

~NEWS~

of the Realm

28th Annual Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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The Minnesota tradition continues with the 1998 Minnesota Renaissance Festival. King Henry and Queen Katherine invite all the visitors of the Realm to join in Village festivities including time-honored Armored Jousting, tempting delicacies, and 15th century fun. The Realm celebrates the 28th anniversary with the Return of Ratcatcher, 15th anniversary Feast of Fantasy and Labyrinth Gardens!

~ Romantic Wine Escape ~ August 15-16

WINE TASTING: Sample free fine Inglenook wines with Lord Les Hill at the Village Wine Tastings held at 12:30, 3:30 and 5:30 in the Special Events Pavilion. Seating is limited and begins 20 minutes prior to the show.

RENEWAL OF VOWS: Romance and chivalry fill the Realm. Renew your wedding vows at the Chapel at 1:00 & 3:00. Married couples take the plunge all over again and receive a commemorative certificate and a carnation. You may personalize your certificate at the Hall of Scribes, free of charge, throughout the day.

THE 8TH ANNUAL CHARITY WINE AUCTION: Bid on fine vintage wines from around the land. All proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The auction will be held on Saturday & Sunday at 2:00 in the Wedding Tent. This is a great event for a worthy cause, plus you get to take home a bottle of wine.

WOOSING CONTEST: Entertainers show patrons how to capture your love interest's heart, Renaissance style. This hilarious competition is held at 4:30 at the Special Events Pavilion.

WINE SEMINARS: Le Grand Marquis Etienne De La Vigne De Bordeaux, "Master of the Cellars from the Lake Domaynes of Lord Fletcher's presents a 4-part seminar-series. The topics include:

WINE & HEALTH: Sir William Turner and the "English Paradox"

Using Sir William Turner's 1568 work, "On Wines," (The oldest available book in English on wines) the few health benefits of wine from Galen to the French paradox of today will be discussed as well as the health concerns of wine.

VINTAGES: Seasons in a Renaissance Vineyard

What was life like in a Medieval/Renaissance vineyard? How was wine made? What constituted a good vintage then and today? A helpful guide to wine collectors on understanding quality vintages and winemaking.

THE BORDEAUX WINE TRADE: A Mini Beaujolais Race to England

Bordeaux was the principal trading port to England for the beloved Claret. How did the Bordeaux establish its preeminent trade position with England? What was trade like then, and how are prices determined today for the coveted Bordeaux wines?

WINE STORAGE AND CELLAR MANAGEMENT

How was wine stored in the past? What are considered "ideal" storage conditions today? A seminar valuable for the novice and expert alike with regards to starting and managing a wine cellar at home with some additional insight on how restaurants manage wine cellars.

PRESS A WENCH: Come see valiant men test their strength, stamina and courage in time-honored competition of Wench-Pressing. To press a wench properly, one must hoist a woman above one's head with arms fully extended. See the excitement build as the size of the women increase.

GRAPE STOMP: Jump into a good time at the Grape Stomping Contest held daily at Noon behind the Special Events Pavilion.

TOURNAMENT OF LAME EXCUSES: This competition is for all those who can come up with the most outrageous excuses. This game of wits, quick-thinking and creativity unfold at the Special Events Pavilion at 10:30.

GRAPE TOSS: Win prizes tossing grapes to a partner and catching in a cup at 3:00 behind the Special Events Pavilion.

STAGES

1 FOLKESTONE HALL STAGE	9:30 Marco 10:00 Gaylord 10:30 Kindred 11:00 Sat: Jack Fox Sun: Royal Strings	12 ROBIN HOOD STAGE	11:00 Royal Agenda 2:00 Post-Parade Presentation 3:00 Court Revelry 4:00 Children's Knighting Ceremony	14 THE BEAR STAGE	10:00 Gustavus Vasa 10:30 Traditional Morris Dance 11:00 Storyteller 11:30 Terpsichory Dance
2 AMRA'S MUD PLAYHOUSE	12:30 Princess Amira 2:30 Princess Amira 3:30 Princess Amira	13 TreeTop Stage	10:00 Bill the Juggler 10:30 Amazing Christopher 11:00 Bedlam Minstrels	15 GROVE STAGE	10:00 Cahill 10:30 Haymarket Minstrels
3 ROUNDABOUT GLEN STAGE	Christina Onusko - Director Chullain's Hounds - Accompanists	9 MEADOW FRONT	11:00 Maid to Order 11:30 Tucey	17 CROWN STAGE	10:45 Tortuga Twins 11:30 Arsene from Paris
10:00 Maypole Dance 11:00 Maypole Dance 12:00 Maypole Dance 12:30 Maypole Dance 13:00 Maypole Dance 14:00 Maypole Dance	10:00 Maypole Dance 11:00 Maypole Dance 12:00 Maypole Dance 12:30 Maypole Dance 13:00 Maypole Dance 14:00 Maypole Dance	10 BAKERY STAGE	12:00 Maid to Order 12:30 Amazing Christopher 13:00 Morrisian 14:00 Drum Jam	18 PAVILION STAGE	10:30 Tournament of Lame Excuses
4 NEWMARKET RACE TRACK	10:00 Quintain & Ring 11:00 Armored Jousting 12:00 Quintain & Ring 13:00 Armored Jousting 14:00 Armored Jousting 15:00 Quintain & Ring 16:00 Armored Jousting 17:00 Quintain & Ring	11 WITCHWOOD STAGE	10:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers 11:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers 12:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers 13:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers 14:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers 15:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers 16:00 Dew-Drop Jugglers	19 DRAGON'S CLIMBING TOWER	12:00 Grape Stomp 12:30 Inglenook Wine Tasting 13:00 Wine Trade (Sat) 14:00 Cellar Master (Sun)
5 LEGEND STAGE	10:00 Yo & Ho 10:30 Puke & Snot's Magagah Show 11:30 Yo & Ho 12:00 Puke & Snot's Pirate Show 13:00 Yo & Ho 2:00 Puke & Snot's Magagah Show 3:00 Yo & Ho 3:30 Puke & Snot's Pirate Show 4:30 Yo & Ho 5:00 Puke & Snot's Magagah Show	10 NEWMARKET RACE TRACK	10:00 Zilch the Toysteller 11:00 Rogue Mystic 11:30 Smee & Blogg 12:00 Singing Executioners 12:30 Rogue Mystic 13:00 Smee & Blogg 14:00 Singing Executioners 15:00 Zilch the Toysteller 16:00 Lady Kate	20 GRANDE MARCHE PARADE	1:30 Daily
6 FALCONER STAGE	11:15 Falconer 12:00 Mikael the Mime 12:45 Falconer 2:00 Mikael the Mime 2:45 Falconer 3:30 Mikael the Mime 4:15 Falconer 5:00 Mikael the Mime	12 ROUNDABOUT GLEN STAGE	10:00 Zilch the Toysteller 11:00 Rogue Mystic 11:30 Smee & Blogg 12:00 Singing Executioners 12:30 Zilch the Toysteller 13:00 Span Theatre 14:00 Mikael the Mime 14:45 Mikael the Mime 15:30 Mikael the Mime 16:15 Mikael the Mime	21 DRAGON'S CLIMBING TOWER	FREE Speed Climbing Contest ~ Sign Up Required ~ 10:00, 12:00, 2:00 • Finals 4:00



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The Hall of Masters

Located near the Bear, the Hall of Masters once again features a showcase of the arts and crafts represented at the Festival. Exhibits rotate every weekend, with new and different featured media, so come back to the Hall if you return to the Festival another day. Master of Hall Blaine Cross and his staff of helpful, knowledgeable attendants will be happy to answer questions and direct you to the shop of the creator of any piece that catches your eye.

Folkestone Hall

The home of the Renaissance Collection. The Collection represents exceptional work of Festival Artisans in all media. Each year the Festival purchases new pieces from craft participants, making this exhibit a historical review of the artistry of the Festival, as well as a unique and delightful gallery experience.



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Feast of Fantasy

The 15th Anniversary Feast of Fantasy features a seven course meal, two commemorative souvenirs, two hours of highlighted entertainment and unlimited beverages. Saturday 11:00, 2:00, 4:45 & Sunday 11:00 & 3:00

Queen's Tea

Queen Katherine and her court sit down for an hour of High tea which includes a light four course luncheon and traditional English Service. Held everyday of the Festival at 4:00.

Renaissance Smoker

Each evening, at 6:00, a Renaissance Smoker has been called, by order of the King. Enjoy the bawdy atmosphere with cigars, hors d' oeuvres and beverages, hosted by the King's Men.

Fables At The Table

Every member of the family will enjoy the meal of a lifetime at Fables at the Table, a Breakfast Feast. Every Saturday at 10:00 a continental breakfast will be served. Your family will have the opportunity to sit and interact with some of the most memorable characters of the Realm. The ticket price for this event is only \$5.00 per person and includes pastries, rolls, fruit, milk, juice, coffee and a commemorative autograph book.



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~ Craft Demos ~

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival artisans are the finest to be found in any Kingdom.

Below is a sample of some of the demonstrations that are available.

A complete listing and schedule can be picked up at the Information Booth.

Hall of Scribes, Shop I205

Gothic Alphabet: 12:15

Decoration: 2:15

Uncial Alphabet: 3:15

Wind Rose Mill, Shop I20

Paper Making: 10:00 11:00 1:00

Printing: 10:15 11:15 1:15

Book Binding: 10:30 11:30 1:30

Etching or Marbling: 2:00 3:00

Ye King's Glass, Shop A1810

11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 6:00

Oulu Glass, Shop 447

10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

Gnome Wizard, Shop

10:00, 1:00, 3:00

Brasswood, Shop 74

Rubbing

10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30

Wizard Wax Works, Shop 206

11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

Hall of Masters:

The first weekends exhibit includes candles, glass, and musical instruments.

Boarshead Inn: An interactive theatre featuring spinning, blacksmithing, general historical interpretation and food preparation.

Special Guests of the Realm

Congressman David Minge

KS95 & Dan Anger

KMJZ & Glen Edwards

PricewaterhouseCooper

Seven Sigma

Simons Engineering

KQRS & Tony Lee

Wedding - Saturday

4:00 Danielle Greco & Gary Wacha

Chapel

1:00 Renewal of Vows • 3:00 Renewal of Vows

Wedding Tent

2:00 Wine Auction



TRAIL OF TERROR HOLLYWOOD HORRORS



The Trail of Terror has gone Hollywood this year! The ghouls dug up scenes and nightmares from the most famous horror movies ever. Take a 40 minute tour in the creepy corridors that lead you through the largest indoor fright-filled event in the Twin Cities.

Club Scream is the reward for making it out alive! Music, dancing, games, food and drink await the lucky survivors. Win prizes in the spooky contests like scarecrow building, nightly scream and costume contests, mummy wraps and pumpkin bowling.

Outside the warm tent, toast your frightened fingers and toes around the bonfire as you wait for the haunted hay ride to scare you some more. The Trail of Terror is open October 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, & 29-31, 1998.

Phantom's Feast: Your ticket includes a frightful five-course gourmet meal featuring a two-hour interactive dinner presentation, a trip through the Trail of Terror and a ghoulish gift. Seats are available by reservation only, so call today!

For more information call 612-445-7361 or 800-966-8215