

2000 Spring Newsletter

A 30th anniversary is an outstanding way to kick off the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Mid-America Festivals considers it an honor and a privilege to have been a Minnesota attraction for so long. After 30 years of offering unique crafts, mouthwatering foods, incredible entertainment, a variety of special events and unique games and rides, we feel we are considered a Minnesota tradition.

The challenge we are faced with each year is to hold onto those crowd favorites, while at the same time, drawing more patrons with new attractions. Joining the veteran participants and staff, are some fresh new faces, who I am convinced will bring a new perspective to our already wonderful event.

In addition to putting the finishing touches on the Children's Realm and surrounding area, we are looking at some new entertainment and games to add to the Festival.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Minnesota Renaissance Festival and I wish everyone a happy and healthy season.

My sincerest thanks,
Jim Peterson



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Who's Who at Mid-America Festivals

Jim Peterson...Owner

Bonnie Jacobson...General Manager

Administrative Staff

Crystal Davis...Receptionist
Loretta King...Receptionist

Accounting

Michael "Risk" Sanzone...Controller
Lois Davis...Accounts Payables
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Missy Borchardt...Payroll

Costume Shop

Amanda Gordon...Co-Director
Charlotte Copeland...Co-Director

Crafts

Lois Hendries...Craft Director

Entertainment

Alex Daye...Entertainment Director

Food

Tracy O'Brien...Food/Beverage Director
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Heather Richwalski...Personnel Director
Kathy Brenner...Asst Personnel Director
Dennis Erp...CKC Site Manger

Sales

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Site Crew

Jim Batzli...Site Manager
Jim Feyerson...Site Crew
Dave Henrich...Mechanic
Harvey Kittleson...Refridgeration Manager
Nancy Schultz...Grounds Manager
Marsha Kocur...Asst Grounds Manger

Marketing

Karen Walne...Marketing Director
Michelle Furrer...Marketing Manager
Allie Westphal...Marketing Coordinator
Becky Walne...Marketing Assistant
Shana Weiss...Marketing/Sales Intern
Angie Johnson...Marketing/Sales Intern



DID YOU KNOW...

First novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer
The world's youngest parents were 8 & 9 from China in 1910
The youngest pope was 11 years old
There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar
The characters Bert & Ernie on Sesame Street were named
After Bert the cop and Ernie the Taxi Driver in Frank
Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life"
There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball
A cat has 32 muscles in each ear
The average person falls asleep in seven minutes

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SPECIAL EVENTS AT FESTIVAL 2000

Feast of Fantasy

Experience the majesty of a seven-course gourmet meal with beverages and King Henry's favorite music, dance and hilarious performances. Take home two magical gifts and plenty of memories.

Saturdays at 11:00, 2:00, & 4:45 pm

Sundays at 11:00, & 3:00 pm

Labor Day at 11:00, & 3:00 pm

Fables at the Table

Join the characters of the village realm for an hour of storytelling, puppets, and a magical mini feast!

Daily at 12:00 pm

Royal High Tea

Rejoice with the Queen and her royal court featuring flavorful teas, and a light luncheon.

Daily at 4:00 pm

Renaissance Smoker

Let this amusing hour be the perfect end to a day at the Festival. Enjoy two premium cigars, beverages, and the boisterous entertainment of King Henry.

Daily at 6:00 pm

Questions? Please call our office 952-445-7361 or visit us on the web www.renaissancefest.com. Make your reservation as soon as possible, seats are limited.

Weekends of Wonder

August 12-13

Mid-East Mirage

Festivities include bellydancing lessons and competitions, and authentic Arabian horse shows.

August 19-20

Royal Ale Festival

Toast to the 30th anniversary of the Festival with a Homebrew beer. Experience the adventure of the Battle of the Bartenders.

August 26-27

A Highland Fling

Join the merriment with traditional Highland dancing, exciting Heavy Games and the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans.

September 2-3-4

Romance & Melodies

Renew your wedding vows in a 16th century setting. Enjoy the Wooing Contest, Wench Press, and a variety of music.

September 9-10

Irish Folklore

The luck of Irish begins by tasting fine Guinness products, enjoy traditional Irish dance and a village scavenger hunt.

September 16-17

Celebrate the Season

Indulge in the season's finest with food sampling, garlic seminars and demonstrations. Don't miss the return of Peasant Olympics.

September 23-24

Wine Gala

Inglebrook presents the free wine tasting event daily. Applaud the hilarity of the grape stomping event, the grape toss of the Charity Wine Auction.



Wine Course

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DON'T BE AFRAID DO A PARADE!!!

Are you looking for something to do this summer? Do you have the Festival Bug and can't wait to get back into character or costume? Do you need extra complimentary tickets for friends and family? Could you use some food books?

If you said yes to any of these questions then we want you! The Marketing department is always doing parades, promotions, movie openings, and other events where they need costumed participants. Plus you will be rewarded for your time in the form of comp tickets or food books.

Each parade is worth 2 points. Other events are worth 3 points per 2 hours, unless otherwise noted. Each point is worth 1 comp ticket. If you would like food books, you need at least 6 points to start converting points. For example: Jane has 10 points, she can get 6 comps and 4 food books or any combination. John has 5 points; he will only get 5 comp tickets. Please call if this confuses you in any way.

If you are available to attend any of these events, please call Betsy Walne at 445-7361 and I will be happy to get you more information. The parades and promotions we have scheduled are listed. More events will be added in weeks to come. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you soon!

- June 3-Saturday, St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, St. Paul
- June 4-Sunday, Grand Old Day Parade, St. Paul, 10:30 am
- June 8-Thursday, Spring Lake Park Days Parade, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm
- June 10 & 11- Sat. & Sun., Art on the Lake, Excelsior
- June 10- Saturday, Great Grove Get Together Parade, Cottage Grove, 10:30 am
- June 17 & 18-Sat. & Sun., Stone Arch Art Festival, St. Paul, 2:00-6:00 pm
- June 24-Saturday, MN Masonic Home 80th Anniversary Celebration Parade, Bloomington, 12:00 pm
- July 4-Tuesday, Richfield 4th of July parade, Richfield, 1:00 pm
- July 6-Thursday, Pierre Bottineau Parade, Maple Grove, 6:45 pm
- July 8-Saturday, North Mankato Fun Days Parade, N. Mankato, 4:30 pm
- July 15-Saturday, Anoka Riverfest & Art Fair, Anoka
- July 16-Sunday, Hopkins Raspberry Festival Parade, Hopkins
- July 19-Wednesday, Aquatennial Torchlight Parade, Minneapolis, 8:30 pm
- July 29-Saturday, Slice of Shoreview Parade, Shoreview, 11:00 am
- August 5-Saturday, Shakopee Derby Days Parade, Shakopee, 10:00 am



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• Parades are in Bold

FORGOTTEN ENGLISH

Are you (or do you know someone who is) as:

CHOW'D MOUSE—a worn-out person, one whose appearance in the morning shows that he has spent the night riotously.

DORBEL—a dull-witted pedant, a foolish pretender to learning, from Nicholas Dorbellus, a 15th Century professor of scholastic philosophy and follower of Dun Scotus, whose name gave us dunce.

FRIBBLER—a trifter; one who professes rapture for a woman yet dreads her consent.

PALLIARD—a vagabond who slept on the straw in barns. From French paille, straw. Hence a dissolute rascal, a lecher, a debauchee.

Rules for Participants Pets

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival has been receiving close scrutiny by the Minnesota Department of Health and Scott County officials regarding pets on site. Although many of us have pets we love and want to keep with us as much as possible, we have seen the need for much stricter animal controls at all times.

If you have a pet you usually bring to the Festival, we strongly encourage you to make other arrangements. The same rules and regulations enforced last year will continue. All participant's pets must have a Photo ID. They must be physically restrained and out of sight during show hours. They must also be kept under control during non-show days and hours to avoid ~~causing~~ ^{causing} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~run~~ ^{run} ~~into~~ ^{into} ~~gardens~~ ^{gardens} and turf caused by free-roaming pets.

Contact the staff member responsible for your area of participation to ask about an application and keep in mind that your pet may be more comfortable at home!

ADA Compliance

The American Disabilities Act applies to all structures on our Festival grounds. The U.S. Department of Justice is free to inspect the Festival grounds at any time, and we must be sure that any improvements or changes meet ADA specifications.

The ADA exhibit is part of all Craft License Agreement, and craftspeople are expected to be familiar with the requirements. Your help in providing, a unique and wonderful experience to all our patrons is greatly appreciated.

A Hale & Hearty Thank You

Mark Doran, Wood Willow & What Knots Craft Shop #606-607, called from his Lakeland FL home recently to ask that a note about his progress to be included in the Festival Spring News Letter. We are more than happy to oblige.

Mark underwent cancer surgery toward the end of the Festival last year, and would like everyone to know how important the card and notes he received from all his "Minnesota" friends were to his recovery. He thanks you most sincerely for all your prayers and encouragement. His latest test results were all negative, and Mark reports that he is growing hair again, gaining weight, exercising, smiling a lot—getting ready to come to Minnesota in July. Good News!

IN MEMORY

Jay Carr, who participated in the Festival from 1993-1999, lost his life in a motorcycle accident in Scottsdale AZ last winter. Jay sold his shop at the Festival last fall and had recently moved his base of operations from Minnesota to Arizona. We'll miss Jay and his wonderful metal sculptures.



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PEASANTS WANTED!

Huzzah! Castle Kitchens' search for enthusiastic, ambitious peasants to serve the King's morsels has begun. CKC offers positions for booth workers, booth supervisors, servers, wine stewards, and many others. Plus, we've got several exciting monetary bonuses as well as other perks to employment. Applicants must be at least 14 years old by August 12, 2000. For more information, call Heather or Kathy at (952) 496-9232.

UMMMMMM... NEW STUFF!

TUNA PITA*CHEESE ROLLS*CHOCOLATE

ECLAIRS*KNAVE SANDWICH*SQUIRE DOG*CHEESE
BRETON BREAKFAST PIZZA*FRESH FRUIT-
PINNAPPLE MELANGE-CHICKEN CAESAR-VEGGIE-
CHICKEN SALAD PITAS*CHICKEN PRIMAVERA*MINI
MONTEREY BURRITOS*PICO POTATOES*MINI MOZZA
RELLA STICKS*SWEET POTATO FRIES*BLUEBERRY
TURNOVERS*RIBS*PORTABELLA MUSROOM
HATS*PBJ&PUDDING*JALAPENO POPPERS*BBQ
PORK SANDWICH*PORTABELLA MUSHROOM
BURGER*FRESH FRUIT-PINNAPPLE MELANGE-TUNA
SALAD CROISSANTS*BREAKFAST BURRITOS*PIZZA
POPPERS*WILD BERRY CHOCOLATE
SHORTCAKE*MINI CREAM PUFFS*CARROT
CAKE*CHOCOLATE ÉCLAIR*ITALIAN-VEGGIE-
CHICKEN CAESAR WRAPS*FRENCH TOAST
STICKS*EGG ROLL ON A STICK*NACHOS
GRACIOSO*FRIED RAVIOLI*RACHEL
SANDWICH*ROAST BEEF SANDWICH*CHESSE
BREAD*DINO NUGGETS*ALPHA TOTS*PBJ
SANDWICH*CHAI TEA

Cherry Cheesecake

Cooking spray

1/4 c. Graham cracker crumbs

2 Tbl sugar

2 Tbl reduced-calorie stick
margarine

2/3 c. sugar

1/3 c. all-purpose flour

1 Tbl cornstarch

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 (8oz) block reduced fat
cream cheese

1 (8oz) tub fat-free cream
cheese

2 lg eggs

1/2 c. fat-free milk

1/3 c. fat-free sour cream

3 lg egg white

1/4 c. sugar

1 (20oz) can light cherry
pie filling

Yield: 12 servings

1. Preheat Oven to 300

2. Coat a 9 inch spring form
pan with cooking spray.

Combine crumbs, 2 tbs sugar,
and margarine. Firmly press
crumb mixture into bottom and
2 inches up sides of pan.

3. Combine 2/3 c. sugar, flour,
and next 5 ingredients (flour,
through eggs) in a large bowl;
beat at high speed with a mixer
until smooth. Add milk and
sour cream to cheese mixture;
beat until smooth.

4. Beat egg whites (at room
temp) at high speed until soft
peaks form. Using clean
beaters, gradually add 1/4 c.
sugar, 1 tbl at a time. Gently
fold egg white mixture into
cheese mixture.

5. Pour into prepared pan.
Bake at 300 for 55 minutes
or until set. Remove from
oven; cover and chill 8 hours.
Top with pie filling.



Put the FUN in FUNdraising

Do you know of any nonprofit organizations looking for quick, easy, fund-raisers?

As in past years, Castle Kitchen is looking for churches, schools, clubs, and other civic groups to assist in the operation of the Festival food and beverage booths. Groups can participate for the whole run of the show, or they can choose to work for only a few days. Those that can commit members to work each day of the festival adopt a booth and then staff it for the duration of the show. The group is paid a percentage of the booth's products at the end of the show. The groups that work for just a few days where our staffing needs are paid (pre-tax) an hourly rate. Our personnel department will be happy to accommodate your group's schedule or make special arrangements for your situation. Call Heather or Kathy at (952)496-9232 for more information.

Hitch a Ride!

Castle Kitchens is excited to announce a new program that will match up participants interested in carpooling with each other. CKC applicants were asked to indicate on their application if they were interested in carpooling. Other Festival participants who would like to be involved should call Heather or Kathy at [redacted]



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News From the Costume Shop

Greetings and salutations all! Another season of splendor in the costume shop is upon us. And we have all new management and mostly new staff, except for those who aren't so new, but we love them anyway (you know who you are). So here's the Cliff's Notes™ run down. First of all, this year, there are not one, but two (count 'em two!) Costume Directors. We prefer to be called the "Co-Costume Directors". We are egalitarian tyrants. Anyway, here's the cast list for this year:

Co-Costume Directors: Amanda Gordon & Charlotte Copeland

Staff: The Becky "formerly known as Dux" Bendzick

Sarah Brown

Wendi "soon to be formerly known as" Einberger

Tanya Lewison

Jessica Lovelace

Amy McClure (you may remember her from other costume shop seasons such as last year)

Melissa Olson

As always, we have patterns available in the shop for all to copy, as well as directions for the assembly of said costume pieces. We have updated copies of the Costume Guidelines, Resource, Costumer and Website lists, which you are welcome to pick up here in the shop or we will mail them to you at your request. We are here to assist you with any questions you may have for free, and for a minor fee, we will sell you pouches, boning, boning casing, grommets and our affections.

The Costume Shop phone numbers are: 952-445-2753 ext 102 (site) or you can leave a voice mail message at 952-445-7361 ext 221.

Costume Shop hours for 2000 are Mondays and Fridays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesdays through Thursdays 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Amanda & Charlotte



Looking ahead...

For those of you who like to plan your year in advance, Mid-America Festivals has announced the dates of the 2000 Trail of Terror.

Mark your calendars now!

Thursday, Oct 12 - Saturday, Oct 14

Thursday, Oct 19 - Saturday, Oct 22

Thursday, Oct 26 - Tuesday, Oct 31

Entertainment News

This year we have a new entertainment director, Alex Daye. He comes to us direct from Florida. He will be coordinating the Michigan show also. Some important days are...

Friday June 2nd Open House@ 5:30- 9PM(?) Park Inn& Suites

Triple Crown Room. This is an informal meet and greet session Saturday June 3rd Office Hours @9am- 6pm. Alex will be in MAF office, Park Inn & Suites, 1244 Canterbury Rd., Suite 306, Shakopee, MN (952) 445-7361



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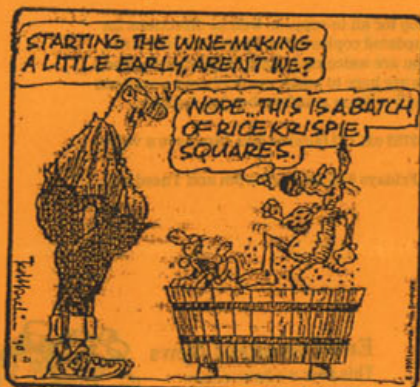
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Fire Extinguisher Requirements

As in previous years, each festival booth will be required to have a fully charged, 10 lb fire extinguisher with a minimum U.L. rating of 4A 60BC. Confused? Don't be. Any fire extinguisher you look at will have a rating displayed on the label. Still confused? The Renaissance Festival will have some approved fire extinguishers for sale (date and time to be determined). Conway Fire Extinguisher Company will set up outside Gate C. The price is \$55.

We understand that keeping a fully charged fire extinguisher in your shop is an extra expense, but it is important for your safety, for the protection of your property, and for compliance with government rules and regulations regarding the operation of a Festival.



HOW DO I GET SPACE IN THE CAMPGROUND?

The only way to get space in the campground is by putting in an application before July 15th. This may be done by mail or fax. No phone, v-mail or e-mail. Be sure to include any special conditions or requests with the application.

WHO GETS TO STAY IN THE CAMPGROUND?

Only people with valid PHOTO or GENERIC IDs may stay in the campground. Patrons and people with paper passes may not. Camping is restricted to those living 30 miles or more (0.5, 1.2, 1.7) from the site. Note: Patrons who come into the campground are considered trespassers.

DO I NEED TO SEND MONEY WITH MY APPLICATION?

No. Fees may be paid upon arrival.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?

People will be notified by mail and a list will be provided to the office.

WHEN WILL I KNOW?

Applications are processed starting July 15th, and all applications are used by the 25th.

WHEN CAN I SETUP?

The campground opens August 1st. If people simply cannot wait, they must talk to me first. Absolutely **NO ONE** is to setup before I get there!

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Photo ID's

Those participants who are new, have lost their photo id, or have photo id's which expired in 1999, will need to attend one of the photo id sessions listed below or make an appointment through your Festival representative. All photo id request forms should be submitted no later than July 7th so we may enter your information before you arrive to take your photo, this should expedite the id process this year.

Those participants with current photo id's who just need them validated should send them in with their request forms.

2000 Photo ID Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Location	Participation
June 2	Friday	6:00pm- 9:00pm	MRF Office	Entertainment
July 20	Thursday	5:00pm- 8:00pm	MRF Office	Anyone
July 27	Thursday	5:00pm- 8:00pm	MRF Office	Anyone
August 3	Thursday	5:00pm- 8:00pm	MRF Office	Anyone
August 5	Saturday	9:00am- 2:00pm	First Aid	CKC
August 6	Sunday	9:00am- 5:00pm	First Aid	Anyone
August 9	Wednesday	9:00am- 5:00pm	MRF Office	Anyone
August 10	Thursday	9:00am- 5:00pm	MRF Office	Anyone
August 11	Friday	9:00am- 5:00pm	First Aid	Anyone

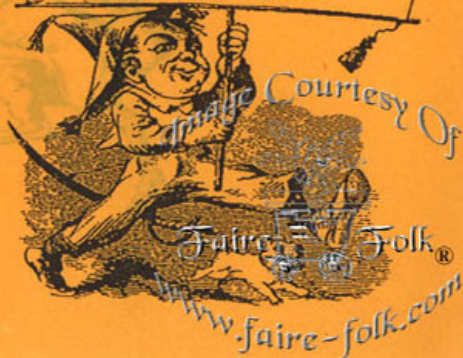


Remembering 1999...

- Remember when the patron wanted to bring a horse through the pet gate?
- Remember the record-breaking Labor Day?
- Remember the day it was a three hour wait for patrons to get out of the festival grounds?
- Remember the naked patron at Drum Jam?
- Remember the "Lake Puke" sign in the straw-infested puddle near Legend Stage?
- Remember the grown man who wept because he was splashed with pickle juice?
- Remember when the entertainers' paychecks were dropped into a puddle?

Important Dates for 2000

- Campground Opens... July 30
- Preview Party... July 9
- Press Party... August 6
- CKC orientation... August 5
- Festival Weekends... Aug 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Sept. 2-4, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24
- Campground closes... October 1



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Carriage Days... July 30
Faire Folk... August 1
Faire Folk... August 2
Faire Folk... August 3
Faire Folk... August 4
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