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Wine Gala

September 20 -21, 2003

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Site Hours for Show

Outer Gates: Fri, Sat, Sun Locked @10:30pm

-Exceptions-

Back Gate: 7am-2pm Monday with security guard on duty

Inner Gate: A and B open 7am-10:30pm. C only open 7am-midnight

> Drive-in Gates: 6:30am-8am



Special Weekend Events

Free Wine Tasting

Sample fyne wine compliments of Arbor Mist and Canandaigua Wine Company at the village tastings held in the Special Events Pavilion at 12:30, 3:30, and 4:30. Seating is limited and begins 15 minutes prior; a valid ID is required.

Charity Wine Auction to benefit the Make-A-Wish-Foundation® of MN

Bid on exceptional wine and help support the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota at 130 in the Special Events Pavilion. Bottles will be abvailable for examination prior to the auction. Bidder numbers and programs will be available at 1:00.

Rainbow Foods Cheese Seminar

Ever wondered what cheese goes best with certain wines? Visit the Special Events Pavilion at 11:30 as a representative of Rainbow Foods presents and samples a variety of cheeses.

Grape Stomp

Jump into a good time at the grape stomp, held at 12:00 behind the Special Events Pavilion.

Grape Toss

Young princes and princesses can win prizes by tossing grapes in the Children's Realm at 11:00. Wine Appreciation Seminar

The Grand Sommelier de la Bourgone will talk about "hot" wine topics, such as the screw cap controversy, and answer wine questions from the audience. This seminar will occur in the Special Events Pavilion at 10:00 and will be kept to 15 minutes or less so that the audience may ask questions about wine.

Blind Wine Taste Test

How good are your senses? After a brief introduction as to how smell is the most important sense in wine appreciation, a blind contest of six senses and two wines will be held between a man and a woman to see which sex fairs best in scent detection. A wine prize will be offered to the winner. Questions on wine will be answered at the end of the contest. Held at Special Events Pavilion at 10:30.

Homemade Wine Competition

The Purple Foot Wine Club is hosting the annual homemade wine competition in a tent near the King's Arbor stage on Sunday beginning at 12:30. Guests of the King are invited to Judge these homemade wines through out the day.

Northern Lights Greyhounds

This organization is dedicated to finding homes for retired racing greyhounds and wishes to inform the public that these animals make excellent, loving pets. They will be located near Kings Arbor Stage with information about greyhounds and their significance during the Renaissance period.

Do you have Talent?

Do you like to sing, whether it's in the shower or for an audience? Do you like making a fool of yourself or other people? Do you dance like nobody's watching? Whether it be singing, dancing, acting, musical or whatever creative energy you have, you should participate in the talent show. The Renaissance talent show will be held Saturday, Sept. 20th at 8:00 pm in the Pavilion. Those wishing to perform can sign up Saturday the 21st in the entertainment office at Bad Manor.

Trail of Terror

We are accepting applications for ghoulish entertainment at "The Trail of Terror". The dates for this years Trail are as follows: Oct 9-12, 16-19, 23-26, 30-31, Thursdays and Fridays 7-11pm. Saturdays and Sundays 5-11pm. Applications are available in the Entertainment Office Lobby, above Bad Manor. Please fill out your application and return it to Melissa. Hope to scare you there!

Deadbeat List

The people on this list need to take care of their campground fees ASAP!

Eric Akers Guy Harris Rena Branco Jessica Hirmer Kurt Cooper Laurel Krause David Crady Jane Lebherz Chad Danther Kathleen Leeder Trish Doss Maria Mayavski Johnny Elk Nicholas Olson Kevin Findley Arleen Shulman Danielle Genack Abby Spornitz Jason Green Daniel TELL 11 P Andrew Greve James Tullos Kerry Gritter Janet Vescal Elizabeth Hall Melissa Wilday

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View from the Hill The Musings of a Campground Director

Possible Alternatives for the term "Festies"

As I have said before, I really don't care for "festies", a term used to describe the local participants in this show, who are generally only here on weekends. The term "weekenders" has, for some reason, bad connotations. But the term "festies" sounds to me like some sort of rare disease.

"Well, the test results are back and you have "festies."
"Oh doctor! Is it serious?"

"Yes, it's generally incurable."

- ... Anyway, here are some possible alternatives.
- "Sixteeners"- Refers to the number of days most of you are actually out here.
- 2. "Recreationals"- A term borrowed from the MN Department of Health ("recs" for short).
- 3. "Lips"- Military-speak "Local Indigenous Personnel.
- 4. "Minneapplers"- Sort of Poetic
- 5. "Upows"- Pronounced "yew-pows". Short for "Underpaid and Overworked", although that probably describes most of us.
- 6. "Lutheran's"- This is Minnesota after all.
- 7. "Vikings Fans"- Although some of us would consider this to be a bigger put down then "weekender" (Go Packers!)
- 8. "Lefse Heads"- Again, this is Minnesota.
- 9. "Norwegians:- Although the largest ethnic group in Minnesota is actually German.
- 10. "Loons"- About says it all.
- P.S. Thanks to Alan Townsend ("Father Goose") for the new campground mailbox.



Funky Formal

Stompin' at da Savoy Swing Dance & Party

When: Saturday, September 20th Where: Pavilion Time: 9:00pm - ? ? ? Dress: Vintage Attire... Puleez!!

Of Course... Food and Beverages Available

What: Participant party
Who: All 2003 MN Praissance Conval Parentpant When: Saturday, September 27, 2000 Midnight Where: Pavilion

C-Gate will be only be open from 6:30 am to 10am on Friday September 26th. It will re-open at 6:30am on Saturday for normal hours and again on Sunday for normal hours (6:30 am - 1:00pm) B-Gate will be open normal hours for all 3 days. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Hall of Masters

The Hall of Masters, near the Big Bear, is the place to display the best example of your wares. Each craftsperson is scheduled to exhibit in the Hall twice during the season.

Exhibit Schedule

Sept. 20-21 - Astrology, Candles, Glass, Jewelry, Paintings, Print & Wall hangings, Photography, Plants, Perfume & Potpourri.

Sept. 26-28 - Masters and Artisans of the Masters Program.

Masters Program

The Masters Program provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and recognizes and rewards excellent. Participation in the Masters Program is voluntary and occurs through a nomination and balloting process. New Masters and Artisans for the year 2002 were nominated last fall and elected this year. We are proud to present them to you.

MASTERS: William Lloyd, Shop #108-109; Don Cherney, Shop #411; Joan Gray, Shop #344-345; Peter Deneen, Shop #406-407; Becca Harvey, Shop #450; Steven Palmer, Shop #A1810.

ARTISANS: Steven Paul Carlson, Shop #827; Charles Knutson, Shop #636-637; Dante Fraboni, Shop #402; Reva Myers, Shop #106; Steve Hynnek, Shop #507; Mary Deneen, Shop #406-407; Martha Winter, Shop #406-407; Susan Horton, Shop #104; Gail Lofgren, Shop #104; Judy Hunter, P-16.

New Artisans and Masters will be honored at the Knighting Ceremony on September 21st. All Artisans and Masters will display in the Hall of Masters on the last weekend of the season.

Craft Shops for Sale

#145 O'Brien Tyrrell - Hand split cedar shakes - very open & bright. Windows open, Upper windows provide great ventilation. Dry. Garden area. Parking immediately behind shop. Great traffic flow.

#340 Reuben Prodahl - One story and loft, secure locks. Good traffic area between Treetop Stage and Cartwheel Cove. Sound foundation, well maintained.

#342 Grey Mare, Patsy Herbert - Cutest shop in Cartwheel! Great location, loft and back room for storage, new roof, garden and ramp.

#602 Carolyn Stinson - Well established shop with loft area, back prep area. Near Bad Manor and stages. Gothic style windows, two display windows.

#603 Carolyn Stinson - 12 x 12 shelved gazebo with garden areas front and back. Room to expand.

#638 Margaret Dobbin - Small garden in front; small deck in back; storage loft; 2nd floor balcony.

#644-645 KornUtopia Pottery - Double space shop made up of a main story and one-half stone building and a on-story open pavilion structure. Brick courtyard with fountain and rock garden. Has translucent covered retreat area in rear of shop plus secure storage space.

722-723 Nancy Chien-Eriksen - Prime Narrows location. Excellent visibility; wide open for traffic and light; excellent wall space; good lighting till late.

#825-826 Merv Miller - Garden Glass Art, Cartwheel Cove. Built in 1999, creative use of space. Consists of 4 separate structures (12 x 20 Main, 2-11 x 11 gazebos and a 16 high windmill storage shed) that blend together to create excellent display. Designed to keep customers browsing longer. Paver walkways, 2 gardens, parking in rear. Working electrical wood floors, good ventilation, excellent natural light.

#842-843 Karen Debnam - Ye Olde Doll Shop. Good Cartwheel Cove location. Interesting two-story structure.

#A1720 Classic Glass, Zak Rowan - 20 x 24 space with upstairs storage. 60' counter space with storage underneath. Closet downstairs. 360 degree location.

P-16 Judy Hunter, Jester's Court - Colorful yellow and red free-standing 10 x 10, 360 degree display booth with 4' awnings and sidewalks. Completely closeable. Near front gate on the way to Puke & Snot. Includes display counters and removable wood floor.

FOR SALE: Underhill 12 x 12 Octagon Pavilion. Lt. Blue, Dark Amethyst, Emerald Green. Used only 2 seasons at MRF. Is fully encloseable. One 5 pc. section and 4 single sections. \$2300. See Carolyn Stinson at Shop #602-603.

Todd Menton CD Release Party

Todd Menton (aka MONKEY BOYE and, er, HO) will release his new CD, Where Will You Land, at the Cedar Cultural Center, Thursday, September 25 at 7;30 pm. The disc has all-new originals, loud rocking traditional music, and some wacky stuff, including industrial percussion from Savage Aural Hotbed, and a chorus of drunken Morris Men! The concert will feature all of this and more! Call the Cedar at for info.

Todd Menton • Cedar Cultural Center • Thursday, Sept. 25

Entertainers...

We have 3 more Bass Ale promotions to go (but only one scheduled as of now). We need our wonderful entertainers for these promotions. Please call the Marketing Department a to sign up.

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm at Half Time Rec

Costume Shop Hours

Saturdays and Sundays 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Service Awards

The Years of Service Award Ceremony will be held this Sunday at the Arbor from 10:30 to approx. 12PM. The recipients should meet at the Queen's Tea side of the tent at 10:00, where you will be escorted to the Arbor. We look forward to honoring this years recipients! Please join us for this years celebration!

Attention, Attention, Attention!!

The Tortuga Twins are now hiring a stage crew for next year. That's right, the rock stars of the Renaissance are looking for a few good people to take control of Crown Stage next year.

What are we looking for? A couple of people to set up the stage, hawk for the shows, pass hat, and be guardians of the Tortuga's welfare. You need not be a street performer - all with hawking/stage experience are welcome to apply!

How do I find out more information? Contact the current Tortuga Minions - Jolene Tourville and Mary Ellen Weber at Crown Stage or e-mail us:

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