

Privy Councilor

Weekend 2, August 24 & 25, 1996



Unleash the Magic of the Middle East



Behold the exotic culture of the orient as the second weekend of the 1996 Minnesota Renaissance offers a variety of the Mid-Eastern spirit. Arabian musicians, dancers and merchants are just a few of the special highlights for Mid-East Mirage.

A majestic Arabian Horse exhibition will take place at 10:30 and 3:30 daily at the Newmarket Race Track. Partake in village belly dancing lessons at the Bear and Ovenhill Meadow, and then after mastering the craft compete in the Belly Dance Contest at the Pavilion at 4:30.

Special guests Cassandra Shore and folkloric dancers from Jawaahir Dance Company are entertaining at the Pavilion five times daily. The talented band, Layalli Sharique, will accompany all shows. Move to the beat of Suliman's Circus as they perform at the Robin Hood/Gypsy Stage and Pavilion. Don't miss the Post-Parade Show at King's Arbor featuring the Guild of Oriental Dancers. The orient makes a stop at the Renaissance Festival, so don't miss the action.

Newmarket Race Track Arabian Horse Exhibition 10:30 and 3:30

The Pavilion

- 10:30 Suliman's Circus, Belly Dancing
- 11:30 Jawaahir
- 12:30 Cassandra
- 1:30 Jawaahir
- 2:30 Cassandra
- 3:30 Jawaahir
- 4:30 Village Belly Dance Contest

The Bear

- 11:00 Belly Dance Lessons
- 2:00 Belly Dance Lessons
- 3:00 Belly Dance Lessons

Ovenhill Meadow

- 12:00 Belly Dance Lessons
- 1:00 Belly Dance Lessons

King's Arbor Stage

- 2:00 Post-Parade Presentation, featuring the Guild of Oriental Dancers

We broke our record! Saturday, Aug 17,
was the highest attendance ever for opening day! 16,521! Huzzah!!

Image Courtesy Of

Faire Folk®

www.faire-folk.com

MID-AMERICA OFFICE

1244 S. Canterbury Rd, Suite 306
Shakopee, MN 55379

Office Phone	445-7361
Office Fax	445-7380
Shop Phone	445-3120
	496-9232
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

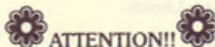
We hope that serious emergencies don't arise, but if they do, we all need to know what to do. Here are some guidelines to cover situations that arise:

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

Chaska Community Center

Effective through October 31, all Renaissance employees and participants may present a validated photo ID and 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 center. Call [redacted] for information and times.

*Gifts Of
Folk
www.faire-folk.com*

F.Y.I. : FUTURE FESTIVAL DATES

	1997	1998	1999
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



Owners of Craft and Food Booths

The U.S. Department of Treasury, Civil Rights Division has made it mandatory that owners of all structures comply with ADA standards by September 2, 1996. You should have received a yellow sheet by mail. The standards were also reprinted in last week's Privy Councilor.

INSPECTIONS WILL BE DONE TO ASSURE OUR SITE COMPLIES.

If you have questions, contact Norma (Independent Food Vendors) or Lois (Crafters).

Hear, Ye, Hear Ye, all crafters of the realm!

Once again King Henry, Queen Katherine and their Royal Court will be traveling about the realm, visiting shops periodically throughout the day. We try to visit as many shops as possible, but we would like to make sure that we visit all the shops that want us to stop by. So, we would like to hear from you.

If you would like us to make an "official" visit to your shop, please contact Leslie O'Bryan at 626-8372 during the week. Or, you may approach any of our members out on site. We would be happy to make a "Royal Visit" to your shop. Thank you!

MRF Electric Rules

Don't forget, all participants must have completed the electric application and paid the \$75 fee. This allows you to hookup and use electricity while you are at the festival. We have a lot of electrical users on the weekends. When you are not using the light or tool, turn it off so there is enough power for all.

Costume Shoppe Hours

Monday and Wednesday

7 am - 3:30 pm

Friday

7 am - 6 pm

Weekends

7 am - 3:30 pm



www.faire-folk.com

Entertainment Notes

The first weekend was *absolutely fabulous!*
Let's keep it up!

Audience and patron interaction is what makes this Festival the best in the nation. Let's visit with the patrons and not one another. I don't want to see groups of more than 3 people at a time, please.

We have lost an entertainer because of purchasing liquor for a minor. Let's have fun, but not at the expense of breaking the law.

Reminders:

- * PACE yourself - (remember the heat)
- * Drink lots of water, says Sandy Watters.
- * The entertainment tent/break area is outside B gate.



Keep your photo IDs 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.

Enjoy the Feast! Special Price!

For those of you who always wanted to go to the Feast, there are still seats available on Sunday, September 1 or, better yet, on Monday, September 2 at the 11:00 and 3:00 feasts. The cost for participants is a *measly* \$55, so stop in at the feast check-in, in front of Bad Manor and talk to Michelle about booking a seat.

Don't forget your Food Coupon books!

Purchase a book for \$5.00 and get coupons worth \$6.00 of food and delights.



CKC News

Thank you, thank you for the GREAT effort that was put out this first weekend! I appreciate the team spirit that was put across.

A few notes to remember in the following weekends:

Keep in costume and language of the times. This includes keeping your hair back. If you remember where you are supposed to be, it will make your efforts easier. Remove all modern jewelry as well.

And, again, thank you for your great work!

Faire Folk®

www.faire-folk.com

Craft Silent 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.

Silly Questions

These are some of the questions we receive from callers at the front desk. Answers to these are welcome!

Do you have fireworks?

Is your event air-conditioned?

Are you in a dome?

Is it 24 hours a day?

Do you have toilets?

Can you give me directions from New York?

Would you be interested in offering helicopter rides?

Report from Sales

25 buses were in for the opening weekend. G.E. Medical System came in with 5 buses for a corporate party.

The Thermogas people also gave great reports from their corporate party.

Feast sales were hot! Saturday was sold out for the whole day!

Prepay dollars coming in are at approximately 32% of last year's total bus income.

Weddings:

August 24 - Michelle Stephan/Sean Hewitt at 11 am, with approximately 150 people. They will be in the parade.

August 24 - Jenna Worrall/Jeb Buss at 2 pm, with approximately 75 people.



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 watch/warden program must be established, consisting of 3 people in designated sections performing fire watch 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.
- Emergency 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].



Image Courtesy of

Faire Folk

www.faire-folk.com



Hall of Masters

What is the Hall of Masters?

It is a Gallery style exhibition, housed this year at Folkestone Hall. It is intended to show off and promote the quality work of the craftspeople here at the Festival. It is also a place where participants can go to see and critique the new works of their fellow artists.

The Hall staff are knowledgeable in many craft processes and consider it their mission to engage visitors and help them to gain a fuller understanding and appreciation of the work involved. We also direct patrons to specific craft shops to see more of the works they are interested in and to speak directly with the artists.

Please participate in the exhibit featuring your media. And, please come by to see the works of our colleagues every weekend.



Show & Tell Time

We'd love to let the rest of our world know about awards, grants, special commissions, anything which is newsworthy and fit to print. Send copies of press releases, newspaper or magazine articles, or your own copy. Bring it to Gate B, attention Lois, or send it with your monitor. And if you have human interest stories or anecdotes about events which occur on Festival days, we'd be delighted to receive them.



1996 Hall Exhibit Schedule

August 24 - 25: Jewelry; Plants, Perfume and Potpourri; Astrology.

August 31, Sept. 1 & 2: Metals; Sculpture; Caricatures & Portraits; Wood.

Sept. 7 - 8: Leather; Furniture; Apparel.

Sept. 14 - 15: Paintings, Prints & Wallhangings; Ornamental; Candles.

Sept. 21 - 22: Musical Instruments; Toys; Fiber.

Sept. 28 - 29: Masters, Artisans and Nominees to the Masters Program.

Tragedy Averted!

David Bryce, a host at the *Galerie*, was visiting at B Gate with his small dog, Megan. As he headed back toward the site, one of the hawks was positioned up high enough to see Megan and attacked her.

Thanks to Dave's quick thinking, Megan's life was saved. He whipped her around with the leash and managed to dislodge the hawk. A visiting veterinarian was able to assist in checking Megan out and she is now just fine.

This article is to celebrate quick thinking and a precious life saved. But, as a warning. No matter how secure you think those hawks might be, it is in their nature to hunt small animals. Please keep all pets out of this area.



Faire Folk®
www.faire-folk.com



Fire Extinguishers

All booths are required to have a 10 lb fire extinguisher. If you still need one, Safety Service sells them for \$55.

Metropolitan Fire will be on site this weekend, August 24 and 25 from 7 am until noon. They will have an approved fire extinguisher for sale for \$55. They will be located at Gate C.

Welcome back to the Festival!

A few points to remember are:

1. Safety Services are in red and yellow costumes and carry flagpoles during the day. If you have any security or medical concerns, find one to help you.
2. Much like years in the past, Safety Services asks that you keep your pass on you at all times, even at night. This is for both your own protection and for the protection of the Festival site.
3. At night, there is always a member of Safety Services in First Aid. There are radios that can contact First Aid at the Blue Lion and at the Campground Director's office.

Lastly, though we do not have a Veterinarian on our staff, we would like David Bryce of the Museum to know that we have an uncanny ability to treat canines of all sizes and of various injuries.

Thanks! And have a safe and fun year!

Safety Services

1996 Craft Participant Pet Policy

1. One (and no more) pet on Festival premises (this includes campground) only if approved. A Photo I.D. must be attached to the animal's collar and worn at all times on Festival premises. A \$5.00 permit fee will be charged.
2. Craft shop licensee assumes responsibility for any animal permit issued to his/her shop.
3. Animal must be under physical control of the owner at all times, in cage or on leash.
4. Owner must maintain animal with current vaccination for rabies and distemper.
5. Mid-America Festivals reserves the right to exclude certain types of animals.
6. Unauthorized animals will be turned over to Scott County Animal Control.
7. Mid-America Festivals/Castle Kitchens and its employees are not responsible for any actions or negligence of the animal and its owner.
8. Any single violation of this policy will provide grounds for immediate removal of the animal from Festival premises, including campground and parking lot.

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 day.

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

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Let it be known to all citizens of the realm that
William DeLacy, the King's Champion,
shall host the 5th annual

**Lord High Sheriff
Tourneyment of the Sword**

The Lord High Sheriff invites all citizens of the realm, whether noble or peasant, to participate in the Labor Day Weekend tourneyment. Patrons are strictly forbidden to enter the competition. All those who deem themselves brave, man or woman, shall seek out the Fencing Ring and proclaim themselves worthy of information for entry. A bounty shall be presented to the top three competitors of the Knights event. 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 on Saturday, August 31st and the Knights event on Sunday September 1st.

In an endeavor 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.

For information at the Fencing Ring, ask for Missy or Cliff.

Prized for the Knight's event have been donated by:

Omega Swords - Dagger: First Place
The Gnome Wizard - Mug: Second Place

Stop by their booths and see their marvelous work!



www.faire-folk.com