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### THE ROMANCE CONTINUED

This past weekend, Rediscover the Romance, brought new meaning to one couple visiting our Festival. While mime, Mikael Rudolph, was entertaining the crowd, he coaxed a female visitor to come forward. He began, in his own silent way, to inquire why her ring finger had no sign of jewelry. He then puzzled as to why the gentleman with her had not changed this situation. While the crowd watched, the young man came forward, knelt to the ground and produced a ring and a proposal of marriage.

Huzzah for Romance at the Festival!



### Minnesota Renaissance Festival Veterans WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Next year is our 25th anniversary season and tentative plans include the printing of a very nice, full color Anniversary "book", which would be made available to participants and patrons. We could use your help in two areas.

First, if you have any thoughts, special memories, anecdotes, etc. related to the Festival over its last quarter-of-a-century, we would like to read about them. Maybe, some will be included within the book's pages.

Second, as you know, this past spring's office fire destroyed virtually all of our archived photos and slides going back to the beginning of the show. We will need the help of you, our friends, to come up with some of the photos and slides which will show the history of the Festival and its participants. Credits will be given whenever possible. If you send photos/slides in the mail to us, we will go through them as quickly as we can, make copies of those which may be useful to us, and return the original to you.

Send your letters/slides/photos to:  
MRF 25th Anniversary  
3525 West 145th Street  
Shakopee, MN 55379

Thanks for your help!

Greetings,

Congratulations to all Participants at the Festival! We've set a new weekend attendance record, and we're on our way toward a record attendance year. As I monitored the weekend, I was very impressed with the quality of service, entertainment, and organization we held consistently throughout the weekend. We gave our customers a GREAT SHOW!

As you all know, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival has had it's share of challenges in 1994, but due to our outstanding Staff, Site Crews, Participants, and weekend Operational Crews, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival is still the BEST in the country. I'd like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to you for creating the fantasy our customers enjoy so much.

My first season as General Manager has been exciting, educational and very rewarding. I now have a new understanding and appreciation for the "show" and all its elements. I look forward to working with you for the 25th Anniversary in 1995.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Jacobson  
General Manager



CAN YOU HELP ME?

How many times have our fearless Safety Service people heard that? Whether you were a visitor or participant, they have been there to help you. They are ever present whenever you need them. I have become so dependent on this group of helpful (and cute) workers that I found myself at the Mall of America several weeks ago with a slight request. Was I disappointed when I realized, there would be no response. Thanks Safety Services for making the show a safe and especially fun place to be. Hope to see you all next Festival.

THE FUN CONTINUES....

Let's get together! All participants of the Festival are invited to join with some of the deaf performers in a monthly social. In an attempt to better understand each other and have a fun time, we will be meeting in different areas throughout the Twin Cities during the year. You need not know sign language - needed only is a desire to learn and make new friends. You will receive a flyer informing you of the month's meeting location. It's easy! Contact Elle Fidalgo, a deaf performer at the Festival (better known in the realm as Lady Alexandra). Dial the Minnesota Relay Service at 297-5353 after September 27 and ask for number [REDACTED] to contact Elle. Hope to continue the Festival fun by seeing you during the year.

## **PARTICIPANT PARTY**

Tonight's the night . . . Come and celebrate with everyone! All who have participated in the Festival are invited. Crafters, entertainers, CKC workers and staff will all be there to see the slide show, receive awards and dance to the DJ. The schedule is loose but as follows:

- 8:00 pm - Arrival (bring your ID to get in and if your 21, bring proof so you can drink). Music and the slides will be running until...  
9:00 pm - Awards ceremony. It WILL be kept to 45 minutes!  
10:00 pm - Music, munchies, dancing and drink!

Come and have fun, but remember, everyone will be expected to be at work on time and able to function.

## **THE PHANTOM'S FEAST**

*When: October 21, 22, 28, 29 & 31*

*Where: Bad Manor on Festival Grounds.*

*Who: Edgar Allen Poe will be your host.*

*What: A five course meal with a story presented by Poe himself.*

*Why: Because it was a good idea!*

*Times: 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm*

*Price: \$55.00 a person; 2 for \$95.00*

*Come in costume to our First Annual Phantoms Feast. If you're lucky you will be escorted to the Manor by a horse and carriage. Call the MAF office for more information and reservations.*

## **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!**

Thanks Paul for all your help with the Corporate Parties. Your hard work and great smile helped me get through them with all my wits!!  
Thanks Bro. Your Sis.

## **A HAYRIDE????**

The thought is still rumbling through our heads. What fun it would be to ride through our village with stories of Poe being acted out for us. We will be planning and pursuing the idea. Keep in touch with us, to find out the details!!!

## **A HUGE THANKS . . .**

To Jennifer Quinn the Parade Person. A great job had been done by her coordination and participation with the parades. Also, the flexibility to hand out barf bags when needed!  
Thanks Ninny . . . Michelle

## **More Thanks . . .**

To Cookie Bennett, the Bus Person. Cookie did a great job bringing in more buses than last year!! The bag-handler-outer was much appreciated. Thanks for your cooperation...Michelle



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## FUTURE DATES

No, it is not too soon to be planning for next year. The 1995 Minnesota Renaissance Festival will run from August 12/13 to September 23/24. See you there!

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### KDWB WEDDING GIVEAWAY

Thank you to all those entertainers and wait staff who helped make the KDWB wedding a huge success! In particular, I would like to thank John Behr and Rali Gilchrist. The Renaissance Festival received coverage on WCCO TV because of this event!

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### UNSONG HEROES

A special 'Thanks' to the fabulous Parking Crew. This 'behind the scenes' team of men and women brings in and gets out all of the visitors that make this Festival possible. They can give you a close guess on how many people are on site, depending on how full the lot is. As you and I slouch down after a long, successful day, the parking crew begins the task of getting the cars out. We have all seen the line and can imagine that task! Thank them as you come and go on this last weekend.

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## HUZZAH FOR OUR VISITORS

You were there! Last weekend was a record breaking number of visitors to the Festival for a weekend. This season we have had a total of 267,249 patrons. (ahead of last year by about 2,000) .

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| Saturday, Sept. 17 | 33,345 |
| Sunday, Sept. 18   | 30,710 |

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| Saturday, Sept 24 | _____ |
| Sunday, Sept. 25  | _____ |

### YOU MAKE LIFE "BEAUTIFUL"

Our site and maintenance crews have the unending task of maintaining the site and keeping it visually lovely and physically safe. They are usually seen racing to a destination in need. You keep the structures looking great and the grounds traversable. A special thanks for the handling of the "wet times" we had this season. We look forward to 1995.

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## Entertainment Nominees for the 1994 Awards

**Cracked Cup** - To the Best New Character (by a new performer)

### Final Nominees

Bryon Hamilton - Prince Marius (Royal Court)

Shelly Krueger - Tilda (Puppet Troupe)

Kurt Peterson - Turk (Front Gate)

Tim Ruzicki - Father Erroneous (Special Events Pavilion)

Honorable Mention: Celeste Giles, Melisa Grassinger, Lynn Winter

**Late Bloomer** - To the Most Improved Veteran (Outstanding Achievement by a Vet performer)

### Final Nominees

Molly Donovan - Josephine (Puppet Troupe)

Rali Gilchrist - Milady Vixon

David Potter - Captain Morgan

William Allen Smith - Pan (Front Gate)

Honorable Mention: Dawn Reed, Jody Wurl

**Bottomless Hat** - To the Outstanding New Act

### Final Nominees

Ballet Arts Maypole Dancers - Christina Greenwell, Director

David Echelard

Mary Tales - Dawn Reed

Zanoni Family Circus - Brent Davis

Honorable Mention: Drake & Quickly -Justin Fowler, Daniel Hepokosky

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

### Final Nominees

Matt "Hammer" Carlson - Safety Service

Steve Miller - CKC Hawker

Andy Taft - CKC Hawker

Deb Schoenack - Ram's Head Designs

Honorable Mention: Fred Gridley, Dan Lancaster



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## HALL OF MASTERS EXHIBIT

The Hall of Masters will have a special focus on Masters, Artisans, and Nominees to the Masters Program this weekend. This opportunity to compare and exchange ideas about the work presented is a recognition of the excellence of the crafts available at the Festival.

### 1994 Nominees

#### For Artisan:

Katie Beery  
Kris MacDonald  
#1205 Hall of Scribes

Patricia Griffin  
#133 Tall Toad Costumes

Colleen Kraatz  
Douglas Kraatz  
#150 Glass Images

Marilyn Cuellar  
#329 Marilyn Cuellar Pencil Artisan

June Benitez  
#336 Metal Monger

Kenneth Reddie  
#443 Dragon's Lair Wax Works

Jim Vojacek  
#447 Oulu Glass

Gene Heuer  
#604 Jewelry by Zutz-Heuer

David Nicholas  
Betty St Clair  
#626 Flora Visions

Frances Nilsson  
Thomas Nilsson  
#728 Nilsson's Alchemy Jewelry

Pat Landreth  
Suzanne Montano  
#1640 The Bungled Jungle

Nancy Christensen  
P-24 World Portraits

#### For Master:

Lynette Biesanz  
Thomas Biesanz  
#126 Rivertown Potters

Linda Day  
#128 Linda Day Pottery

Randal Spangler  
#219 Flights of Imagination

Kevin Caufield  
#316 Caufield Clayworks

Joan Gray  
#344-345 Joan Gray Batik

Don Cherney  
#411 Argent

Nelson Brown  
#412 The Royal Caricaturist

Jean Taylor  
#426 Story keep Manor

Carolyn Otsen  
Gordon Otsen  
#602 Alta Pacific

Michael Ferrara  
#612 Artemis Leather

Curtis Burrell  
#627 New Wineskins Leather

Laura Hughes  
#642 Olde Wolf Gear

Sharon Crystal  
#646-650 Stich 'N Crochet

Sandy Dale  
#805 Gnarlies



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## FOR SALE

SHOP #124 Treasure Box Shoppe -  
Contact Don Wood on site at the shop on show weekends.

SHOP #218 Ram's Head Designs-  
Prime location near front gate, solid structure with evening lockup facilities.  
Contact Debby Schoenack during the show or at home, 546-7127.

SHOP #436 Paul Thomas Woodwork -  
See Pat or Paul.

SHOP #508 Heart & Hand -  
One slightly used shop. Owners on the verge of growing up. Great neighborhood!  
Good backyard! Great Storage!  
Call Pam at 432-0464

Shop # 626 FloraVision - Canvas roof gives good light. Talk to Terry of Cock 'n Dragon at shop #215-216 or call 507-895-4854

P-40 Lone Creek Designs -  
This cart is scheduled to be moved. Contact Jay Carr at 423-1465 or on site during show days.

SHOP #638 See Peter Rasmussen

## Reminder to Crafters

For your convenience (we know it will be a busy week) electric payments can be made thru Wednesday, Sept. 28 by mailing to the office:  
Mid-America Festivals  
3525 145th Street West  
Shakopee, MN 55379

So that there will be no surprises when you return next year (we hope), remember to clean in and around your booth before locking up. Even the smallest trace of food or paper will entice creatures into your area.

## PRIVY TALK

Two women in a privy together (????) were overheard saying the following as they left the privy:

"Damn it!"  
"What happened?"  
"I tore my \$40.00 underwear on my spurs."

The occupant of the adjoining privy did not see the two women, and (pause) felt that was probably best.

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## DIJERIDOO DOOSI

A great revelation was made by Owen Robertson upon purchasing the infamous, gutural sounding Djeridoo last weekend.

In his quest to find the best accostical environment for maximum reverbs, the thought occurred, "Why not yon Privies!" A loud, "Oh, my God!!" was heard from his neighboring stall, soon followed by a supportive cackling from another. A small child warned, "Don't go into that one!"

Owen is now thoroughly convinced that he has the best sound going in the realm.

Such inventive thinking is enough to make a mother proud.

Huzzah! And keep practicing, son!

P.S. With the vast crowds, it is a wonder he found a Djeri-to-do.



### 1995 CRAFT DEPOSIT REMINDER

As in the past, you are required to make a deposit to reserve your craft space for next year, whether the space you occupy is a shop, tent or unstructured space or a cart. Deposits will be accepted at Gate B this weekend.

Prepayment of your 1995 fee will also be accepted. A 5% discount is offered for advance payment of the entire fee.

Please see Lois at Gate B if you have any question, or call her at the office, 445-7361 during the week.

### TAXES TAXES TAXES TAXES TAXES TAXES

Each year the Minnesota Department of Revenue sends a representative to the Festival to make it easier for participants to pay State Sales Tax. Michelle Gilster will be at a special table outside Gate B on Sunday, September 25th from noon to 4pm. Out-of-state residents are expected to contact Michelle. Minnesota residents will also be welcome. If you have sales tax questions, she will answer them.

### CRAFT AWARDS

This Saturday, September 24 at the Participants' Party, the Craft Department will recognize the outstanding work being done by Festival artists. Awards will be made in the following categories:

New Artists of Merit  
Artistic Growth  
Visual Image  
Festival Spirit  
Festival Foundation  
Best New Shopkeeper  
Best New Peddler

Be sure to attend and join in the festivities.

It hardly seems possible that another Festival is coming to a close! We have enjoyed meeting and working with all of you. It has been a fun, growth-filled season.

To the few craft people who have decided to retire from the Minnesota Renaissance Festival ... we will miss you.

To all the rest of you... we hope to see you again next year. In the meantime, stay warm, dry and happy.

Lois Hendries  
Norma Jurek  
Lynn Mickelson  
Jody Mastey  
Kathryn Maquet





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## NOTES FROM JAC MARTIN -CAMPGROUND DIRECTOR

Congratulations Campers! We've made it through another year with rave reviews from Festival Management and the MN Health Dept. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration for others. Hope to see you all next year.

### CAMPGROUND CLOSES

The campground closes Monday, October 3, 1994. You and your property must be cleaned out of the Campground by the 3rd or you and your property will be considered abandoned, and the Festival can not take responsibility - unless special arrangements have been made.

### 1995 CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

Reserve your 1995 Campground space early. See Jac for an application (no deposit is required). However, this application does not guarantee a space for next year.

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### Strange Pictograms Spotted In Narrows

Have you wandered by the Florentine Ice Cart near Grove Stage in the Narrows? Most mornings Jim Stone, our Ice Man, has been drawing pictograms in the dirt, both puzzling and pleasing patrons and performers alike. Look for a "dip in the road" and "things" in the dirt and more. He has even worked some into promotions for products in his cart! Make sure you stroll by this weekend.



### CKC TOP TEN EXCUSES

1. I got a flat tire. (stayed in campground)
2. Are you coming in tomorrow? - Probably.
3. I got a really good excuse, do you want to hear it? Nope!
4. Parent said "The Renaissance Festival is not a wholesome environment."
5. I'll call when I can work.
6. I had to stay home to investigate why we're invading Haiti.
7. I had to attend a Nazi rally.
8. I got behind a slow driver.
9. I'm opposed to gambling and Grand Casino has a booth at the Festival.
10. I want a day off to see the Festival.

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Shakopee, MN 55379

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

### SITE HOURS FOR SHOW DAYS

Outer Gates  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday locked at ex-  
actly 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



## 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:

1. Call 911 from a pay phone. No coin needed.
2. 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 them if needed.

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