



Privy Councilor

Weekend 3, August 31, September 1 & 2, 1996



Towering Achievements at the Festival



This year, one of the Festival's new highlighted events offers patrons and participants a chance to literally "Hang around the Castle." Scale the Dragon's Tower, a 40 foot rock-climbing event located on the face of the Castle Tower in the Children's Realm. It has challenged and delighted children and adults of all ages ever since it opened two weeks ago.

Footprints Adventure Company has constructed three climbing stations for patrons to climb for free and currently provides professional staff on belay to anchor and support climbers as they scale the tower. The footholds on the castle have been formed and specifically designed for the Renaissance Festival by Zealot Climbing Holds in order to maintain a 16-century theme as well as provide different levels of climbing challenges.

An average of 400 people climb the wall each Festival day. To date, over 2,000 patrons have harnessed up and ascended to new heights. Two Challenge Stations will be added to the structure. Patrons can tackle a more intense and difficult path up the tower wall for a nominal fee of \$2.00 and compete for prizes, including Festival merchandise. Climbers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate, so talk it up with your patrons. Come down to the Children's Realm and Scale the Dragon's Tower, yourself. It's a lot of fun, it's challenging and it's free!

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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

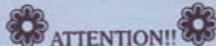
We hope that serious emergencies don't arise, but if they do, we all need to know what to do. Here are some guidelines to cover situations that arise:

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.



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 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 sunbathing and discover what is offered at the facility. Call [redacted] for information and times.

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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



THE GALERIE

Seen any cute dolls lately?

If not, you can remedy the situation by stopping to see the Doll Collection in The Galerie near the Big Bear. This is the second year they've been on display there in Renaissance houses designed especially for them by Brian Kemkes, Festival designer.

David Bryce, who so ably served as curator of The Museum (before the space in Folkestone became The Hall of Masters) has expanded his horizons to include hosting the Doll Collection and a display of pieces from the Renaissance Collection, as well as the Armor Collection now presented in The Galerie.

Since the entire Renaissance Collection is too large to display in its entirety, David selects the pieces to be shown and sets them up in attractive displays. He is extremely knowledgeable about the artists and their works of art.

The Armor Collection is the smallest of the three Collections in The Galerie, but be sure to see it. We can find room for additions if anyone has pieces to loan!

PARTICIPANT NEEDS FOR A SAFER & HEALTHIER FESTIVAL

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

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE FESTIVAL !!!

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 Council.

**INSPECTIONS WILL BE DONE TO
ASSURE OUR SITE COMPLIES.**

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

Costume Shoppe Hours

Monday and Wednesday

7 am - 3:30 pm

Friday

7 am - 6 pm

Weekends

7 am - 3:30 pm



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Entertainment News

It's here, already -- Labor Day Weekend! The key phrase this weekend is to "pace yourself." The people who are here at 5 pm on Monday deserve the same show as those who show up at 9 am on Saturday. Also, remember to keep drinking water and just generally taking care of yourself. Let's try to keep ourselves spread out ... Look for those "problem" areas ... the ones that are lacking in activity "entertainment wise."

And finally, everyone make sure to thank **Dane** for licking the KARE-11 news camera.

Don't forget your Food Coupon books!
Purchase a book for \$5.00 and get coupons worth \$6.00 of food and delights.



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.

Flash! Funky Formal News!

Billy Holiday sings R&B!

Featuring the live sounds of "The Solid Senders," the Formal runs from 9 pm to 12 midnight on Saturday, Sept. 14.

A Star-Studded Event! Special Celebrities!
More to come! Guys, dig out our spats! Dolls, ooze into slinkies and hats!



Group Sales News Labor Day Weekend

The Group from the Masonic Singles Group will be enjoying a celebration of the 16th Century package while spending a day at the Festival. They will be writing an article about the Festival in their monthly newspaper, which will go out to 20,000 Shriners.

From The Hall of Masters

Many thanks to all of our weekend #2 exhibitors in Jewelry; Plants, perfumes & Potpourri. We accepted many compliments on your behalf. This weekend we are exhibiting Metals, Sculptures, Caricatures & Portraits; and Wood. Next weekend we will be showing leather; Furniture & Apparel.

Since it may be difficult for you to come around during the day, please note that the Hall is open at 8 o'clock on days for participant viewing.

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Craft Silent Auction

Although it is termed a silent auction, the Special Events Pavillion will be anything but silent on Saturday, September 14th, the date of this year's benefit event. It will be held on the weekend set aside to honor the arts at the Festival.

Donated pieces will be offered for auction to Festival patrons and participants. Not only will you have a chance to bid on a wonderful work of art, but the proceeds go to very worthy causes. CERF has again been chosen as a beneficiary. In brief, CERF (Craft Emergency Relief Fund) is a national non-profit organization which provides rapid financial and in-kind support to craftspeople suffering career-threatening emergencies such as fire, theft, illness and natural disaster. The second beneficiary is THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ART. Located in the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul, the Museum is known for its presentation of regional and national craft artists. Its exhibitions, interpretive and school programs are enriched by donations provided by events such as the Festival's Silent Craft Auction.

The Pavillion will open for auction action at 10:00 a.m. on September 14th and written bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. The highest bidder may collect and pay for the item at the Pavillion shortly thereafter.

Many donations have already been received. If you wish to donate an item, please fill out a Silent Craft Auction entry form, available from your monitor. Information on donations received by Tuesday, September 3rd, will be included in the official printed program. You may drop off items at B-Gate, give them to your monitor, or deliver them to the MAF office at Canterbury Inn on Sept. 3rd. All items should be packaged carefully to avoid damage. Although they can no longer be listed in the program, donations will be accepted at the Pavillion until 9:00 a.m. the day of the Auction. The items will be placed for sale and properly identified.

Any contribution is welcome, but a minimum value of \$30.00 would be appreciated. Individual minimum opening bids are set according to the value of the item.

If you have questions, please contact Lois Hendries at Gate B, or Diana Buckmann or Lois at the Festival office, 445-7361.

Feast of Fantasy

The Feast of Fantasy is going well. The food and entertainment have been a great hit and certainly no one is complaining about the unlimited beer and wine. Keep in mind that we still have openings Labor Day Monday. The participant fee is only \$55.

The Renaissance Smoker is cancelled for August 31 and September 1 at 4:45 pm. Anyone who had booked for either of these Smokers are invited to attend the 11 am Feast of Fantasy on September 2, at the same price of the Smoker and will still be offered two premium cigars.

A Job Well Done Area 500

A big THANK YOU to the crew that worked on Area 500! If you haven't gotten over to see the great job accomplished to the new 500 area food line, please do! This is a vast improvement over what it had been!

Great going! And, again, THANKS to the crew that made it happen with the speed and skill in which this major project was done!

Garbage Ground Rules

1. No glass in bags or on site.
2. Crafters, Food Independents and Actors are responsible for their own trash removal to dumpsters.
3. No garbage is to be set out on site for someone else to pick up.
4. No wood in dumpsters.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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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.



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!

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.

World Champions

Hats off to the **Dew Drop Jugglers** for bringing home the Gold medal and World Champion title at the International Jugglers Association. At the competition, the Dew Drop Jugglers also broke the passing world record, passing 12 clubs.

Being Champions isn't anything new for this group. In 1992, they won the Bronze Medal at the International Juggling Association. Mid-America Festivals gives this group a round of applause for a job well done. This is the group's 8th year performing Main Stage at the Renaissance Festival. **Jeff Kasper, Jason Lemay, and Mick Lunzer** are always World Champions in our Minds! Congratulations!!

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The Ten Most Asked Campground Questions

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1. Why didn't I get to set up in the campground?

The usual reason is that you didn't get a campground application in on time. We are extremely limited as to space, and we are under numerical limits, also. We are allowed 190 tents, 60 trailers and RVs and 20 "vans." So, if you waited until the end of July to put in an application, you waited way too long.

2. Are you out to get "Rennies"?

No. We are, however, trying to promote more responsible and professional behavior. This is not "Happy Hippy Rainbow land," and people cannot expect to drop out of the sky and be accommodated any more.

As I said before, we are under limitations and this place has to be planned out to the tent and trailer. I don't see how spending 5 minutes filling out a piece of paper and 32 cents on a stamp is going to interfere with anyone's search for truth, beauty and enlightenment.

3. Where can I park my car?

If you live in the campground seven days a week, you may park your car in the campground on weekends. If you do not live in the campground seven days a week, you must park your car in the lot across the road at the top of the hill on weekends.

The reason for this should be obvious, if you look at the numbers. 190 tents plus 60 trailers yields a potential 250 cars! There is no way that we could find room for them all (some of you long-timers might remember how it was).

You may park in the campground for one hour to load or unload, then you move your vehicle. Or I will!

4. I met this really bitchin' babe/cute guy on site today. Can I bring them down to the campground with me?

No! You must have a valid MRF pass (photo or generic) to be in the campground. A paper pass will get you into the campground, but you cannot register with one. If you bring people without passes into the campground, they will be asked to leave. You may asked to leave, also.

5. Why can't I put my tent/trailer/camping unit there?

The Minnesota Department of Health requires that we maintain adequate walkways and spacing between units. There are also concerns about keeping tents and vehicles separate. It is our contention that vehicle-tent interaction can only yield a negative result. In other words, we don't want anyone getting mashed to a bloody pulp in their tent, OK?

6. Are you the leader of the local branch of the Illuminati?

To be square and on the level, no.

7. What are all those funny-looking plants that look like Christmas trees and have odd-numbered, spatulate clusters of leaves?

That is the dread killer weed, marijuana, one puff of which will turn you into a pale, hollow-eyed junkie or will give you a headache. The fact is that the area was a hemp farm in the 40s. What you see makes very good rope, paper, fabric, livestock feed, etc. but it is not worth harvesting for any other use. And it won't matter to the police that it has a THC content of .0000001. Two of those plants are easily dealing weight and 10 years is a long time to sit in the can for a bunch of rope!

8. Do we have to go to bed at 10:30 pm?

Yes, and bed-check is at 10:45! No, seriously, you don't have to go to bed, but you have to remember that someone may be trying to sleep ten feet away from you. So turn the stereos off and keep your voices down. The occasional outburst of drunken laughter or orgasmic outcry is to be expected, but other than that, it should be quiet.

And, while it is true that Quiet Time ends at 6 am, please have some consideration for the people who are still asleep.

9. What happens to the quarters we put into the showers?

There are no sewer lines at this site. So all the water that you use in the showers has to be hauled out in a great big truck. The quarters from the shower go to pay for the truck.

10. Why did I get kicked out?

You usually have to do something pretty bad to get booted out. Being underage and drunk will do it. Theft of considerable sums of money or valuable objects will do it. Getting fired from your job will do it. And being a pain in the ass will do it. Often at night will also get you gone. The point is that if everyone tries to treat the place with respect and consideration, there will be no problems. And if you're not willing to treat people with respect and consideration, then leave, 'cause no one wants you here, anyway.

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In Your Wildest Fantasies

Two Festival artists were featured side by side in the magazine Collector's Mart. The article, by Ken Arnold, appears on page 87 of the October issue.

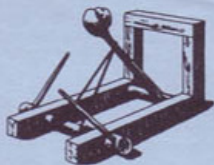
Featured are Allyson Nagel, A. N. Original, Shop #829, and Randal Spangler, Flights of Imagination, Shop #219.

Allyson's Santa Wizard of the Blizzard Wizards was released this year by Roman, Inc., of Roselle IL. Her "Black Cats Aren't Bad Luck" figurine was also featured with color photos of both sculptures. Allyson is a Master and is represented in the Renaissance Collection.

Randal Spangler's limited edition print "Firefly Fantasy" appeared in color. Randal is an Artisan at the Festival, concentrating on ink drawings with watercolor and colored pencils.

The complete title of the article explains it all: **IN YOUR WILDEST FANTASIES...take a step into the unknown with these collectibles from the outer reaches of imagination.**

Stop by to congratulate Allyson and Randal. They probably have a copy on hand to show you!



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.

Special Events



August 31 -
September 2
Royale Ale
Festival



September 7 - 8
A Highland Fling



September 14 - 15
A Romantic Arts Affair



September 21 - 22
Coffee, Teas & Melodies



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