FESTIVAL

MID-AMERIC

## "Wine Gala"

#### To the Entertainers:

Thank You. This season has been one hell of a journey and me without my map or compass! It's fortunate you were all there to guide me. I couldn't have survived without you. Thank you for your advise, your support, your humor, your shoulder to cry on, hand to hold and smiles when I needed it the most. You deserve a lot of credit for believing in me as I fumbled my way through this season; you are extraordinary. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you. Have a great weekend and a fabulous year. I'll be in touch (Promise) LOVE,

Erin Kasper-Ass't to the Artistic Director /Sadistic Bitch (no really) Coordinator of the Higgledy-Piggledy Entertainment payroll will be distributed on Sunday afternoon as follows:

Stage & Musical Acts See Erin Kasper

> Groups & Stage Crews-See your Group Leader or Stage Manager

Individual Entertainers-See your morning check in person:

A-C Judy Matheis D-G D'Lis Schmidt H-K Laura Lochen L-M Mary Rohe

N-R Linda Sparling S-Z Juila Fuller

Pay checks can also be picked up in the Entertainment Office from 6-8 pm.

When you receive your check you will need to turn in your permanent ID. You will be given a

will be given a temporary ID for the remainder of the day.

Stage Managers: On Sunday you will need to turn in fire extinguishers, slats and first aid kits at the entertainment office in Bad Manor.

Any entertainers with Keys-See Erin Kasper!

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#### Entertainment Award

Award Nominations

Best New Act -The Bottomless Hat

DeCantus (music) King's Shilling (music) Axel the Sot (Scott Hendricks) Romeo & Juliet Comedy Show (Dean Laseter) Firewalking Show (Dean Laseter) Birds of the Gauntlet (Kitty Tolson-Carroll) Birds of Prey (Earthquest Environmental-Robby Sinkler) Minions of Mud (Anjila Kozel, Paul Pleasants) Washing Well Wenches (Karen Willey, Kathleen Perkins)

#### Rookie of the Year -The Cracked Cup

Mark Lazarchie David Nordrum Kevin Brylski Ryan Peterson Kirsten Stephens Dan Zabrowski

Best Entertainment
by a
Non-EntertainerEveryone's A Ham

Viren Brown (Elemental Clay) Katrina Zahradka (Chega Ironworks) Terry Tilley (Golden

Orchid)
Lisa LaBella (Catskill
Mountain Moccasins)
Matt Carlson (MacGaga

Games)

Amy Salloway

Davey White & Pandora (New Pterodactyl Leather) Allen Kloss (Pickles) Amy Kloss (Italian Ices)

> Most Improved Veteran- The Late Bloomer



#### Special Events:

Wine Tasting-@ the Pavilion 11:30, 12:30, & 4:30 pm

Charity Wine Auction-@ the Pavilion 2:30 pm Proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Wine Seminars-2 are scheduled @ the Pavilion 10:30 am "A Champagne Party for the Millennium" & 1:30 pm "Master of your own Cellar".

Participant Party TONIGHT Sat.
23rd 7:30 pm to Midnight.
Awards 8:00 pm @ the Pavilion,
Food & Drinks in 600, Slide
Show @ Bad Manor 9, 10, 11
pm, DJ & Dancing in the
Wedding Tent from 9-12 pm.
Everyone is Welcome!

Thank you to all the entertainers that participated in the 2000 Peasant Olympics-everyone did a great job! & remember-it's not too soon to start your training for next year!



Much Loved Aluminum
Ext. Ladder Missing in
Action Again!! If You
Borrowed It, Please
Return It-Whole
Neighborhood Misses It.
Return To Shop 344-345.
Next to Tree Top Stage.
Chris Kopacek

Thank You



View From The Hill
The musings of a
Campground Director

#### The End

Well, here it is the end of another season, and everyone has questions. "How do I check out? What do I do with my platform? What do I do with all this stuff I brought out? When do I get my refund check? How do I find a true spiritual path in a world filled with deception and illusion?"

Here are your answers:

Check out: All you need to do to check out is to clear your stuff out by 5:00 pm Friday, Sep. 29th. After that time, anything left in the campground is considered abandoned property. If, for some reason, you can't get your stuff out by then, please talk to me, and we'll see what we can arrange.

Platforms: Platforms that will not interfere with mowing may be left in place. Others will haved to be moved or removed. If you have questions, ask.

Stuff: The basic rule is If you brought it in here, take it back out! This includes furniture, appliances, carpeting, coolers, plywood, etc. Pallets may be stacked behind the shower building on the condition that they are considered fair game next season. Note: there is a forty yard (big) dumpster parked at the bottom of Mount Copious. I'm not going after anything put in that dumpster.

Refund Checks: Checks will be mailed the Mon. after the campground closes. If you cannot wait, you may pick-up your check directly from me. Note: we use the address you gave us on your campground application. If that address isn't correct, let us know soon.

Spiritual Path: The best way to determine if you are on a "true path" is to observe how well it applies to the everyday world. A true path will cause you to act in harmony with the universe, and with the people around you. In closing, I would like to thank a few people. Thanks to Jim Batzli, Dave Henrich, Tracy O'Brien, and Lori Dahlstrom. Thanks to Camp Shiney. The Infamous They, & Pagan Oaks. Thanks to Susan Bowler, Josh Langevin, and the rest of Safety Services. Thanks to my assistant len lackson and her fan club. Special thanks to my wife Viki. And thanks to all of you campers. Without your patience, understanding, and sense of humor, this place would not work.

Jac Martins

Master at Castamentation

Fuire Folk

#### Office Support Staff

Office support team member for Mid-America Festivals needed. Duties include answering phones, maintaining supplies and equipment, and assisting departments on projects with some computer skills. Weekday hours 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. or send resume to: Karen Walne

Mid-America Festivals 1244 S. Canterbury Road, Ste 306 Shakopee, MN 55379 FAX (952) 445-7380





Phantom's Feast is coming Oct. 20, 27, 31st @ 7 pm & Oct. 21, 28, 29th @ 5 & 8 pm.

#### Bill of Faire

- Spinach Phyllo Triangle
- Roasted Red Pepper & Tomato Basil Soup w/ Toasted Croutons
- Tequillaberry Salad
- Stuffed Pork chop with Twice Baked Potatoes & Roasted Vegetables
- **Dutch Apple Pie Ala Mode**

### Bad Checks

For those of you who have received bad checks, Scott County has an aggressive bad check policy.

Please contact Selina Rebers at the Scott County Attorney's Office @ (952) 496-8249



#### **GARDEN OF MERIT CRAFT SHOP #431** LOU FERRERI





This Carden of Merit award will be presented by the Mayor's Entourage at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Garden of the Year award will be presented at the Participant Party on Saturday night.

Pick-up time this Sunday is especially

important! Please pick up between 7:00

and 8:00 on Sunday p.m. If you should

miss pick-up, please contact Lois at the

Festival office on Monday to

arrange for pick-up. The office will be

closed on Friday, September 29th.

Many thanks for a wonderful season.

Lord Blaine and Lady Kate

Master and Mistress, Hall of Masters

#### SO LONG . . . FAREWELL

It hardly seems possible that the 2000 season is about to become a memory.

We've encountered heat and humidity, some small crowds, some extremely large ones, and through it all have been able to smile and cheer each other on. Our Festival family always comes through!

We've enjoyed getting to know those of you who are here for the first time. and it's always great to see the familiar faces of returning participants. Some of you who have been here for 20 to 30 years will be leaving, and it is with no small measure of regret that we bid you farewell.

To all of you -- Huzzah, thank you, and our wishes for a prosperous, safe and comfortable year.

Lois Hendries, Craft Administrator

Jodie Belknap, Lucinda Bjornoy, Trisha Melferine

Exhibit Schedule:

Sep. 23-24 "Wine Gala", Special Focus Masters and Artisans of the Masters Program.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE HALL OF MASTERS

Huzzahs to the displaying Crafters, Artisans and Masters, and especially the new Nominees to the Masters Program. Thanks to you, the Hall has been filled with fabulous treasures. Masters: Please remember to critique and vote! Come by the hall if you need critique forms or a list of the nominees. Since this weekend is reserved for Artisans and Masters, the work of some Artisans who have been nominated for Master status should be on display.

Janell Stevens Walls to the Ground Assistant

W.faire-folk.com

A Big Thank You to the Great American History Theater for a rehearsal space for this season!





#### CRAFT SHOPS FOR SALE

The following craft participants have indicated that their spaces will be available. If you are presently in the show and are interested in a particular location, please feel free to look at the space and talk to the owner. The Festival has made evaluations of many of the shops, and that

information can be obtained from Lois at Gate B. Remember that the Festival must approve the purchase in writing before any agreement is signed or any deposits are made.

#106	Neal Nve-Neal Nve Jewelry
#1232	Roger McNear-North Wind Leather
#124	Cheryl and James Smeja-Designs in Leather
#230-231	Brent Bonebrake-Sticks & Staffs by Flick-Stick
#332	Ray Mulvey-R. P. Featherstone
#343	John Larsen Bohemian-Beveled Glass
#427	Suzzanne Plaisance-Snapdragon
#605	Lori Foland-McNally Instruments
#638	K.Beery & K.MacDonald-Sherwood Calligraphy
#718	Judy Bittner-Spirit Wind Pottery
#827	Kathy Creger-Golden Orchid (Jewelry)



Don't Forget the Silent Auction for McMillen Children's Education Fund. The Auction runs till 12 noon on Sep. 23 (TODAY)! Come place your bid at Scotch Eggs.



Doing Trail of Terror? Want to scare as many people as possible! We're starting to

promote this year's Trail already. Show Dates are Oct. 12-14, 19-21, & 26-31st. Mid-America Office:

1244 Canterbury Rd. Suite # 306

Shakopee, MN 55379 Ph# (952) 445-7361

Fax (952) 445-7380

Shop (952) 496-9232

Site (952) 445-2753

Costume Shop ext. 102

B-Gate ext. 103

1st Aid/Safety Services ext. 101

Outer Gates-Fri, Sat, Sun locked @ 10:30 pm

Back Gate-7 am to 2 am Mon. with Guard on Duty

Inner Gate-A & B 7 am to 10:30 pm. C gate open 7 am to Midnight

Drive-In Gates-6:30 am to 8 am & 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Show Days

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> or context me The Consult Lady Laura Hagtes

100 Billion Thank You Very, Very, Very, Very Much's From the Marketing

Department

Thank you to all who did the numerous radio interviews, Mark Sieve, This is the state of the sta

Mary Rohe for being the Pre-Festival Promo Goddess.

- All of the Masters of Ceremonies for all Marketing Events: Steven Miller, Angalique Montal, Mark Lazarchic, David Nordrum, Chuck Nastrom, Scott Peterson, Brian Murphy, Dan Hasselius, and Eric Clark.
- · Site Crew: for coming to our rescue with hammers, extension cords, and other weird items.
- · Carr Hagerman & George Herman for their voices in the radio commercial.
- All performers that did any television spot, program, interview. Some early in the morning, and some late at night!
- Master of the Front Gate, Todd and his wonderful crew.
- Angelique Montag, Steven Miller, and everyone who helped with the Pavilion Staff.
- · Senzanome for keeping the Media so cheerful.
- · Heather & Kathy for lending us some of your hard workers.
- Everyone at Cast Call thank you for listening to Allie speak (even if you couldn't hear her) every
  morning at cast call.
- Craft booths: Frank Parker's Royal Armoury, & Angus Moss's Maker's Place for props in the Peasant Olympics.
- · Kelly and the Concessions Crew for all of our prizes.

If we forgot anyone on this list we are very sorry. So many people are involved in this huge process that we call the Renaissance Festival! Thank you to all!

Ask me a Question...

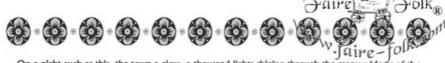
We love our patrons. Truly, we do. They come to our Festival, they watch our shows, they buy our crafts...and they are a constant source of amusement. Breaking up the long days in the office are the frequently asked, somewhat unusual, and highly extraordinary phone calls we receive throughout the week. Answering the phone this week, one staff member was bombarded by a woman who was trying to get to the Festival when her boyfriend took a wrong turn. They not only did not make it to the Festival,

but they had a horrible day, went to bed angry and wanted compensation because it was the Festival's fault they almost ruined their relationship! Earlier this week, I was asked when the Festival was getting to South Dakota and when I explained we were based in Minnesota and told her where our other shows are, she followed with, "Well, do you know where I can get a hot air balloon ride in Sioux Falls?" A fellow staffer was grilled last week on how long it took to see the zoo and whether or not there was a monorail and we often field calls asking if they can use tickets from last year because they were too busy to go in 1999. While we are always willing to help people get to the Festival, we did think directions from somewhere in Georgia was an unusual request. No, weekends and Labor Day does not include Fridays, and we typically do not give reimbursements if you get tree sap on your shorts. However, we would not be here without them, so when they call the office, we will answer!

Angie Johnson, you did a wonderful job and we will miss your organized (anal) perspatiation of Have a good year in school and buckle up – it's the land

Shana Weiss, thank you for being such a joy to work with and for agreeing to stay with us for Trail! Wowiff miss the Crush of the Day report!

Becky Walne, you returned this year and did well with all the extra responsibility. You kept the office in stitches with your hilarious sense of humor! And we have your airline ticket to the next Strongman Competition



On a night such as this, the town a glow, a thousand lights shining through the many widows of the homes of the people who live with and without, life seems to stand still with the thoughts of life, love, happiness and wealth of friendship..."

We all have a need for money, but it is not overshadowed by the need for companionship & understanding that comes from our friends & lovers. We look to each other in our hour of need and want, & we always reassured that what we need will be provided in one way or another. If it is not provided by those humans who surround us it is provided by the gods & goddess who watch over us.

We are ever watchful over those who touch our lives, from the man who bid us "Goodmorrow" to the beautiful woman who passes us with a simple nod & a loving wink. These people are all our friends & family, they are there for us to pick us up off the ground, brush us off and say, "That's Ok" and seen us on our way again.

When our real family just doesn't understand why we are here or what it is that draws us here, its that sense of finally belonging some where & with someone that keeps us coming back day after day, year after year. Its to be with the family that loves us unconditionally &t that never asks for more than we are willing to give.

My heart & soul is here; the earth, the air, the fire and even water are all part of me here. They all make me realize that for 7 weekends out of every year I have a place to be where no one will tell me that what I say or do is wrong or bad, because chances are they have already done it or have been there. They just smile and say "Now what have you learned, & will you do it again?" Will I do everything again? No, not necessarily, but some of it would definitely be worth trying again. To all of those who I share my time with Thank You for your understanding & unconditional love. It means more than I could ever tell.

To those that protect this "Town" that no one really gives a second glance to what you do here for us, it's looking upon by the gods & goddesses as a great challenge. I thank you for stepping up & accepting that challenge. You meet it & exceed it in everyway everyday.

To the lone woman who is here after we are all gone, our toys packed away for another day or year, may you find solace & peace in the guiet we leave behind from all the chaos that is here while we are here. The goddess smiled on us when she placed you here to watch over the home of our true hearts and souls. Thank you for being here. Home is where the heart resides & here is my home. With loving heart, mind, body, & soul my thanks go out to you & may the goddess watch over you.