

week number three - august 27 and 28, 1994

## SHOWER, SWIM, WORK-OUT!!!!

Wow! A place to get in shape, have fun and clean up. The Festival has worked with the Chaska Community Center to set up a program where any of the Festival workers possessing photo ID's may use the facility paying the same as a Chaska resident. This is a savings of about \$1.50 every time you visit the center. As well as a swimming pool and workout area, there is a gym for basketball or volleyball. For those of us who sat this week (oh, sure), there is a walking track where you can walk and watch others at the same time. A big screen TV area offers sports for those who would rather watch than participate. You must show a validated photo ID(or a photo ID issued without the picturestill has name and number) This special will run thru September.

## 16TH CENTURY TIPS

We have great 16th century costumes and beautiful artwork. Let's continue the fantasy in our shops! If you accept credit, fine. but plastic decals on the wall or counter blow the illusion. How about a hand lettered sign. Hide ballpoint pens-strap on a feather or bind with leather. Voila, our illusion is intact. Hide yellow pads in a leather binder or cover with cloth. Renaissance bookkeeping! Leave the plastic cups at home. A ceramic mug, a leather jack, or a fin cup preserve the illusion and continue the customer's fantasy. Hide your credit card machine and any modern bags or wrap under the counter. Big problem-that calculator. We can't memorize the tax chart, but hid it and the calculator. Step back and take a look at your shop. Does it continue the Renaissance illusion? If not, be 16th century creative.

## MID EAST MIRAGE SPECIAL EVENTS PAVILLION

This weekend Festival visitors will experience Middle Eastern and South Indian dance and music at the Special Events Pavillion. Middle Eastern dance and music will feature Robin Anders, Cassandra, and special guest, the Jawahir Dancers. The South Indian band, Apsaras, featuring Joselyn Gorfiam, will also perform. Come enjoy these great shows!!!



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## WATCH THIS BOX FOR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

SAT. AUG. 20 22,543 SUN. AUG. 21 21,663

WEEKEND TOTAL 44,206

1994 FIRST FOUR DAYS 69,550 1993 FIRST FOUR DAYS 55,413

This means we are ahead 14,137 visitors for the 1994 Festival. HUZZAH!

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## ANY QUESTIONS?

Michael Carlson, one of our very own people (Shop 502-503 Rainbow Rocks) has been in the "Mr. Fixit" column in the STAR TRIBUNE newspaper on two occasions in the past year. He was called upon to answer questions about rock pollshing. Besides being FUN, it was good advertising, too. The first weekend several Festival goers mentioned they had seen the column. This resulted in Michael being commissioned to do work for them. Wow, advertising sure is great.

#### POTENTIAL TV STAR????

This winter was a busy time for Nancy Christensen (P-24 World Portraits by Nancy). Before leaving for the circuit in January, Nancy taped a half hour show on Metro 6 Cable Television. WORLD PORTRAIT ARTIST on EVERYDAY PEOPLE aired several times this past winter and spring. What fun to have people come up to you and say they saw the show.

#### WORLD WIDE REKNOWN

Sandy Barry-Ristow (shop 125 M'Lord & Tailors) received a delightful surprise from afar. Last year a student visiting the United States stopped at Sandy's shop and inquired if her friend might take a photo of her wearing one of Sandy's hats. Sandy recently received a card and picture from Germany. How nice of our foreign visitor to remember our Festival. Notice how happy she is wearing one of Sandy's creation.



# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Let be known to all citizens of the realm, William DeLacy, The Kings Champion shall host the third annual

# Lord High Sheriff Tourneyment of the Sword

The tourneyment is presented by the honorable

## University of Minnesota Fencing Club

The Lord High Sheriff invites all citizens of the realm, wether nobal or peasant, to participate in the Labor Day Weekend open tourneyment. Patrons are strictly forbidden to enter the competition. All those whom deem themselves brave, man or woman, shall seek out the Fencing Ring and proclaim themselves worthy of information for entery. A bounty shall be presented to the top three competitors. On completion of the contest all competitors shall be ranked.

Those who are feeble or unwanting to compete shall find themselves watching the festivities at the Fencing Ring. The Squires event shall commence at 7:30 pm saturday September 3rd and the Knights event at 7:30 pm on Sunday the 4th.

In an endevour for a fair and balanced competition without fault The Lord High Sheriff shall hold himself out of the competition, yet at His discretion may challenge the victor to a first blood duel. June As (

Prizes may be viewed at: First - FENCING BOOTH Second-THE GNOME WIZARD Third - WIZARD WAX WORKS

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### HALL OF MASTERS

Greetings from the Hall of Masters! Thank you again to all the crafters who remembered to drop off and pick up their display pieces. We were very happy to see you.

This week we want to address the problem of items not claimed on Sunday evening. Since we will not re-display an item that has been left for one (or more) weeks, please, pick-up your pieces on Sunday evening between 7:00p.m. and 7:45p.m!

Oops! This week there were 27 pieces left at the Hall. I know it is hard to remember, but others do and you can, too! Please help us get out of here at a reasonable hour by coming at the close of day. Thanks!

#### HALL EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

August 27-28 Metals, Musical Instruments, Paintings, Prints and Wallhangings, Potters.

September 3-4-5 Calligraphy and Paper, Furniture, Glass, Jewelry, Leather, Ornamental, and Wood.

September 10-11 Apparel, Candles, Caricatures and Portraits, Fiber, Plants, Perfume and Potpourri, Sculpture, Toys, and Weaving.

September 17-18 Metals, Musical Instruments, Paintings, Prints and Wallhangings, Potters.

September 24-25 Special Focus on Masters, Artisans, and Nominees to the Masters Program. >>>>>LIFT UP THE CORNERS
On August 13 the Festival was new and exciting. Our smiles were bright and our spirits were as colorful as the freshly painted signs. Now as we head for the middle of our Festival run, it is important that each day we rid ourselves of our same old hat and put on a fresh one. To our patrons, each festival day they attend is their "August 13" and we need to keep our spirit and greetings as bright as the day we started. We may notice the paint chipping or fading on a sign, but our patrons should only notice our smiles.

To your co-Festival workers, make an extra effort to be at your best. We are an AWESOME TEAM that creates this unique fantasy world and we all deserve a pat on our tired back!



#### ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS:

If you are the victim of shoplifting or are paid with a bad check, Safety Services would like to inform you of the procedure to follow:

In case of a shoplifter;

Contact Safety Services immediately
Use a commissary phone to call First
Aid.

Go to a gate and ask for assistance. Ask anyone with a radio to call Safety Services.

Locate Safety Service staff on site during show personnel are dresssed in red(pants and peasant shirts) with a yellow tabbard and carry an eight foot pole with a yellow flag displaying a red cross.

2. We will need the following info: Description of person.



While browsing thru one of the earlier Safety Service's manuals, I spotted this 16th century sketch of our "Safety Service on Horseback" - obviously before red shirt and pants. If anyone remembers and has stories of our group in earlier time, contact Norma that is if you are willing to share your tales.

### SILENT AUCTION

Any crafter who has donated an item for the Silent Auction on Sunday, September 11 or would like to donate, please drop off your crafts at the Media Room located by the front gate entrance by Monday, September 5. Make sure all crafts are clearly labeled with your name and booth number so that you can receive a receipt. Remember that proceeds go towards the Craft Emergency Relief Fund and the Minnesota Museum of American Art.

It's a fact of life! Keep your photo ID or other validated daily pass with you whenever you are on site. Safety Services performs the extremely important function of guarding the welfare of each and every one of us. Your pass is their assurance that you "belong". If you are asked for your pass, show it proudly! Safety Services is on duty before, after, and during show hours.

## THE KING WANTS YOU

The King is looking for one experienced and loyal servant to supervise His Royal Play Village. Any Lords or Ladies interested may contact Deana Shetler on proceeding the Advisory of the Fat 445 States of the Festival Possess a true love of the Festival

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## NOTES FROM FIRST AIDE

Our most common complaint: BEE STINGS
This weekend we had 44, and about the same
number opening weekend. If you are highly
allergic, remember to keep you "sting kit" with
you. We are prepared to treat both local and
systemic reactions. You should come to First Aide
immediately, if you experience any or the following:

Hives Itching Difficulty breathing or swallowing Dizziness

Fainting

Even if you run into the hind end of a bee, and are not allergic, you are welcome to come to First Aide for some stingeze, ice packs, sympathy, observation and a junior paramedic sticker.

Remember, the bee gets the worst of it. He has one sting and that's it-dead.

Our number two complaint (on warm days): HEAT EXHAUSTION

If you are experiencing symptoms of heat exhaustion, you are welcome to come to First Aide for air conditioning, rest, gatorade and sympathy. It is best to get treatment, early before symptoms are serious. (You don't want to spend your day in the ER.)

Sunscreen is NOT available on the site. Remember to bring your own(unless red is a becoming color for you)

YES - We do have Tylenol for aches and pains. We do not have ibuprofen, Sudafed or antacids, but they are sold at the main Traveller's Shop outside the front gate.

NO - We do not have diapers, infant formula, migraine medications, cures for hangovers or passes for missing work if you don't like your boss(you'll have to come up with something better)

WISHING YOU A HEALTHY FESTIVAL!



Fun and Frivolity

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*August 27,28\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
MID-EAST MIRAGE

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 3,4,5\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
TOURNAMENT OF KINGS

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 24,25\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
A ROYAL HARVEST

### PARTICPANT NEEDS FOR A SAFER AND HEALTHIER FESTIVAL

#### HEALTH

- 1. Drink plenty of fluids WATER
- 2. Eat regular meals
- 3. Rest periodically
- 4. Wear sunscreen
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions.
- 6. Wear shoes
- Know the signs of Heat Exhaustion weakness, fatigue, fainting, nausea, and/or vomiting. Skin is usually pale, cool and moist. Cramping of muscles or abdomen, arms, or legs may occur.
- 8. Bring allergy medication
- Notify Safety Services if you have any serious medical conditions
- Carry a bee sting kit if you are allergic to bees.

#### SAFETY

- Always carry you ID before and after show hours.
- 2. Know the location of the nearest; FIRE EXTINGUISHER FIRST AID KIT PHONE
- Know how to find/contact Safety Services
- Know what Safety Services looks like during show hours AND non show hours
- Do not drink alchoholic beverages during show hours

## HAVE A FUN AND SAFE FESTIVAL

## **Emergency Procedures**

We hope that serious emergencies don't arise, but if they do, we all need to know what to do. here are some guidelines to cover situations that arise:

In the event of a life-threatening situation:

- Call 911 from a pay phone. No coin needed.
- Wait at the phone for police to arrive.
- 3. Contact Safety Service evenings BLT & Campground have radios which can contact Safety Service.

If a problem occurs during the show, contact Safety Services. They are the folks in the red and yellow costumes carrying a large pole topped with a flag. They have radio contact with paramedics and police and can also assist you with less serious problems. They are headquartered out of the building that is attached to the First Aid Station.

In the event that a major disaster occurs, we may need to evacuate the site. You will need to help direct people to the nearest way out. Safety Services will be directing and coordinating crowd control. Please assist the potterned.

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\* NEW LOCATION\*
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(County Road 83)

Mailing Address: 3525 W 145th Street Shakopee, MN 55379

Office Phone-445-7361 Shop Phone- 445-3120 Site Number- 445-2753

Site Hours for Show Day

Outer Gates Friday,Saturday,Sunday locked at exactly 10:30p.m. (except as listed below)

Show Day Site Hours Back Gate 7:00 a.m. Friday -2:00 a.m. Monday (Security Guard on Duty)

Inner Gates
A and B Gates
7:00a.m. - 10:30p.m.
C Gate Only
7:00 a.m.-12:00 midnight

Interior Drive-In Gates Open 6:30a.m.-8:30a.m. AND 7:30p.m - 8:30p.m.Show Days

CAMPGROUND closes October 3

## WHEN HUNGER STRIKES

Food coupon books are available to any participant with a properly validated pass. They can be purchased only on show days and are a \$6.00 value for \$5.00. These coupons will be accepted at all food booths on site. They will not buy wine or beer! Food books may be purchased at: Gate C 6:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Gate B 1:30p.m.-7:00p.m. There is a limit of ONE book per day per validated pass.

THANK YOU AND A HUG (from Norma)

Your response was wonderful! Keep sending in your ideas, thoughts, accomplishments, news - in general what is happening in your life, our life and the Festival. You can Fax me at Mid-America(#445-7580),mail or walk in news, drop off at B-Gate(say hello, too) or stop me on site.

#### FOLKSTONE HALL

This year we are proud to exhibit the KING'S ARMOR COLLEC-TION. These arms and armor come to us from across the country to display the weaponry of the Renaissance Era.



THE RENAISSANCE OF DOLLS COLLECTION can be enjoyed at the Hall of Masters throughout the Festival. These porcelain, clay and wood dolls are dressed in the style of the Renaissance period and begin their two year tour on loan to Mid-America Festivals.