



Mid-America Festivals
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Site Hours For Show

Outer Gates:

Fri, Sat and Sun
locked @ 10:30 PM

-Exceptions-

Back Gate:

7 am—2pm Monday
With security guard
on duty

Inner Gates:

A and B Gate open
7am—10:30pm

Check In Gate Times
B Gate 6:30am -
8:00pm
C Gate 6:30am-
1:00pm

Drive-In Gates:

6:30 am to 8:00 am

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Opening Weekend ~ Royal Ale Festival

August Schell Beer Tasting
Tap into the spirit with a FREE beer tasting at the Special Events Pavilion at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30. Seating is limited and will begin 15 minutes prior to the show. Pub Sing Along

Come one, come all to the Annual Pub Sing. Raise your mugs high and sing your favorite songs with Ian McFarlane and friends. Held daily at 5:30 at Queens Pub.

Children's Costume Contest

Lads and Lassies can compete in a Renaissance Costume Contest at 11:00 on the Children's Realm Stage. After the competition, the children will be invited to participate in the Grande Marche Parade at 2:00.

Perfect Pirate Contest

Children of all ages make your parents walk the plank! Test ye land lover skills by showing your best impression of a pirate; it will be worth buried treasure! Located on the Children's Realm Stage at 1:30.

Home Brew Tasting

The MN Home Brewers Association will share with you how to pair food and beer, along with the technique that goes into home brewing. Demo begin at 1:30; seating is limited and will begin 15 minutes prior to the show. ID required



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS The Minnesota Renaissance Festival celebrates its 35th successful season of returning to a period of legendry in this, the year 2005; and

WHEREAS The Minnesota Renaissance Festival enriches the lives of the guests and participants by allowing the patrons to celebrate "Huzzah & Cheers for 35 Years" with entries, musicians, equestrians, stage acts, animals, games, and food; and

WHEREAS The annual Minnesota tradition brings together more than 200,000 young and old patrons to partake in the excitement of the Renaissance period and demonstrate its importance in the present day; and

WHEREAS The 30th anniversary of this reunion reveals how the Minnesota Renaissance Festival has become a yearly celebration in the lives of both entertainers and patrons; and

WHEREAS The Minnesota Renaissance Festival is recognized by many organizations for its community participation, donations to non-profit organizations, and tourism efforts.

Now, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAULENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 13 through September 28, 2005, to be:

HUZZAH & CHEERS FOR 35 YEARS OF THE RENAISSANCE TRADITION

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the City Capital this 28th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State the one hundred forty-seventh.

Tim Paulenty
GOVERNOR

Mary H. Johnson
SECRETARY OF STATE



Breaking The Patterns

It always surprises me how fast time clocks, from our final closing to our return ten months later. Opening weekend is upon us and we are poised to begin our yearly ritual of celebrations.

This is my third year as "Artistic Whatever I Am", and I've learned much about how this festival operates, about its constituencies, tribes, and factions. I've witnessed big breakthroughs, and had big breakdowns. I've been through three entertainment directors, and thousands of emails. With all the crap that comes from above and bubbles up from below, I often wonder, where am I going to find the inspiration and energy to keep going!

But the answer ends up being quite simple. It is the energy and excitement of our rookie, student performers that I inspire. For the somewhat jaded senior class of this show, for which I am a long-standing

member, there is something to be found in the reckless abandon of these faces as they jump in to the fray. They have little or no history to inform a strong opinion, and they are focused on finding ways to creatively engage our audience, of saying, "Yes!" to provocation and exploration. They accept the invitation to work here and voluntarily embrace the demands put on them. Though most of us share in their zeal, we could learn from their willingness to explore new patterns, try new things, without yielding to fear and the relative comfort of routines.

If these performers invest themselves wholeheartedly in this trivial and often thankless pursuit, they will find something remarkable embedded in the transactions with the audience and this community. They'll learn to be better listeners, more astute

observers, make wiser choices and to see their mistakes as tools. They'll learn innovation, prototyping, timing and pacing, and being responsible for a community for which they now belong. Most importantly though, through trial and error, they'll gather confidence and creative strength, which will make them, better human beings. It is what this festival, with all its faults and shortcomings, has given to so many of us.

So I begin this festival year by saluting the courage of our Academy students, and any other all who are willing to break some pattern and try a few new things. While many of our buildings are old and rotting, our community can reach beyond that, out towards the audience where we can celebrate with imaginations ripened throughout the year, and now fresh, and full of curiosity. Cheers to all!

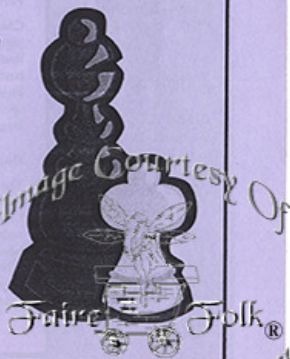
"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun."

~Mary Lou Cook



NEW for 2005! Revolution Chess

We would like to welcome Revolution Chess Werks to the 2005 MN Renaissance Festival! You will find their beautifully landscaped slate chess board with life-size teakwood chess pieces, located behind the MN Herpetological Society's Como Cottage. Please stop by and interact with our guests and challenge them to a game of chess.



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Stop In! The Chaska Community Center

All Festival employees who have a Photo ID will be able to use the center for the same rate as a Chaska resident. The center is equipped with a workout area, pool, basketball, volleyball, daycare, skating rink and full-service locker rooms. Call (952)448-5633 for information & times. Take a break from the routine and check out what they have to offer.

News From the Craft Director

Well, another season is upon us. And now that I have my 1st year of being your Craft Coordinator under my belt, it should be a smoother season for me...I hope. My first year was a little rocky, or so it felt that way. I'm very grateful for all your support and encouragement. I know there are still people out there that didn't get a chance to meet me. I hope between the 2 of us, we can rectify that situation. I love talking with all of you. It helps me gain more knowledge about you and your craft. So, even if you have met me, please don't hesitate to flag me down. I will continue to say that the best part about my job is the people I get to work with. I can be found every Saturday and Sunday at B-Gate. If I'm not there, there is a place to leave me a message and I will find you. I can also be contacted in the office Monday thru Friday. As and FYI, I am not available in the office everyday from 12pm to 2 pm and every Thursday.

By now, you should know about the changes that were made for this year. The biggest one is the elimination of the laminated Generics. Just to recap: Laminated Generics will no longer be issued. Your

workers can still check in at your designated gate. At the gate, they will be issued a "Craft Day Pass." This will be different from Temporary Day passes by way of color appearance, and will be more durable. They are still only good for one day so your worker will have to check in daily, which should have been happening anyway. What about the Campground? You will still be able to use the "Craft Day Pass" for the Campground. What about \$5 worker passes? You will still be able to utilize that, and with the same rules that were already in place. What are those rules? Refer to your Craft Participant handbook. What about extra passes? You can still purchase extra passes for \$53 per photo ID and \$50 per "Craft Day Pass."

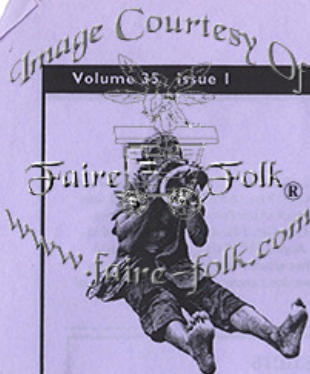
The Craft Liaison program has once again been instituted. This program seemed to work well in the past and I hope it will continue into the future. I do want to thank all the volunteers that help with this program.

The Renaissance Collection

Informally, known as "The CAP," has its home in Folkstone. The Renaissance Collection represents exceptional work of Festival artists in all media. In recent years, purchases have been made primarily from the Masters in the Masters Program. The Collection is a historical view of Festival crafts. It is well worth a visit and a chance to meet David Bryce, Curator of the Collection.

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. However, if you have an item particularly suited to the weekend theme on any of the first 6 weekends, it's welcome. Alicia Wold, Mistress of the Hall, will accept pieces and mount the display. Patrons often see an item in the Hall and will make a special visit to the artist's shop. No sales are conducted from the Hall display, but Hall staff will gladly exchange it for another. The location of each shop is noted on a large site map. You can drop off your items on Saturday mornings beginning at 7:30am. Don't forget to fill out a registration card and pick up the item after 7:00 pm on the last day of the weekend.





*"If we are not
happy and
joyous at this
season, for
what other
season shall we
wait and for
what other time
shall we look?"
~Abdul-Baha*

Anniversaries to Honor

Each year the Festival honors participants who are celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and now 35 years of continuous involvement and dedication to the Festival. You could have started in one area and then moved through several others. Forms will be available in the back of the Privy Councilor, Information Booth, or at B-Gate on the first and second weekends. Completed forms can be submitted to B-Gate personnel. **NO** forms will be accepted after Sunday, August 21st. This is firm, as we need ample time to produce certificates and order gifts. Also, do not assume we "know" you have been here for that long. If we don't receive the completed form, we don't know. Remember, the years of participation must be consecutive.

Fire Extinguishers

J.N. Johnson service will once again be out to recharge, repair and replace fire extinguishers. Please look for him near C-Gate on Saturday, August 13th from 7am-11:30am.

The cost for service is as follows:

Annual Fire Extinguisher Certificates	\$5.00
Recharge, 5yr, 6yr and 10yr maintenance	\$20.00
Hydrostatic Testing	\$45.00

He will accept only cash or checks and it must be paid at time of service.

This will be his only scheduled stop for the season, so please make a point to visit if necessary.



CALLING ALL MINNESOTA FAMILIES!



ABC Holding Open Casting Calls For The Hit Show "Wife Swap"

Are you ready for your close up? ABC, the network that brought you primetime hit series such as "Desperate Housewives," "Supernanny" and "Extreme Makeover-Home Edition," is now conducting nationwide searches for fun, dynamic, families to star on the highly anticipated second season of the blockbuster British import "Wife Swap".

The premise of Wife Swap, which generated a lot of buzz in its inaugural season, is that one parent from each household swaps places for ten days to experience how another family runs their lives. It is an incredible family experience and opportunity to both learn and teach different family values. Wife Swap is a fascinating story of what happens when two married couples see themselves and their spouses in a whole new light. Time Magazine calls Wife Swap "a riveting examination of family values." The New York Post says, "It should be called 'Life Swap' because it's not just the wives who learn something here. It's the families."

Potential families can live anywhere in the United States, but we ask that families who apply consist of two parents that have at least one child, ages 5 or older, living at home. Each family who participates will receive \$20,000 honorarium. To submit for the show please call [redacted] or email a family photo and description to [redacted]

Casting Directors will be at the festival Saturday August 20, 2005 from 11-7PM.



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Huzzah from the Marketeers!

Welcome back gang! We are excited to enter into another wonderful festival season and look forward to catching up with old friends and making new ones.

We have been busy planning all year for our 35th Anniversary Celebration and have not lost anyone to the long winter. We have even added a couple of new faces. Gwen Dietsenberger will return for her third season,

Kandis Kirchoff for her second, and myself, Kendall Glynn, for my third. We have added Matt Johnson to the staff as our new graphic designer, Shannon Walsh as our marketing intern and Brynne Schmidt as our Promotions Assistant. Please help us in welcoming them to the show. (I will get a picture of them all in the next edition).

Until next time. See you at the Morning Meeting!



Upcoming Promotions

The Marketing Staff needs your help spreading the word about the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Earn points that can be redeemed for comp tickets and food books while having fun in costume!

To sign-up for any of these events email Kendall at [redacted] or call [redacted]

Bass Promotion

Wednesday August 17, 2005
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Claddaugh's
Maple Grove, MN

Premium Promotion

Friday August 19, 2005
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Champps
Woodbury, MN

Bass Promotion

Tuesday August 23, 2005
6:00 - 8:00 pm
The Local
Minneapolis, MN

Bass Promotion

Wednesday August 24, 2005
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Pauly's
Chaska, MN



Bass Promotion

Thursday August 25, 2005
6:00 - 8:00 pm
O'Donovan's
Minneapolis, MN

Premium Promotion

Friday August 26, 2005
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Brines Bar & Restaurant
Stillwater, MN

Bass Promotion

Tuesday August 30, 2005
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Keegan's
Minneapolis, MN

Bass Promotion

Wednesday August 31, 2005
5:30 - 9:00 pm
The Local
(5:30 - 7:15)
Minneapolis, MN
Brits Pub
(7:30 - 9:30)
Minneapolis, MN



"He who
smiles rather

than rages is
always the
stronger."
~Japanese
proverb



Thank you to all who helped make the pre-season promotions a huge success!

~Marketeers

Huzzah and Cheers for 35 Years! Celebrating 35 Years of Renaissance Tradition in Minnesota.

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Phone

Fax

To contribute to the Privy Councilor email Kendall by noon on Tuesday the week prior to the weekend you wish your information to appear.

E-mail

Tickets Available Online
www.renaissancefest.com



Entertainers Please Stop By These Events

Crest Health Company Party

Saturday
August 13, 2005
11:00 - 1:00 PM
BLT Tent

Pharmacists Mutual Company Party

Saturday
August 20, 2005
11:00 - 1:00 PM
Wedding Tent

Ripple Birthday Party

Saturday
August 13, 2005
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Wedding Tent

Realife Company Party

Sunday
August 21, 2005
11:00 - 1:00 PM
BLT Tent

Bassett Dental Company Party

Sunday
August 14, 2005
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Wedding Tent

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Anniversary Service Awards

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival Service Awards will honor all those participants who have been involved with the Festival for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. Please fill out the following participation form to be eligible. The years must be consecutive. (Please be as detailed and accurate as possible.)

The completed form can be returned to B-Gate, Information Booth or the Entertainment office.

No forms will be accepted after Sunday, August 28th, 2004

Name: _____ Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: () _____

Year	Area Of Participation	Booth Name	Booth Number
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