

Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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HUMAN UNICORN SIGHTED IN FESTIVAL AUDIENCE!

"My father was T.V.'s Mr. Ed!"



**Siamese Triplets Joined
At Hips Since Birth
Confess: "Our Love
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**King Henry &
Queen Anne
- Their Royal
Marriage
In Trouble?**



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General News and Site Information

1991 Entertainment Schedule

- Veteran Picnic:** On-Site, Saturday, June 8 (2-4 pm)
- Audition:** Macalester, Saturday, June 15 (12-5 pm)
- Audition:** Macalester, Monday, June 17 (6-9 pm)
- Academy Week 1:** Macalester, Mon-Thur, June 24-27 (6-10 pm)
- Academy Week 2:** Macalester, Mon-Wed, July 1-3 (6-10 pm)
- Academy Week 3:** Macalester, Mon-Thur, July 29-August 1 (6-10 pm)
- Academy Week 4:** Macalester, Mon-Thur, August 5-8 (6-10 pm)
- Dress Rehearsal:** On-Site, Sunday, August 11 (12 noon)
- Academy Week 5:** Macalester, Mon-Thur, August 12-15 (6-10 pm)
- 21st Festival:** Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day
August 17 - September 29 (9 am - 7 pm)
15 days, 7 weekends & Labor Day

1991 Site Information And Hours

SUMMER

June 1, 1991 to July 28, 1991
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Monday through Sunday

PRE-SHOW

July 29, 1991 to August 15, 1991
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Monday through Sunday

CAMPGROUND

Open: August 1, 1991
Closed: October 4, 1991

Please register with the Campground Director upon check-in.

SITE HOURS FOR SHOW DAYS

OUTER GATES
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
locked at exactly 10:30 p.m.
(with the exception of BACKGATE,
Chestnut & Hwy 41 gate).

BACKGATE

open Friday 7:00 a.m. to
Monday 2:00 a.m.
(Security Guard on Duty)

INNER GATES

A-Gate & B-Gate
Open 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

C-Gate
Open 7:00 a.m. to Midnight

INTERIOR CAMPING GATES
Open 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

AD SHOW DAYS
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

AD Show Days will be on site to check for I.D.'s until 7:30 p.m. on SHOW DAYS. C-Gate will have a guard until 7:45 p.m. each SHOW DAY. All persons in vehicles will be checked for I.D.'s at Hwy 41 and Chestnut gate in the evenings (during SHOW DAYS). All persons without I.D.'s will have to leave the vehicle until proper identification is presented.

Photo I.D. Program Information And Dates

Every participant must present a valid pass to the guard on duty at a participant entry gate to gain admittance to the Festival site on show dates. The staff person in charge of your area of participation will tell you whether you are eligible for a Photo I.D. or whether you will use a different type of pass.

The following information applies to Photo I.D. users.

RETURNING PARTICIPANTS: To be accepted by gate guards, a Photo I.D. issued or validated in 1990 must bear the 1991 validation.

- If you still have your Photo I.D., turn it in now regardless of its condition.
- There will be a \$5.00 charge to replace a Photo I.D. not turned in for validation.
- Check the section of this article which pertains to your area of Festival participation.

NEW PARTICIPANTS: Entertainers, Castle Kitchens Employees and Castle Kitchens Food Independents - Photo I.D.'s will be issued at your special meeting, as listed below. You must have staff authorization to have a Photo I.D. made at any other time. There is no charge for a first-time Photo I.D.

ENTERTAINERS: New Photo I.D.'s will be issued to ALL entertainers in 1991. New entertainers and those who have turned in a 1990 Photo I.D. for validation will receive a free Photo I.D. Any entertainer who had a Photo I.D. in 1990 and for whatever reason has not turned it in for validation will be charged \$5.00 for a replacement. All entertainers are asked to have Photo I.D.'s made at the Renaissance Academy.

CASTLE KITCHENS FOOD INDEPENDENTS: Meeting Thursday, August 8, 7:00 p.m. at Bad Manor.

CKC EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Saturday, August 10 at Gate B on Festival Site. (Information provided in employment interviews.)

CRAFT PARTICIPANTS: Photo I.D.'s made only with authorization from craft department.

PHOTO SCHEDULE

Photos to be taken at Festival Site

Day	Date Scheduled	Hours
At Gate B: Saturday	July 13	9 am - 4 pm
Saturday	July 20	9 am - 4 pm
Saturday	July 27	9 am - 4 pm
Sat. & Sun.	Aug. 3 & 4	9 am - 4 pm
Sat. & Sun.	Aug. 10 & 11	9 am - 4 pm
Friday	Aug. 16	2 pm - 9 pm

No I.D.'s Issued Without Staff Authorization

At Gate C: Saturday	Aug. 17	1 pm - 5 pm
Sunday	Aug. 18	1 pm - 5 pm

No I.D.'s Issued Without Staff Authorization

To obtain authorization for a Photo I.D., contact the staff representative for your department at the Festival Office.

Properly validated Photo I.D.'s will be honored at any participant entry gate without daily check-in. The holder of a generic pass must present the pass to be validated each day at the check-in booth designated on the pass. One-day entry passes must be obtained at check-in booths.

Carry your Photo I.D. whenever you intend to be on site. Keep track of it. Replacement is costly and inconvenient for everyone.

Feast Discount Offered To Participants

Seats are now being reserved for the 7th Annual Feast of Fantasy. For a discounted ticket, please call Bill Lochen at 445-7361. This offer is good while supplies last.

Festival Ticket Programs

The Group Sales Department at the Renaissance Festival Office is always looking for new accounts to offer discount tickets. If you know of:

- Churches
- Schools
- Bars/Restaurants
- Businesses
- Youth Groups
- Employers

that might offer or buy Group Tickets, please give Bill Lochen or Julia Buege a call at 445-7361.

Also, if your employer has a picnic or Company Day event, let Bill or Julia know. The Renaissance Festival offers great prices for Company Events held at the Festival.

Phone Numbers

OFFICE: (612) 445-7361
FAX: (612) 445-7380
COSTUME SHOP: (612) 445-0696 ext. 102

Feast Your Eyes On These New Site Attractions

- The 500 Area by the Blue Lion Tavern will feature an expanded shade arbor and a bubbling fountain. (The fountain will replace the old washing well.)
 - The Knights on the ramp will just under new colors.
 - The fruits of the land will be the focus of a Harvest Area.
 - Directional signposts at key crossroads will inform visitors of their options.
 - Villagers can discuss the habits of the village dragon descending from Bakery Hill. This dragon fights fires rather than starting them. (The fire hydrant pipeline will be transformed.)
 - Although the casual observer may not notice, performers will appreciate the new stages at Witchwood and the Bakery.
 - Six new banners will adorn Bakery Hill.
 - The Front Gate Entrance area will have 2 new display cases which will be used to highlight special activities.
 - Exciting renovations are taking place at the Water Wheel/Scriptorium.
- These are just a few of the visual treats awaiting your devouring eyes. Come snack on them throughout the summer or wait for the main course to be served up at dress rehearsal in August!

Short But Important Notes

Portable Toilets are set up at the following location for summer use: A-Gate, B-Gate, C-Gate, and Costume Shop.

Pay Phones will be available at the Loading Dock area and will be activated around June 1st.

The Site Office has been re-located to the First Aid/Costume Shop area.

retraction:

Last month's issue erroneously reported that England's Prince Charles would be attending the Minnesota Renaissance Festival to compete in the Wench-Breke potpourri of the people's games. This was a definitely untrue. We regret any inconvenience it may have caused.

Lost & Found Children

The Children's Play Village located next to Como Zoo on the 600 Shop line is used as a rendezvous area for parents and their lost children. A Safety Services person and a Guard are on hand during show hours to help in this area. This service is provided for customers only.

Check Cashing Policy

The 1991 check cashing policy at the Festival ticket box office will be as follows:

Personal checks will be cashed up to a limit of \$25.

Personal checks paid to participants by Minnesota Festivals or Castle Festivals will be cashed up to a limit of \$500. Any amounts over \$500 must be approved by Luis Perez, MAF controller. The ticket office will contact him for approval.

Returned checks will be cashed after 1:00 pm.

New Recycling Program Includes Site

Due to the rising costs of solid waste disposal, we are implementing a recycling program which will be mandatory to all participants and employees of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival.

Failure to comply with this program could result in higher participant fees to help curb the expense of rising waste disposal costs. Because of this, it is very critical that everyone cooperates completely with the recycling program.

Recycling containers will be provided by BFI and located on site at the same locations as dumpsters in the previous

years. There will be at least 2 containers in each location. The White Container will be used for recyclable items only: **clean paper** (meaning paper without any grease or food related products on it), **cardboard** (boxes must be broken down because of limited space), **glass**, **aluminum cans**, **metal**, and **plastic**. **Absolutely no foam or building debris.** Informational literature on the recycling procedures can be obtained from our office upon request. The Blue BFI Container will be provided for non-recyclable garbage only. **Absolutely no wood or building debris.**

Building Debris Disposal Procedures

Mid-America Festivals will no longer be able to provide a truck for removal of demolition debris from shop demolition. 20 yard and 30 yard roll off dumpsters will be available for shop demolition and construction debris at a cost of \$150.00 and \$180.00 respectively. All dumpster orders must come directly to Arnie Erp with payment made at the time the order is placed.

Dumpster delivery and pick up will also be coordinated through Arnie Erp as well as lumber and cement deliveries.

Get Your Electricity Early

Electric hookup is based on area availability and the "first-come first-served" rule. The cost is \$75.00 per shop or campground location, and is good for the run of the show. If you have questions contact Randy at the Festival office. It's best to call early and pay early to get power. Tags can be purchased only at the Festival Office during business hours.

Filmed at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival!

Did you know that the Festival grounds and buildings are available for commercial use? In fact, Bad Manor and Ballina were recently featured in an in-house video for Ecolab. The Festival site was also the location of some filming done for Medtronic. If you think the Festival site would be ideal for your needs, give us a call.

Items from our costume and banner stock are also available for rental. They are great for theater productions, company parties, and class projects.

No Fires Allowed On Site

Absolutely no open fires will be allowed on site. Grills will be allowed only with written permission. Please direct your requests only to Arnie Erp, Site Manager. Non-compliance could result in fines by the Fire Marshall. Fireplaces must meet code and also require written permission to burn in them. There will be no exceptions.

Building Inspections

Annual inspections of the buildings on site will begin in May. As in previous years, corrective action forms will be mailed to each individual booth owner involved in this year's site section being inspected. Any questions pertaining to the code compliance corrections must be directed to Arnie Erp, Site Manager.

All building plans for reconstruction must be in and approved no later than June 1st. You will be personally responsible for payment of Building Permit fees this year. Contact Arnie for scheduling site delivery of concrete, lumber, etc.

Buy Them Now & Check Them Now!

Each shop must have a fully charged 5 lb. ABC Underwriter Approved Fire Extinguisher easily accessible at all times. Fire Extinguishers must be checked and tagged every year. The tags expire one year from the date of inspection. Try to get an early start on checking and tagging your extinguisher. Metropolitan Fire Equipment is located in the Twin Cities and can be reached at [redacted]

You may also use your own preferred company. Thanks for thinking in advance.



Stay Off The Grass

The site has been seeded for the 1991 season and no driving is allowed on the grass. If you need an exception please contact Arnie or Kathy at 445-7361 to make arrangements in advance.



Entertainment News and Schedules

Nominees & Winners - 1990 Entertainment Awards

Cracked Cup - To the Best New Character

Carrie Dablow (Lorelei)
Ave Marie Green (Queen Anne)
Marie Grosz & Marilyn Surles
(Lady Chatterly & Lady Chatterly) - Winners
Michael Hoffman (Phillippe)
Chris Kaisershot (Sir Charles)
Robert Nielson (Tinker)
Aaron Preuss (Slugg)

Late Bloomer - To the Best New Character/ Most Improved Veteran

Lu Christoph (Colleen O'Dair)
Rose Johnson, Sherry Rhodes, Kate Wakai (Vasa's Daughters)
Jay King (Lord High Inquisitor)
Joe Manussier (Sir Guy) - Winner
Bill Ward (Bill, the Juggler)

Bottomless Hat - To the Outstanding New Act

Brother Paul Partly (Paul West) - Winner
Maureen Fitzpatrick (Dulcimer)
Music Box (Juliet Stephens)
Robin Hood & Little John (En Garde Unlimited)
The Valkyries (Corey Snyder Jones, Donna McKirdy,
Amy Kallaway)

Everyone's A Ham - To the Best Entertainment by a Non-Entertainer

Burnsville High School Chorale (Ice Cream Booth #352)
Frederick Gridley (Spun Porcelain)
Brent Johnson (TMA Craft Hawker)
Lee Middag (Chocolate Strawberries)
Brian Strong (Vegetable Justice) - Winner

Entertainment Auditions for the 1991 Minnesota Renaissance Festival

Auditions will be held in the Macalester College Student Union (SW corner of Grand & Snelling Avenues, St. Paul) on:

Saturday, June 15th

1 - 3 pm - Village Character Auditions/Interviews
(prepare 1-3 minutes of something)

3 - 5 pm - Act Auditions/Interviews
(prepare 3-5 minutes of act presentation: music, dance, magic, theatre, juggling, etc.)

Monday, June 17th

6 - 7:30 pm - Village Character Auditions/Interviews
(prepare 1-3 minutes of something)

7:30 - 9 pm - Act Auditions/Interviews
(prepare 3-5 minutes of act presentation: music, dance, magic, theatre, juggling, etc.)

If you are a veteran of the Festival but want to perform a NEW act or character, you should come to an audition.



"Oooh, I hate it when I do that."

Honorable Mentions - 1990 Entertainment Awards

Cracked Cup - To the Best New Character

Jennifer Main (Jocelyn - CKC Food Hawker)
Sharon Matthews (Princess Victoria - Royal Court)
Daryl Persons (Sir Daryl - Cartage Stage)
Joe Struss (Edmund Smythe - Cartage Stage)
Caryn Sorley (Princess Purina - Hollow Hill)
Jay Cork (Michael - Hollow Hill)
Gwen Loeb (Maid Marian - En Garde Unlimited)

Late Bloomer - To the Best New Character/ Most Improved Veteran

The Puppet Troupe
John Neitz (Sir Edward - En Garde Unlimited, Court Revelers)
Seventh Moon (Music Trio)
Jeffrey High (Track)
Raphael DeMay (Will Scarlet - En Garde Unlimited)
Joshua Purple (Track)
Jim Cunningham (Lord Schweppes - Feast of Fantasy)

Bottomless Hat - To the Outstanding New Act

John Carter (Puppeteer)
Hark the Ark (SAK Theatre - Morality Play)
Marsha Harvey (Violinist)
Hivstle Gris (Music Duo)
Wild Rumpus Magik Show (Siltwalkers)
Women in Plaid (Music Trio)
Emily Graft (Gwendolyn - Harpist)

Everyone's A Ham - To the Best Entertainment by a Non-Entertainer

Will Early (Fencing Booth)

Entertainment Policies

All entertainers are officially in the '91 Festival when they are offered and sign a contract.

Apprentice (new) entertainers: 1) must attend the Academy, 2) must be available all Festival days, 3) should not expect to get paid.

All entertainers are individually responsible for: 1) development of a character, 2) development of performance material, 3) costume and props, 4) transportation to and from the Academy and the Festival.

All performance material (acts, scenes, bits) must be approved by the artistic director.

All hat-passing must be approved by the artistic director.

Congrats and Farewell

Congratulations to Cyndy Sunderman on her Christmas season wedding. The lucky fellow is Todd Vagle. We're all sorry to see her go but she couldn't turn down the exciting night life in the thriving metropolis of Alta, Iowa.

Promos Promos

With the marriage, move, and departure to the South (yes, Iowa) of Entertainment Coordinator Cyndy Sunderman, the promotions department has been left with a definite void. Until a new coordinator is found, Julia Buege and Bill Loehen are scheduling our summer dates, including parades and civic oriented events. (Bill is still organizing private parties). If you are interested in participating in parades or would like to know more about upcoming events we will be involved in, please call either Julia or Bill. Persons active in the promo troupe (The Minnesota Renaissance Festival Players) should have all been contacted by this time; however, if we missed anyone please let us know at 445-7361.

Entertainment News and Schedules

12th Renaissance Academy To Be Held At Macalester College Student Union

The 12th session of the Minnesota Renaissance Academy will again be held in the Student Union of Macalester College in St. Paul.

As in previous years, the Academy will train participants in skills needed for the Renaissance Festival. Workshops will include improvisation, characterization, costuming, language, and Renaissance and Festival history. Guest teachers and artists enhance the Academy's staff. The Academy also provides space and time for individuals and groups to rehearse their material.

The Academy is free and open to all participants: entertainers, crafters, and food and game vendors. Sessions will be held in the Macalester College Student Union (SW corner of Grand & Snelling Avenues, St. Paul).

TENTATIVE ACADEMY SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Where	What
Sat.	June 15	1-5	Macalester	Auditions: Characters (1 pm) Auditions: Acts (3 pm)
Mon.	June 17	6-9	Macalester	Auditions: Characters (6 pm) Auditions: Acts (7:30 pm)
Mon.	June 24	6-9	Macalester	Improvisation / Characterization
Tue.	June 25	6-9	Macalester	Improvisation / Characterization
Wed.	June 26	6-9	Macalester	Costuming / Language
Thurs.	June 27	6-9	Macalester	New Act Rehearsal
Mon.	July 1	6-9	Macalester	Improvisation / Characterization
Tues.	July 2	6-9	Macalester	Improvisation / Characterization
Wed.	July 3	6-9	Macalester	Costuming / Language (Three Week Break)
Mon.	July 29	6-9	Macalester	Group Meetings / Costuming & Costume Swap
Tue.	July 30	6-9	Macalester	Character Rehearsal
Wed.	July 31	6-9	Macalester	Language/Protocol
Thurs.	July 25	6-9	Macalester	Language/Protocol
Mon.	Aug. 5	6-9	Macalester	Costuming / Group & Act Rehearsal
Tue.	Aug. 6	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Wed.	Aug. 7	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Thurs.	Aug. 8	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Sun.	Aug. 11	NOON	SITE	On-Site Dress Rehearsal / Media Day
Mon.	Aug. 12	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Tues.	Aug. 13	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Wed.	Aug. 14	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Thurs.	Aug. 15	6-9	Macalester	Group & Act Rehearsal
Sat.	Aug. 17	9-7	SITE	21st FESTIVAL OPENING DAY

- 1991 Festival Dates: August 17 - September 29 (Sat., Sun., and Labor Day)
- Gary Parker, Artistic Director: (612) 725-1111 (please call Tues. or Thurs., 10-4)
- Festival Office: 445-7361
- Festival Office Fax: 445-7380



This woodcut, recently discovered in the very old book section of Oxford University, gives definite proof that vaudeville got its start during the Renaissance Period. Notice the performing knight being given the hook.

Veterans Picnic To Be Held On June 8

The 1991 Veterans Picnic will be held Saturday, June 8, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Festival grounds. Everyone should meet in the meadow near the Juggling Center. B.Y.O.P. (Bring your own picnic) Any veteran entertainer wishing to return for the 1991 show must attend or return the following form.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

If you want to be an entertainer at the Festival again this year, and CANNOT come to the on-site Veterans Picnic (2-4 pm, Sat. June 8th) or you have a new address, phone number, etc., PLEASE fill out this form and SEND it to:

Entertainment, Minnesota Renaissance Festival,
3222 145th Street West, Shakopee, MN 55379.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
What do you want to do as an entertainer this year?

Join Us For Parades and Promos!

Have a new character? Want to try some new bits? Join us for our summer parades and promos. Contact Julia or Bill Lochen at 445-7361.

Costume Info:

The costume slide show and lecture for rookies will be held Wednesday, June 26. (See the Renaissance Academy Schedule in this newsletter.) Participants besides entertainers are also encouraged to attend. The session will include a brief historical overview, lots of examples of what works (and a few of what doesn't work) and some practical survival tips for dealing with the Festival environment.

A representative from the costume shop will also be available at the Academy to answer questions and approve costumes on:

Wednesday, July 3rd
Monday, July 29th
Monday, August 5th

Questions and Comments

Your questions and comments are always welcome, but there are more of you than of us, so we get behind sometimes. To help prevent this, we ask that you please follow the "calling times" stated below:

*Gary Parker is available for calls on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join The B.S. Brigade

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! A Bell and Steamer Brigade is being formed to add color and sound to our parade participation. (If you've been around a number of years you may have been in this before.) We're looking for 2 people to be in charge of distributing and collecting the streamers and bells. Please call Julia at the office if you're interested in helping out. You would receive some additional compensation.

Castle Kitchens Information

CKC Organizations

CASTLE KITCHENS is excited to welcome new and returning non-profit organizations to the 1991 Festival! These groups of diligent peasants do a fantastic job operating food and beverage booths at the Festival. We greatly appreciate the hard work put forth by these dedicated volunteers and look forward to working with them this year!

WELCOME NEW ORGANIZATIONS

American Association of University Women
620 Root Beer
Ballet Arts Minnesota
242 Lemonade/83601 Root Beer
Cheep Skate Artistic Skating Club
160 Pop/166 Lemonade
Prior Lake VFW Post 6208
83201 Turkey

WELCOME RETURNING ORGANIZATIONS

Burnsville High School Chamber Chorus
246 Brat/352 Ice Cream/367 Pop
Chaska Civic Theater
Information Booth
Church of the Advent
240 Pop
Eden Prairie Jaycees
362 Baron of Beef
Epic Ministries
352 Lemonade
Lakeville High School Cheerleaders
237 Turkey
Lakeville Jaycees
527 Pop
Lakeville Lions
638 Pop
Prior Lake Women of Today
714 Lemonades/1063
Skateville Dance and Figure Club
1611 Lemonade
Shakopee Jaycees
All Beer Booths
Shakopee Lions
Pop 126, 1240, 1610, 1710, 353
Valley Dolphins Swim Club
541 Turkey

Castle Kitchens Returning Employees

CASTLE KITCHENS welcomes returning peasants to the 21st Anniversary Festival 1991 will offer NEW products, incentives, costumes, and higher wage rates. Mark your calendar now, **August 10 Orientation**. Get your application in early. The **DEADLINE** for returning employee applications is **June 15th** (if you want your choice of positions). Did you turn in your **PHOTO ID** last fall? If not, please send it to Tootle for 1991 validation.

Castle Kitchens Treasure Hunt

HUZZAH! Spread the word throughout the Realm! The 21st Annual Treasure Hunt for enthusiastic, ambitious peasants has begun. A unique employment opportunity for students, families, teachers, homemakers, and retired individuals to earn extra \$\$\$! (Applicants must be at least 15 years old.) **CASTLE KITCHENS IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!** For more information, please contact: **Tootle Shults, Personnel Coordinator**, 445-7361 (M-F 8:30 to 5:00).

Food Festivals

In honor of our most favorite Festival pastime—Feasting—we are proud to announce these delightfully different Food Festivals:

Breads and Pastries
Wine
International
Minnesota Cuisine
Chocolate
Harvest

Now Accepting Applications For Aquatennial

CASTLE KITCHENS needs reliable people to staff beverage booths for Aquatennial events, weekends **July 13 & 14, 20 & 21**. If interested, contact Tootle at 445-7361.

Participant Discount At Traveller's Shoppes

All participants with a valid photo I.D. are able to take advantage of a 10% discount on specific Traveller's Shoppe merchandise. This offer is only good at Traveller's Shoppes.

New Festival Foods For 1991!

• • Tempting Tidbits • •

Jalitos – Folkestone Welly
Mild jalapeño peppers stuffed with cream cheese and delicately breaded in French-style gourmet bread crumbs.

Crab Rangoon – Upson Downs
Egg roll skins filled with crabmeat, cream cheese, water chestnuts, crispy vegetables, and authentic spices. No MSG.

Pork Potstickers – Upson Downs

A blend of pork, water chestnuts, brown rice, crispy vegetables, and seasoned with a hint of ginger. No MSG.

• • Master Morsels • •

Seasoned Pork Kabob – Cartwheel Cove
Tender pork seasoned, skewered and grilled.

Beef Pastry – Cartwheel Cove & Upson Downs
A hearty blend of fresh carrots, meat, potatoes and spices surrounded by a flaky pastry shell.

Cheese Ravioli – Treetop Round
Round pillows of al dente pasta filled with natural cheese, topped with Italian-style marinara sauce. No MSG.

White Italian Pie – Narrow Market & Overhill Market

A soft pastry crust brushed with seasoned oil and topped with a variety of vegetables.

Tuna Steak Sandwich – Treetop Round

A succulent tuna steak is seasoned, grilled and served on sour dough.

Pretzelwich – Upson Downs
Soft Pretzel dough is twisted into a unique pretzel shape, halved & filled with your favorite sandwich selections.

Riblets – Upson Downs
Tender pork ribs roasted in a zesty barbecue sauce.

• • Light Bites • •

Fresh Fruits – Overhill Market & Upson Downs
Select grapes, melons, berries and bananas as your treat.

Yogurt – Overhill Market & Upson Downs
Sweet creamy yogurts served in a melon ball and topped with fresh fruits and granola.

Salad Greens – Treetop Round
Freshly mixed salad greens fill a bread bowl.

Pasta Salad – Treetop Round
Try our zesty cold pasta salad served in a bread bowl.

• • Sweet Treats • •

French Toast Pockets – Narrow Market
Imagine warm French toast stuffed with cheese, apples and cinnamon. Or for breakfast, French Toast stuffed with a sausage and topped with syrup. Mmm Mmm.

Shortcake – Upson Downs
A light, fluffy biscuit and iced cream smothered in strawberries, blueberries, or bananas and caramel.

Brownies – Upson Downs
Fudge chocolate brownies are topped with M & M's, cheese cake, caramel & pecans or German chocolate frosting. A very, very sweet treat.

Frozen Lemonade – Upson Downs & Cartwheel Cove
A refreshing lemonade slush.

Grape Juice – Treetop Round, Upson Downs, Folkestone Welly & Narrow Market
A natural, fruity refresher for the young and old.

Hot Cranapple – Treetop Round, Upson Downs, Folkestone Welly & Narrow Market
A perfect blend of juices to warm up your character.

Participant Food Coupons Available

Participant Food Coupons will cost \$5.00 each, in coupons. These coupons are good at ALL food booths except Castle Kitchens and Traveller's Shoppes, except wine and beer. They can be purchased at show days only, from the following locations:

Location
Rate: \$5.00 and 1.00 pm
Gate: 1.00 pm - 7:00 pm
Limit of one book per validated I.D. per day.

Costume News and Information

Folkwear Is Back!

Folkwear patterns are back on the market and available through Taunton Press.

Good patterns for Festival use are:

- 102 French Cheesemaker's Smock
- 204 Missouri River Boatman's Shirt
- 123 Austrian Dirndl
- 126 Vests from Greece and Poland
- 207 Kinsale Cloak

Prices for the above patterns are \$8.95 - \$11.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. You are welcome to look at the catalogue in the costume shop or to get your own copy, send \$2.00 to:

Taunton Press
63 Southmain St.
Box 5506
Newton, CT 06470-5506

China Flats Will Be Sold

China Flats will again be sold at the costume shop. They should be available after July 23. All three styles will be stocked. The prices will hopefully still be \$5.00 for the men's and women's styles, and \$8.50 for the unisex black lace ankle boot.

Expand Your Wardrobe

I'm sure you are all in the process of gearing up for another exciting Festival season. Though there may be many other things of higher priority to you, I encourage you to take a quick look at your costumes now. If you weren't already planning something new, I encourage you to make some small change or modification to your costumes. By adding a piece or two every year you can easily develop a wardrobe of mix and match pieces and spread your costume costs out over several years. This also helps you (and the Festival) to be fresh and exciting each year.

Alicia Wold

1991 Costume Shop Hours

Beginning June 4, feel free to call with questions or drop by:

Tues. - Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

We have patterns you can copy, reference books to browse, examples to look at, and answers to most sewing questions.

Phone Numbers:

Festival Office - 445-7331
Costume Shop - 445-0696, ext. 102.

Costuming Sessions At The Academy

The costume slide show and lecture for rookies will be held **Wednesday, June 26**. (See the Renaissance Academy Schedule in this newsletter) Participants besides entertainers are also encouraged to attend. The session will include a brief historical overview, lots of examples of what works (and a few of what doesn't work) and some practical survival tips for dealing with the Festival environment.

A representative from the costume shop will also be available at the Academy to answer questions and approve costumes on:

Wednesday, July 3rd
Monday, July 29th
Monday, August 5th

A Costume Reminder

Don't forget - all costumes worn at the Festival should be approved. You can have yours checked at one of the Academy sessions dealing with costuming, at the costume shop during our regular hours, dress rehearsal (August 11, 11-2), or by sending a photo or sketch to the office.

Costume Kudos Program New For 1991 Festival Season

Kudos will be presented for outstanding costuming across the Minnesota Renaissance Festival site. Recipients will be selected by a team of costume professionals active in the metro area based on:

- 1) How well the design matches the character/craft/food.
- 2) Appropriate use of materials.
- 3) Originality.
- 4) Overall presentation.

Recognition will also be given

to the makers of these fine costumes.

Prizes include goblets, costume accessories, sewing accessories, limited edition medallions, and handsome certificates. They will be awarded in 3 divisions: Peasants, Middle Class, Upper Class.

You'll want to look sharp and be on your toes at all times since judges will be observing incognito at various times during the course of the show. Awards will be given at the participant party.

Early Costume Help Session

If enough people are interested, Alicia Wold will give an extra slide presentation and costuming lecture on the Festival grounds prior to the Academy session.

After the session there will be time to look at examples in the costume shop, ask questions, or have costumes approved.

If you would like to attend, please call Patti at the Festival Office and leave your name, phone number, and which date you would prefer to attend.

Wednesday, June 12
7-9 pm

Saturday, June 22
2-4 pm

If there is enough interest, both sessions will be held.

retraction:

Last month's issue erroneously reported that snorkling masks and flippers would be acceptable costume items for those wishing to add to their Renaissance Festival wardrobes. This information was most definitely not true. We are sorry for any problem or inconvenience this may have caused.

Costumers Listing

If you are available to sew costumes for other participants, be sure to call the costume shop and get on our list.

If you would like to receive a copy of the complete listing, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Alicia Wold at the Festival Office.

Costume Sale At Academy

Once again the Renaissance Academy will host a costume sale. If you have costumes (new or used) that you'd like to sell, please contact me. All items offered for sale must be approved.

The sale is scheduled for Monday, July 29.

If there are enough interested providers, the costume shop will facilitate a second sale on opening weekend. Let Alicia Wold know by August 1st if you're interested.

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General News and Information

The Renaissance Collection

A permanent collection of the finest craft work available from Festival participants was begun in 1980 as a part of the tenth anniversary celebration. Craftspeople recognized as Masters are represented in the collection. During the Festival, the Collection is exhibited at Folkstone Hall for all to admire.

Selection of additional pieces is made annually. The following people were honored with the purchase of pieces to be added to the Collection:

1990 PURCHASE AWARDS

Red Wool Sock by Dame Natasha Florence, Master of Fiber from Lonsdale, Minnesota, MLords and Tailors, Shop #125.

Silver Bracelet by Dame Marnee and Sir Paul Taylor, Masters of Jewelry from San Francisco, California, Taylor Jewelry, Shop #127.

COMMISSIONED AWARDS RECEIVED IN 1990

Porcelain King and Queen by Dame Sherry Johnson, Master of Clay from Le Seuer, Minnesota, Porcelain & Old Lace, Shop #603.

Sculpted Leather Bowl by Sir Roger McNear, Master of Leather from Cambridge, Minnesota, North Wind Leather, Shop #1232.

Walnut Jewelry Bowl by Sir Daryl Morgan, Master of Wood from Waterloo, Iowa, Morgan Woodcrafts, formerly Shop #717.

Vessel by Dame Elizabeth Robertson, Master of Clay from Dubuque, Iowa, The King's Chambers, Shop #108-109.

Tall Vase by Sir Richard Robertson, Master of Clay from Dubuque, Iowa, The King's Chambers, Shop #108-109.

Hall of Masters

A new exhibit each weekend at the Hall of Masters provides a showcase for all the arts and crafts present at the Festival.

Although no sales occur at the Hall, the staff willingly answers questions about the work on display and the location of the maker's booth. The Hall exhibits provide an excellent opportunity for both participants and the public to see the range of work available in Festival crafts booths.

All craft participants are invited to display their work in the Hall. A new exhibit is installed each weekend and the Work of the Week is featured in each category. We hope to have at least one item from each Festival artist this year on display in the Hall more often than ever.

General Liability Insurance

Craft, Independent Food and Games participants are required to furnish proof of General Liability Insurance for the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. If you have General Liability Insurance, make sure your agent has sent you a certificate of insurance.

If you have problems finding insurance, you may want to contact:

Bill Vein
Professional Insur. Agency
1800 W. 147th St., Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55124

or, for Minnesota area participants only:

Geist Brown Geist -
Insurance Agency
Radical Busche
PO Box 1170
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Renaissance Tape Available

"Tripping on the Tongue" is a learning guide to Renaissance Festival speech for performers, food purveyors, games participants, and craftspeople. Marilyn and Michael Marzella and David Roe bring you lighthearted lessons which include dialect for nobility and commoners, shopkeeper's phrases and selling points, and ideas for games and food people. Basic melodies and words are included for popular Festival songs: Joy, Health, Love and Peace; Martin Said; Here's Good Luck to the Pint Pot; The Parting Glass; Canaan's Land; and Nonesuch.

Michael and Marilyn Marzella have been participating in Renaissance Festivals for the past ten years, have helped create academies of theatrical sciences, and have produced these useful tools for your character development.

Cassette tapes are available for \$8.00. They may be picked up from Alicia at the Costume Shop or she will mail your order for an additional shipping charge of \$1.50 per tape.

Breakfast At Bad Manor

The Feast chef invites you and your friends to Breakfast at Bad Manor. We have developed a new variety of menus to start your day off right.

Breakfast is held at Bad Manor from 7:00 am to 8:00 am each Festival morning. A nominal charge of \$2.00 will cover the meal and gratuities. See you there!

retraction:

Last month's issue erroneously reported that this year's Feast of Fantasy would include as its main item, pork chops rolled in Cap'n Crunch cereal crumbs. The Feast chef totally disavows any knowledge of this menu item and expresses his complete and total disgust at the thought of it.

More Exciting MAF Ventures...

Mid-America Festivals brings the Mississippi to life July 20 and 21 during the Minnesota Aquatennial Powerboat Classic. Come witness the exciting competition among some of the most daring drivers in the world as they rocket to speeds over 120 mph. Landlubbers will delight in the tasteful mix of live entertainment and enjoy the variety of foods and concessions offered at this event on the West Bank of the Mississippi River between the Broadway and Plymouth Street Bridges.

For the individuals who love the savory foods, continuous live entertainment, challenging games and fine handcrafted wares of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, Mid-America Festivals is busy working on the 7 weekend **Michigan Renaissance Festival** from August 17 through September 29 in Birmingham, Michigan; and the 7 weekend **Kansas City Renaissance Festival** from August 31 through October 13 in Bonner Springs, Kansas. In the spring of 1992, there is the 7 weekend **Bay Area Renaissance Festival** from March 8 through April 20. Also in the spring of 1992 is the **Medieval Fair**, February 27, 28 and March 1, held on the grounds of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida. This Fair also offers live entertainment, crafts, food, and games.

During the Christmas holidays in Minneapolis, enjoy the turn-of-the-century charm of **A Victorian Christmas**. Join us for family entertainment, fine craft shops, festive foods, photos with Father Christmas and even build a gingerbread house! This event is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 6, 7, and 8.

At the same time of the year but in a warmer part of the country, Mid-America Festivals produces the **Ringling Crafts Festival**, December 6, 7, 8, on the grounds of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida. The Festival provides an opportunity to purchase quality craft work, enjoy specialty foods and live entertainment.

News From The Tour And Travel Office

Sounds pretty sophisticated, doesn't it? In the past, "Tour and Travel" has meant BUS GROUPS, but Julia Buege has decided it was time for a change. 1991 once again welcomes bus groups to the Festival and offers a discounted rate for those groups consisting of twelve passengers or more. The rate (\$8.95 per adult and \$3.50 per child ages 5-12) also includes two COMPLIMENTARY tickets, one for the tour escort/manager and one for the driver. As in the past, anyone under 5 years of age is admitted without charge. For more details, please contact Julia Buege, Bus Goddess, at 445-7361.

It Is Said That...

Queen Elizabeth considered the new fashion of pipe smoking to be revolting and therefore forbade it in her presence.

Despite this, one of her favorite courtiers, Sir Walter Raleigh, dared to pack a pipe at Court. He wargued with the Queen that he could measure the weight of the smoke his pipe produced. If successful, he would be allowed the privilege of smoking at Court. Intrigued, the Queen allowed him to proceed. After packing his pipe, he weighed it; he weighed the contents again when he had finished smoking; and by subtraction calculated the weight of his smoke.

From that time on he was the only member of Elizabeth's Court permitted to smoke in her presence.



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