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Weekend 1, August 17 & 18, 1996



Huzzah!!



Welcome to the 26th year at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. We have many new happenings on our site.

First, view **King Henry's Arbor Stage**. Fit for royalty!

The Climbing Wall - test your strength and skill. This new feature is located in the Children's Realm.

Welcome to the University of Minnesota who will be challenging any and all at the new **Chess Booth**.

Another new structure to be seen is the **Barbican** at the end of the Jousting Track.

Have you noticed the new construction on the **500 food line**? Also, the beautiful new **craft booths**.

Chaska Community Center

Effective through October 31, all Renaissance employees and participants that present a validated photo ID will be admitted to the Chaska Community Center at the rate normally charged to Chaska residents. The center is equipped with a work-out area, swimming pool, basketball and volleyball gyms and locker rooms. Take a break from the daily routine and discover what is offered at the facility. Call [redacted] for information and times.

Watch this Bootheater's Weekly Attendance Numbers

First Weekend, 1995
Saturday - 8,699
Sunday - 10,521
Total - 19,220

Highest First Weekend, 1996
Total - 33,830

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Site Office	445-2753	X 119
Costume Shop		X 102
B-Gate		X 103

SITE HOURS FOR SHOW DAYS

Outer Gates
Friday, Saturday, Sunday - locked at
exactly 10:30 P.M. (with exception
below):

Back Gate, 7 A.M. - 2 A.M.
on Monday
(Security guard on duty)

Inner Gates
A & B gates - 7 A.M. - 10:30 P.M.
C Gate only - 7 A.M. - Midnight

Interior Drive-in Gates
Open 6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.
AND
7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. 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 Services.
During evenings, BLT
& Campground have
radios which can
contact Safety Services.

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 called.



ATTENTION!!



MAIL DELIVERY

When you are having something mailed to you at the campground please use the following address. **DO NOT** send it to the main office. We will no longer be signing for packages delivered through the regular mail or UPS delivery. Thank You

Please have mail sent to:
Minnesota Renaissance Festival
Campground Office
12364 Chestnut Blvd.
Shakopee, MN 55379

In Memory

We will miss two of our long time participants who passed away this past year. Barb Rabenort and Arne Streeter made many friends at the Festival. They will be in our prayers.

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Hall of Masters

Alicia Wold will again be Mistress of the Hall, with Brent Wold and Lee Oslund serving as Assistants.

All craftspeople are scheduled to exhibit in the Hall at least once during the season. Simply drop off work for exhibit early on Saturday morning and pick it up at the close of the weekend. If you feel you have an item particularly suited to the weekend theme on any of the first six weekends, it is welcome even though it is not your media's designated weekend. The Hall staff will do their best to display it. Special installation requests will be accommodated if at all possible.

Festival Electrical Policy

Renaissance electricity rules:

1. All users need to supply a 1996 MRF Electric application to Don Hamilton, the Renaissance Security Director.
2. A \$75 fee is due at the time your application is filed.
3. You are required to itemize each electrical item that you will be using.
4. No microwaves or refrigerators.
5. Failure to comply with the rules could result in the loss of electricity.
6. Electricity is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
7. No refunds will be given.
8. All cords must meet UL list requirements and may not be buried.

Please do not overload cords!

Don't forget your Food Coupon books!
Purchase a book for \$1.00 and get coupons worth \$2.00 for food and delights

Welcome to the Festival!

New Peddlers

Barbara Ogle, Livingston TX, replica antique jewelry, *Uncommon Adornments*, P-10

Sandra Hernandez, Eagan MN, readings, *Samantha*, P-12

Thomas Davis, Bloomington MN, wood carving, marionettes, *Carver of Wood*, P-21

Leo Atkinson, Steamboat Springs CO, split geodes, *Dragon Bones*, P-24

Thomas Shadowens, Jeffersonville IN, brooms, carved walking sticks, *Enchanted Broomes*, P-44

New Shopkeepers

Diana and Stanley Kush, Barrington IL, handcast gargoyles, sculpture, *Land of Kush*, Shop #135-136

Richard T. Taecker, Mesa AZ, costumed portraits (with and without dragon), *Enchanted Images*, Shop #137

Ginger and Rod Baird, Bisbee AZ, musical instruments, *The Bard's Musik Shoppe*, Shop #426

Linda Skinaway, Minneapolis MN, hammocks, string bags, addition to *Hammock Chairs*, Shop #504

David Hagler, Wimberley TX, tapestry accessories, *Gypsy Wings*, Shop #647

Michael and Carolyn Weiss, Bayport MN, wooden signs, *The Redwood Wagon*, Shop #643

Karen J. Debnam, Bloomington MN, costumed porcelain dolls, *Ye Olde Doll Chest*, Shop #719

Bridget Donahue, Excelsior MN, garden pottery, *Bridget Donahue Pottery*, Shop #805

Stephen Schroeder, Cherokee IA, stoneware, *Schroeder Pottery*, Shop #844

Peter Hoecherl, Bloomington MN, gargoyles, *Gargoyles: Design by Hoecherl*, Shop #A1640

Randal Moore, San Leandro CA, pewter, *Fellowship Foundry*, Shop #A1645

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Press Party Success

The 1996 season has already started breaking records! The Press party on Sunday, August 11 was one of the best ever. We had over 500 media representatives, sponsors, group tour organizations, friends and family attend the fun-filled event. The Marketing Department would like to thank all the entertainers, street characters, crafters, CKC employees, ride and game operators, petting zoo, sponsors, Mid-America Festivals staff, site crew and everyone else who contributed their time, energy and spirit who made the day a huge success.

Charity Silent Craft Auction

We hope you have already sent in your Entry Form and marked your calendar to deliver your donation to the Craft Auction by September 2. If not, there's still time! Your monitor will be happy to get an entry form to you. Although work must be delivered by September 2 to be included in the printed program, donations will be accepted up to the day of the Auction. That date is September 14. Last year's auction was a great success and this year we hope to be able to send even larger checks to the beneficiaries, CERF and the MINNESOTA MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART. Please contact Lois at Gate B or the Festival office if you would like more information on the auction itself or the beneficiaries. Remember, your contribution is tax deductible.

Bus Groups

Bus groups coming to the '96 Minnesota Renaissance Festivals have been offered a multitude of package options. Numbers are up, compared to last year at this time. Some of the packages being offered to bus groups, besides the lowest rates for admission to the Festival, are the "Celebration of the 16th Century" and a new bar and restaurant promo package. A prepayment plan is also a new addition for the bus program. This program offers convenience to the customers and working capital to Mid-America Festivals earlier in the year.

G.E. Medical Systems will arrive on 5 busses to enjoy the Festival and a corporate party on Saturday August 17.

Don't forget to tell your friends that there is a discounted group rate for the '96 Trail of Terror in October.



Overnight Booth Requirements for 1996

- All booths must have a 10 lb. fire extinguisher.
- All booths that will be used as a sleeping space must be equipped with a battery operated smoke alarm. Sleeping is only allowed on the ground floor.

- A fire warden roster must be established, consisting of 3 people in designated sections performing fire warden duties. The shifts will be from 10 pm to 2 am and 2 am to 6 am. We will need 6 people per night for Friday and Saturday nights. If everyone who stays the night would volunteer for one shift, the problem would easily be handled.

Three other conditions must be met. Next year there will be no one allowed to spend the evening on site unless they meet all the requirements of the building code for overnight occupancy. You have a year to prepare for this. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Leroy Heitz, the Scott County Building Inspector at [redacted].

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F.Y.I.: FUTURE FESTIVAL DATES

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
August	16	15	14
	17	16	15
	23	22	21
	24	23	22
	30	29	28
	31	30	29
September:	1	5	4
	6	6	5
	7	7	6
	13	12	11
	14	13	12
	20	19	17
	21	20	18
	27	26	24
	28	27	25



MONITORS

Lois Hendries, Craft Administrator, can be reached through Gate B during show days. Leave a message there, or send one with your monitor.

Monitors are the friendly folk who perform liaison duties between participants and management. **Jodie Belknap** and **Kathryn Maguet** are returning again this year. **Trisha McKenney** will be with us for the first time. Monitors act as the eyes and ears of the show, trying to look at it from a patron's point of view. They are willing to answer lots of questions and will be carrying mail and messages for the Department.

Costume Shoppe Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

7 am - 3:30 pm

Friday

7 am - 6 pm

Saturday

7 am - 8:30 pm

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Craft Exhibit Schedule

Aug. 17-18

Featured Media: Calligraphy & Paper;
Potters; Glass

Aug. 24-25

Featured Media: Jewelry; Plants, Perfume
& Potpourri; Astrology

Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

Featured Media: Metals; Sculpture;
Caricatures & Portraits; Wood

Sept. 7-8

Featured Media: Leather; Furniture;
Apparel

Sept. 14-15

Featured Media: Paintings, Prints & Wall
Hangings; Candles; Ornamental

Sept. 21-22

Featured Media: Musical Instruments; Toys;
Fiber

Sept. 28-29

Special Focus: Masters and Artisans
Nominees to the Masters Program



**New
Neighbors**



Returning After Sabbatical

Todd Anderson, Shakopee MN, furniture, wood
items, *T Anderson Woodworking*, Shop #221

Diane Koi-Thompson, Odessa NY, hammocks,
string bags, *Hammock Chairs*, Shop #504

Angel Fiorito, Rialto CA, sheepskin footwear and
accessories, *Windwalkers*, P-25

Returning Participants - New Locations

Cheryl and James Smeja, Mineral Point WI,
leather sculpture, *Designs in Leather*, Shop #124

Debie Anderson, St. Cloud MN, children's costumes
& costume hats, *Land of Menimint*, Shop #329

John Hagerman, St. Louis Park MN, bowed psal-
teries and accessories, *Unicorn Strings Music Co.*,
Shop #418

Suzanne Plaisance, Winona MN, puppets, masks,
Snapdragon, Shop #427

Nicki R. Werner, Pepin WI, apparel, *The En-
chanted Hat*, Shop #428-430

Pam Smith, Excelsior MN, jewelry, *Phoenix De-
signs*, Shop #438

Pat Landreth & Suzanne Montano, Fort Collins
CO, sculpted creatures, *The Bungled Jungle*, shop
#603

Stephen Edmonston, S. Daytona FL, etched glass,
Stephen Edmonston Art Glass, Shop #605

Mark Matzke, Norwood MN, original paintings &
prints, *Dreamscape Artists*, shop #639

Maciej Zakrzewski & Sandie Russell, Spencer
NY, weapons, *Starfire Swords*, Shop #655

Judee and Jim Miller, Lake IA, pottery,
Blue Castle Pottery, Shop #654

Masha Goodman-Reeves, Northbrook IL, Jew-
elry, flasks, *Singletree*, P-36

Michael B. Stewart, Wrentham MA, jewelry,
Quick Silver, Shop #656

Keep your photo IDs or other validated daily
pass with you whenever you are on site.
Safety Services performs the extremely im-
portant 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 Ser-
vices is on duty before, after and during show
hours.

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Special Events



In addition to working on sponsorships, the Marketing Department has been busy compiling advertising schedules and promotions. Once again, we will plan a number of special events to take place during the Festival.

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August 17 - 18

Wine Gala

Wine Auction

Wine Tasting



August 24 - 25

Mid-East Mirage

Bellydancing Lessons

Bellydancing Exhibition



August 31 - September 2

Royale Ale Festival

Home Brewing Competition

Domestic Beer Tasting

Import Beer Tasting



September 7 - 8

A Highland Fling

Scottish Highland Dance Competition

Full Heavy Events Competition

Scottish Clan Displays



September 14 - 15

A Romantic Arts Affair

Renewal of Wedding Vows

Craft Auction



September 21 - 22

Coffee, Teas & Melodies

Coffee Tasting

Tea Tasting & Displays

Bread Festival



September 28 - 29

Pirates, Pleasures & Treasures

(Family Weekend)

Medallion Hunt

Perfect Pirate Contest

Children's Costume Parade

Free Tickets?

You can earn two free tickets to the 1996 Minnesota Renaissance Festival!! Our Sales Department is busy setting up their corporate accounts for the 1996 season. We are always looking for new accounts to offer consignment tickets. If you know of or work for a company that would like to offer discount tickets to its employees, please call the group sales office at 445-7361. **TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS WILL BE YOURS WHEN THEY SIGN UP!**

Participant Fire Extinguisher Requirements

Beginning with the 1996 Renaissance Festival, all booths will be required to have a fully-charged, 10 lb. fire extinguisher with a minimum U.L. rating of 4A 60BC. All fire extinguishers have a rating displayed somewhere on the label. Beware of fire extinguishers with plastic heads or firing handles on them: i.e., Kidde. Our experience has shown they tend to leak and are not rechargeable. Consequently, they are not worth the price.

The Renaissance Festival will have some approved fire extinguishers for sale from August 1, 1996 to August 23, 1996. They will be \$50 and will include the 1996 inspection tag and tax. We are able to offer this price because we made a volume purchase. They will be available on site at First Aid. Metropolitan Fire will again be here the second weekend of the Festival, August 25 and 26 from 7 am until noon, both days. They will also have an approved fire extinguisher for sale for \$55. They will be located at Gate C.

We regret any inconvenience an extra cost; but once again, we want to do everything possible for your safety, the protection of your property and to comply with government rules and regulations regarding the operation of a Renaissance Festival.

Sincerely,
Don Hamilton, Safety Coordinator

1996 Minnesota Renaissance Festival Pet Policy

1. All pet owners will be directed to enter through the Pet Gate.
2. Background information will be documented on both the pet and the owner.
3. Each pet will be photographed.
4. Each pet and owner will receive corresponding identification.
5. Pet owners will be instructed on pet rules.
6. The pet owner will receive tools for clean up after the pet.
7. The pet owner will pay administrative cost of \$5.00.

Pet Rules

If the pet owner fails to adhere to the following rules, they may be requested to leave the Festival ground without refund.

1. All pets must be on a leash at all times.
2. Pet leashes can not exceed 4 feet.
3. Owners must clean up after their pets.
4. Pet owners must enter through the Pet Gate.
5. Pet owners must report any accidents to First Aid immediately.
6. Pet owners must at all times display in full view pet tag and corresponding owner tag.
7. All pets must have proof of current rabies vaccinations.
8. MRF will refuse entrance to owner with inappropriate or dangerous pet such as exotic predators.
9. Only one large pet per owner will be allowed.

Breakfast at Bad Manor

You and your friends are invited to breakfast at Bad Manor. The Feast Chef and his helpers will prepare a variety of delicacies, including scrambled eggs, sausage, french toast, mini-muffins, oatmeal, cold cereal, orange juice, grapefruit juice and coffee. Start the day with nourishment and a few minutes with friends, before we officially start the

Bad Manor - 7 AM - 8:30 AM
\$2.00 will cover the meal!



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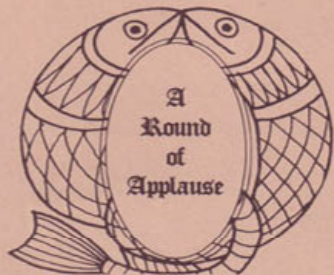
"Saleing" Along.....

The Sales office has met and surpassed its new account goal of 150 new corporate accounts.

Corporate parties are enjoying the Festival grounds. Farm Credit Services hosted a party for 250 guests on August 11. G.E. Medical Systems and Thermogas' corporate parties are on opening day.

Feast seats are still available! The participant rate is \$55, call and reserve your space today!

The Queen's Tea is at 4:00 pm every day of Festival; the cost is \$12. Call Sales for more information.



A big "Thank You" to all who participated in the parades, special events and promotions during the pre-season activities. You were all wonderful and made the events a success! The Marketing Department and the Minnesota Renaissance Festival thanks you for all your extra time and devotion toward making the 1996 Renaissance Festival the best ever.

If you have not received your complimentary tickets for doing parades and promotions, a table will be set up after Cast Call on Saturday, August 17, near Baker's Stage or at 5 pm on Sunday, August 18, outside B gate. If you are unavailable at these times, please contact Michelle Davis at 445-7361.

A D A Policies, Practices and Procedures

Standards for Accessible Design

Providing Goods and Services

It is the goal of this Festival to provide access to all areas of the Festival to individuals with disabilities in accordance with the requirements of Title III of the **Americans with Disabilities Act**.

If you sell from behind a counter, a height of 36 inches or less meets the standards. If customers enter your sales area, a level entrance is necessary. If because of terrain this is not possible, a ramp complying with the following is necessary to ensure all customers can get to your goods and services. A ramp ratio of height to length is 1:12. This means that for every 12 inches along the base of the ramp, the height increases one inch. Ramps longer than 6 feet require railings on both sides. Railings should be 34 to 38 inches high and ramps at least 36 inches wide. Take care that ramps are smooth and skid-proof. Contact office (612-445-7361) before construction as approvals and permits are required.

Ideally, the layout of the building should allow people with disabilities to obtain goods or services without special assistance. Where it is not possible to provide full accessibility, assistance or alternative services should be available upon request. To make your shop accessible, the door into your shop should have at least a 32 inch clear opening. All thresholds must be level (less than 1/4 inch) or beveled, up to 1/2 inches high. The tops of tables or counters should be between 28 and 36 inches. The accessible route to all goods and services should be at least 36 inches wide. If not, furnishings, chairs, displays, counters could be moved.

Be aware of your customer's needs. If your area of business is too small to implement all of the above, be alert to anyone needing help whether this means answering questions or taking an item to the person.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. has given independent vendors and booth owners until September 2, 1996 to comply with the above.

Please familiarize yourself with the information so you can answer questions that our visitors might ask. Questions during business hours should be directed to the office of the Festival Service person. He/she will then contact the appropriate staff person.

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Entertainment Glossary And Rules

Alcohol - Drunkenness and underage drinking will not be tolerated.

Area Managers - Take your problems and questions to these "characters on the beat": Willie Lauder, Brian Murphy, Jason Parker, Brad Peterson, Lisa Severson, Linda Sparling, Tim Wick, Chris Ward.

Artistic Director - Gary Parker

Cast Call - at 8 am every show day at the Bakery Stage is the best way to find out what is happening. Group Leaders and Street Characters must attend. Everyone is encouraged to attend or send a representative from their group.

Daily Passes - can be picked up at C Gate before 1 pm on Festival days.

Director Notes - Stay in character on village streets. Keep the modern world off village streets. No cigarettes, watches, modern slang. Remember that the Festival is a FAMILY theatre. Guard against off-color remarks, drug and drinking jokes and personal contact (touch). Be aware. Don't walk through someone else's act. Don't ruin SOMEONE ELSE'S bit.

Drugs - Use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated.

Entertain - to show hospitality to; to engage the attention of; to please; to amuse.

Entertainment Administrative Assistant - Thomas R. Foss.

Entertainment Director - Sandy Watters

Entertainment Office - 2nd floor of Bad Manor. There are steps to this office on the corner of Bad Manor closest to the Track.

Gate - Opening Gate Show at 8:30 am, Opening Cannon at 9 am, Closing Gate Show at 6:30 pm, Closing Cannon at 7 pm.

Grid - Schedule of stage acts, lane acts and entertainment events for each weekend. Available at C Gate, Cast Call, Entertainment Office and Main Stages. Copies are for acts only. Acts should request grid changes in writing by Noon on Sundays.

Hat Passing - ALL hat passing must be approved by the Entertainment Director.

IDs - Your entertainment ID is your pass to get on or off Festival grounds. Don't leave home without it. If you need an ID, see Sandy or Thom.

Parade - Grande Parade lines up at 1:15 on the hill behind Bakery. All street characters and groups should participate. Crafters are also encouraged to participate. Scott Livingston is our Parade Coordinator.

Safety - No bare feet!!! No climbing of trees or buildings except the Tower, maybe. Know where First Aid is located.

Weapons - Weapons must be fully sheathed and tied into the sheath. Weapons may not be drawn. All stage combat (with or without weapons) must be approved by the Entertainment Director before being performed before an audience.

HAVE A GOOD SHOW! GARY, SANDY & THOM

Reminder: Pace yourself, drink lots of water and above all, have fun!!



New News?

Do you have anything of interest to our Renaissance family? We all want to know more about each other, so feel free to boast about any accomplishments that you have. Please call Connie at the office, M-F, 445-7361 or leave a message for me with any one of the office staff.