.

Information about this survey will be distributed by mail, and online - via Tangletown's Facebook group, and Tangletown's web site. Results of the survey will be shared via the same distribution avenues and in a future newsletter. Stay tuned for more information to come. Please be sure to share your opinions, ideas, and priorities for our neighborhood.

## Tangletown Sustainability Committee Up & Running By MaryJane Mitchell

The newest committee in Tangletown, the *Sustainability Committee*, is excited to get started on a set of fairly ambitious goals for the next two years. Among its objectives, the group hopes to promote a Bike/Walk Tangletown campaign, which would encourage residents to leave their cars in the garage when visiting local businesses. Biking and walking would help alleviate parking and traffic congestion, use less fossil fuel, generate fewer toxic emissions, promote local businesses, increase safety, and encourage physical fitness. Rewards will be offered for participants.

Other plans are to underwrite tree plantings on boulevards, offer loans or grants for remedial treatment of arbor diseases, sponsor education programs on identifying and treating these diseases, sponsor workshops on rain gardens, offer rain barrels at reduced prices, participate in a recycling and composting program, promote decreased use of lawn pesticides, partner with businesses to install bike racks, and become a partner in the B.L.E.N.D and EcoBLEND Awards programs. The TNA Sustainability Committee welcomes new members and suggestions. Please contact Mary Jane Mitchell at [maryjanemitchell@msn.com](mailto:maryjanemitchell@msn.com) or 612-824-8296.

## Mural Project Update~New Paint Job... and a Party

As you drive west along 54th street and approach the intersection at Nicollet Avenue, you may glance to the right and see a riot of color where there was once just a plain cement block wall.

Anyone entering the Diamond Lake Ace Hardware from their back parking area can't help but notice the new mural on the wall of the Artscape studio space behind Simply Jane's and the Hwa Rang Do building; it extends the entire length of the 30 foot wall and much of the adjacent walls. For a couple weeks in July it was the hub of much activity by local high school students brandishing paint brushes and being mentored by St. Paul artist and celebrity muralist Tacoumba Aiken.

Tacoumba met with the students early on and asked them to visually communicate the "theme" of Peace and Love in drawings on paper, which he then adapted to a large format combining individual images from each student into a cohesive whole. After priming the entire surface, Tacoumba led the students in creating a spirit line, where one person begins drawing lines and another takes up the pencil where they left off, without losing contact with the surface. The continuous lines form an organic pattern that the students then fill in with color.

It's a project sponsored by the Tangletown Neighborhood Association to promote the arts and reduce graffiti in the neighborhood, while engaging our budding artists in a creative community activity. The paint was generously donated by Valspar and Simply Jane's volunteered space as the base of operations.

On Sunday August 26th, Jane Elias, artist, Tangletown Board member and owner of Simply Jane's Open Painting Studio, hosted a gathering to dedicate the new mural and celebrate the collaborative efforts of so many to complete the project. It was held outside in the newly built courtyard to admire the unique artwork and enjoy one of the last days of August. Tacoumba recounted how the mural progressed every day while the students and other artists who participated gained first-hand experience at creating a public artwork.

The Tangletown Neighborhood Association wrote a grant that will cover two more murals on local businesses, painted by local artists. For more information, email [editor@tangletown.org](mailto:editor@tangletown.org) or call Jane Elias at 612-354-3961.

By Tjody deVaal



**LYNDALE BRIDGE IS OPENING!**

## Speaking of Parties...save the date!

After what was over a year but seemed like centuries, the Lyndale Avenue Bridge is scheduled to re-open the week of October 15th. To celebrate this long-anticipated event, the Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association (NEHBA) with some help from the local businesses and the Tangletown Neighborhood Association will host a street-long festival on Saturday, October 20th to re-acquaint us with that open venue and celebrate how easy it will now be to get across the Creek! There will be a sidewalk art contest and local vendors will give demonstrations and donate refreshments. Will a troll be hidden somewhere under the bridge? For more complete information, contact NEHBA at 612-823-3472, or email [info@nicolleteastharriet.org](mailto:info@nicolleteastharriet.org) or their website: [www.nehba.org](http://www.nehba.org).



## Mark your calendar for May 24-27, 2013

In the fall of 2011 Minneapolis was selected to host the 2013 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference. The 2012 NUSA Conference was held in Indianapolis. Now it's our turn!

There will be visitors from across the country coming to visit our Minneapolis Neighborhoods. The conference is expected to bring 800 people to Minneapolis from across the country in May of 2013, and will provide an opportunity for people from all backgrounds and perspectives to discuss the pressing issues of the times, share experiences and learn from each other. The City of Minneapolis is committed to neighborhoods, citizen participation and community involvement as integral to the success of our city. We celebrate and welcome the diversity of all residents and look forward to having conference attendees experience Minneapolis' diverse culture.

The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR), in collaboration with Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, will plan and develop the conference. City Council President Barb Johnson and Mayor R.T. Rybak will serve as the lead elected officials.

## A Tangletown Business Association?

The Tangletown Neighborhood Association is continuing its efforts to brighten the prosperity of our community with the addition of a business committee to add into the mix of other TNA efforts.

We have an initial group of members that wish to extend an invitation to the rest of the neighborhood, so if you are interested in seeing more positive developments for businesses both on the streets or that are based from home, or if you are simply interested in seeing more support of "locally" minded endeavors, please contact *Dylan Sirny* at [Jungdo@hwarangdomn.com](mailto:Jungdo@hwarangdomn.com) to get involved!



## A Fall Classic~Simple Pumpkin Soup

In honor of this season of change and cooler days, here is a pumpkin soup recipe to warm tummies and please palates. For those who are especially ambitious, bowls can be made by scraping out small pumpkins (6-8" diameter) and brush the inside lightly with olive oil and sprinkle with salt & pepper. Place the pumpkins on a sheet pan and

### Tangletown Pumpkin Soup

2 15-ounce cans pure pumpkin  
4 cups rich chicken or turkey broth  
1 cup half & half or cream  
2 garlic cloves, pressed  
1/4 cup pure maple syrup  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/2 teaspoon Curry  
Salt & Pepper to taste

Garnish- 4 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms, stemmed, sliced

### Preparation:

Bring first 4 ingredients to simmer in large saucepan over medium-high heat, whisking often. Whisk in syrup, 2 tablespoons butter, and curry powder. Simmer soup 10 minutes, whisking often. Season with salt and pepper. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter in heavy medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; sauté until tender, about 10 minutes.

Divide soup among 6 bowls. Sprinkle soup with mushrooms, dividing equally; serve.

(Soup can be made 1 day ahead. Chill until cold, then cover and keep chilled. Bring to simmer before serving.)

bake at 350° f for 20 to 30 minutes or until the inside flesh of the pumpkin bowl is tender when pierced with a fork. Let the bowls cool slightly before filling them with soup. The inside flesh of the bowls is edible, of course.

If putting pumpkin soup in pumpkins seems like overkill, these bowls also look pretty sweet holding vegetable dip or potato salad. Use a clear glass bowl inside the pumpkin to keep the flavors from mingling.

~ Tangletown Phantom Gourmet

