



week number five - september 10 & 11, 1994

HUNGARIANS VISIT THE REALM

For the first time ever a travel delegation from Hungary visited the Midwest. Their first "step" on American soil was at our own Festival Site. Coming directly from their overseas flight, the twelve person Hungarian delegation of media representing television, radio, magazine and newspaper arrived at the Renaissance Festival at 6:30 p.m. on Labor Day Monday.

What to do with the delegation as the show was closing? Trust everyone to come through when needed. From above the gate, The Queen greeted the Hungarians in their native tongue. The peasants below welcomed and cheered. Next, a dash for turkey legs and a stop at the apple fritters booth. Once again the group was cheerfully welcomed (thanks CKC workers).

After closing cannon, we needed something to drink. Dina, Stacy and the marketing people supplied thirst quenching wine and beer. Ron and Denise opened the doors of Bad Manor, inviting our guests in for relaxation and entertainment. Jan Hagerman, after playing for them at the Turkey booth continued psaltery music in Bad Manor. The festivities escalated as Steve Bruce, Lojo and the Flash Girls continued the entertainment.

Our King Henry and several of the Royal Court visited with the delegation and presented each guest with a medallion.

Although the arrival of the Hungarians occurred shortly before the closing cannon sounded, the citizens of the realm joined together to welcome the delegation.

Marilyn Hagerman, who was given the task of showing our foreign guests as much of the Festival as possible in such a short time, wishes to thank all who continued the spirit of ALL FOR FUN AND FUN FOR ALL!

Even as darkness approached, a tour past the Bakery, Ship, Irish Cottage and Track area were possible. The delegation arrived back at their transportation just as the site darkened.

The Hungarians were very happy and will take the experience back to their country. The Minnesota Office of Tourism staff appreciated the efforts of every one.

HUZZAH TO ALL OF US!



>>>>>>>FIRE EXTINGUISHERS>>>>>>>

Each shop is required to have a fully charged 5 pound ABC Underwriter approved fire extinguisher easily accessible at all times. They must be tagged and current during show. Lost extinguishers or those not in working order must be replaced immediately. This weekend and the following show days, Safety Services will be stopping by to check your fire extinguisher. If yours is not current or in working order, call Gary Chaplin of Metropolitan Fire Equipment at [REDACTED]

ART CONTEST

The SPAM JAM Art Contest is an event celebrating one of the world's best-known food products. Begin now to create your interpretation of SPAM luncheon meat for the July 1, 1995 contest. The categories are professional, adult amateur and student. For more information contact the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 864, Austin, MN 55912 or Bruce Loeschon Shop #842-843 507-437-6314.

Overheard rainy, Sunday when a costumed servant dropped a bread stick in the mud.
"Huzzah! Mud on a stick."

PARKING CREW

Visitors at the Festival after a lengthy day of eating, drinking, buying and being entertained have been known to misplace the vehicle in which they arrived. They are always amazed at the powers of our parking Crew. When asked at what time the patron arrived, the parkers can direct them to the row, line or aisle they probably parked their vehicle. Two weeks ago some older women, upon leaving the site and attempting to find their car, even with the instructions from the parking staff, were still unable to locate their vehicle. "Above and beyond the call of duty", the parkers set out on their own with a description of the car. The white haired women were thrilled to finally locate and be on their way. A giant thanks to the Parking Staff. From the time our patrons arrive, to the time they finally turn onto Highway 41, they are taken care of by a fantastic staff.

****LET'S NOT BREAK ANY RECORDS****

Safety Services reported over 90 bee stings on Monday alone. If we are trying to set a record, let's not. If you have any suggestions on how to lower this number, call Norma and we can get the ideas out to others.



CRAFT SILENT AUCTION SEPTEMBER 11

September 10-11, next weekend, is the Craft Special Event Weekend. It has been advertised as "The Art of Hands." In addition to the current exhibit at the Hall of Masters and the Renaissance Collection in Folkstone Hall, a Silent Auction to benefit the Minnesota Museum (St. Paul) and CERF (Craftspeople's Emergency Relief Fund, Northampton MA) will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The Minnesota Museum is one of the few Museums to own a permanent craft collection and is of particular interest to residents of Minnesota.

CERF provides immediate support to craftspeople suffering career-threatening emergencies such as fire, theft, illness and natural disaster. CERF operates on a nation-wide basis.

Be sure to remind your customers of the event. Written bids will be accepted through the day on Sept. 11, with the highest bid at any given time being posted, and the highest bidder being notified at the end of the Festival day or contacted personally later.

It's a worthy cause! Do all you can to help.

GREAT GROUP

A special "Thank You" to all who helped with the Carlson Travel Network filming for the Mid East Mirage Weekend on Saturday, August 27th. Your contributions have allowed us to help create history, as we were given footage for our archives. Without the help of the following people...D'Lisa Schmidt, Brian Murphy, Luis Rosa, Laura Lochen, Dave Potter, George Herman and Kimberley Smith...the shoot would not have been possible. Thank you so very much for your time and patience!

..FROM AMERICAN SEWING GUILD...

Kenneth King, noted for his beading and embellishments of costuming, will be offering several different classes at the Shoreview Community Center on October 28 and 29. Kenneth's creations are meticulously crafted original designs laden with layers of beads, cord, braid, soutache, tassels and ribbon work. For information on classes contact Kristi Kuhnau at 432-3561.

MUSEUM NEWS

On Sunday August 21, 1994, His Majesty King Henry and her Grace Queen Anne in the presence of the Royal Court, rededicated the newly renovated FOLKSTONE HALL MUSEUM. Beneath the bell tower a gift shop area was added allowing more space for museum display and better visibility for museum security.

HUZZAH!!!!

Come and see the Arms & Armor exhibit now on display at the Folkstone hall Museum near gate 'C' by the Folk Stone Welly. Say, 'Hello', to David, Bill and Steven, your museum staff for Festival '94.



Be sure to get proper identification from persons writing checks. No matter how busy or how honest the customer appears, your losses will not be worth the time it would have taken you to verify the customer's identification.

VISITOR BEARING GIFTS

Ken Stanelle, Shop # 633, Chimealot, was recently greeted by visitors from Russia. Last year, while touring the United States, a Russian visitor was admiring a dragon in Ken's shop. Ken presented the dragon to the Russian as a gift. What a surprise to be revisited by the same foreign visitors recently. This time the Russians presented Ken with a gift, a lovely handpainted spoon.

IT'S 8 O'CLOCK
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CAR
IS?

A gentle reminder to all who park at the Renaissance Festival. First, if you need to be inside the gates to unload product or set up your booths, please remember that after 8:00am, no one is allowed to come inside the gates with their vehicles. At 8:30am all cars must be off site and in the parking lot expect for the craft booths with parking directly in back of the booth. Please be prompt and considerate of others while parking on site. Lastly, we cannot expect to know who owns all the cars on site. However, if you in some way can leave a piece of paper with your name and booth number or the organization you work for on the inside front windshield of your car, we may be able to locate you if a problem arises (e.g. triple parked cars, lights left on, parked in wrong area). We can try to notify you and save you some dollars along the way.

Thank You,
Chris Town, Safety Services
Steve 'Rock' Grassmann, Supervisor
Parking Crew

*****THE KING'S NUTS*****

Chuck Cantale, creator of the famous Renaissance King's Nuts (also, know as Handmaid Sweets) was recently featured in an article by the Mankato Free Press. We know Chuck as the creator of fantastic mouth watering morsels, however, his image in Mankato is far different. Out of costume and in conservative clothing, Chuck is director of Mankato State University's Trio Program.

Chuck completed vocational training as a cook and then decided that cooking was much like chemistry - one is a formula, the other a recipe. He returned to college, graduated and is now helping low-income students achieve their potential. Huzzah for Chuck Cantale and The King's Nuts!



HALL OF MASTERS

Thank you again for bringing us such lovely things to display! Blaine and I are certain we have two of the best positions around, because we get to handle and admire your creations.

After Saturday's ruckus, it appears to be necessary that we review our check-in or drop-off procedure. On Sunday we bring reminders to those crafters eligible to display the following weekend. The reminder is a full page sheet which is pre-printed with the shop name and number and the crafter's name and status. If and when this is brought to the hall, with the item(s) for display, you need not complete an additional half page form. Those are for crafters who misplace or forget the preprinted page or who need additional pages for more pieces. This form must stay with your piece(s). We use it to identify who made what and what you would like us to call the piece! This weekend there were a pile of half pages and preprinted pages left on the long glass case and we did our best to sort out what to credit to whom. Please forgive us if we have miscredited your piece! Aside from the description page, we also need you to sign our insurance roster. If you do not sign in on the insurance roster, we cannot tell patrons the approximate price when they inquire. If a piece is damaged in some way, and you have not listed a value in advance, you may not be reimbursed for the full amount you consider appropriate. Please help us keep our records accurate and current!

Well, the weekend did us in, and probably many of you as well. We have approximately 25 items not picked up this week. Would the following shops, please, send someone to pick up your pieces after noon on Saturday or before noon on Sunday:

Weekend #2 - Shop 409 and P-15
Weekend #3 - P-52
Weekend #4 Shops 125, 144, 226,
330-331, 402, 403, 502-503, 540,
602, 654, 1810, P-25, P-35.

Thank You

HALL OF MASTERS EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

Sept. 10-11

Apparel, Candles, Caricatures and Portraits,
Fiber, Plants, Perfume and Potpourri, Sculpture, Toys, and Weaving.

Sept. 17-18

Metals, Muscial Instruments, Paintings, Prints
and Wallhangings, Potters.

Sept. 24-25

Special Focus on Masters, Artisans, and
Nominees to the Masters Program.

**BE SURE TO SET ASIDE TIME TO
VISIT THE HALL OF MASTER TO
VIEW YOUR PIECES, THOSE OF
OTHERS AND THE RENAISSANCE
DOLL COLLECTION.**



LOOKIN' GOOD

Our Renaissance era costuming is a gigantic part of making the fantasy believable to our visitors. Remember that smoking between 9 am and 7 pm is not an approved activity. If you do, be sure you are in an area not visible to our guests and use extreme caution to avoid any chance of fire.

Hats are a must! It is an insult to the King and Queen if you are without something on your head.

Keep your jewelry appropriate and be sure to wear footgear for your safety. Please no athletic shoes or other obviously modern foot coverings

10 - 15 - 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

If you are completing your 10th, 15th or 20th year of continuous Festival participation in 1994, we need to know this weekend. A ceremony of recognition will be held in conjunction with the knighting of the Crafts Masters at the Pavilion on September 17th and 18th. Please send a note to Lois at Gate B on Saturday, Sept. 10, if you feel you are eligible for one of these awards. All areas of participation will be included. If your years at the Festival have been divided among service in food, entertainment, crafts or any other area, please be sure to include dates and number of years spent in each.



THE LORD HIGH SHERIFF BALLOON FENCING TOURNAMENT

The King's Academy of Arms Fencing Booth held its Third Annual LHS Tourney this past Labor Day weekend. For the Squires' competition we had 16 competitors; for the Knights' competition we had 19 competitors. The final placings were:

SQUIRES

- 1st - Allen Weeks
- 2nd - Mike Diers
- 3rd - J.T. Gleason

KNIGHTS

- 1st - Chris Wells
- 2nd - Paul Lechner
- 3rd - Matt Feigal

I would like to thank all those who were involved in some way in our tournament. The University of Minnesota Fencing Club extends its special thanks to Bill Lochen for his gracious sponsorship of this event, as well as to Dave Lynas (The Gnome Wizard) for his donation of the 2nd place prize, and Dan Hirsig (Wizard Wax Works) for his donation of the 3rd place prize. My personal thanks to Ringmasters Molly Feigal, Aaron Caba, Chris Duden; Scorekeeper Sue Bartholomew; Armorer Matt Kempe; Ring Assistants Andrew Rose, Shannon Kirwin, Melanie Kihhn; all members of the Fencing Booth who assisted (way too many names to list individually); and also to all those who came to watch and enthusiastically supported our eager and warmly appreciated participants.

Melissa Cutler
King's Academy of Arms - Fencing Booth
University of Minnesota Fencing Club

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CRAFTER'S HELPERS

All right already we have had the rain, we have had the cold. A LONG moment of admiration for the patrons who came determined to have fun. They entered the gate for the magic that is the Renaissance Festival, and they received more than they expected. An article on personal excellence can use no better example than this past weekend. Sir Lou Holtz would be proud.

Monday started dismal, wet, muddy. The sun shone, the mud thickened a little. It was a great day (warm and dry). Every one was up and positive opening day and now the Festival is through the longest weekend. Great weekends are ahead and the end of Festival is near. The attitude is exemplary. We have the biggest crowds, the best sales, the greatest audiences yet to come.

Many are the sayings of the wise,
In ancient and modern texts enrolled,
Extolling patience as the greatest fortitude.
Tis true, tis naught as said,
Though unveiled by the wisest seer.
Many pilgrims, footsore, hollow, meek,
Twill say tis naught the shrine, but the journey they seek.

Autumn days, warm sun, cool night,
Here but a respite, to rest,
To fill their bowl, to purchase, to share a tune, good cheer
For your attention they wait,
And moving on your ship but a step,
A travelers time is quite precious.

Prompt attention, good service, a gentle manner,
Great skills, a wondrous art.

Quick call [REDACTED] CRAFTER'S HELPERS, for that personal touch.

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SITE HOURS FOR SHOW DAYS

Outer Gates
Friday, Saturday, Sunday locked at exactly 10:30pm
(with exception below)

Back Gate 7 am Friday-2 am Monday
(Security guard on duty)

Inner Gates
A & B Gates
7 am - 10:30 pm
C Gate only
7 am to Midnight

Interior Drive-In Gates
Open 6:30 am - 8:00 am
AND
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm show days

Campground closes October 3

REN STOCK

Funky Formal 1994
Sept. 10 at 9:00 pm, booth 646
beads, bellbottoms, bands
this one's just for us!

All participants of the Festival are invited to attend this party. Join us for our own version of parties of days ago.

1994 Weekends Fun and Frivolity

September 10, 11
The Art of Hands

September 17, 18
Rediscover the Romance

September 24, 25
A Royal Harvest

LOST AND FOUND

All "Lost and Found" articles should be taken to the Information Booth in the Meadow outside Bad Manor during show hours. After 7 pm or before 9 am turn articles in at B-Gate.

MAKING CHANGE

The "Will Call" window at the ticket office will exchange paper money for coins, with a nominal charge per transaction.



DATES TO REMEMBER

RenStock Sat. Sept. 10 9:00 p.m. booth 646

Talent Show Sat. Sept., 17

Participant Party Sat. Sept. 24