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Royal Ale Weekend

Mid-America Festivals

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Safety Services: Ext. 101

Site Hours For Show

Outer Gates:

Fri, Sat and Sun locked
@ 9:30 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

Byggvir's Big Beer Cup

Join the Minnesota Homebrew Association as beers from across the nation compete for the Byggvir's Big Beer Cup this weekend only! The competition embraces historically accurate beers, meads, and ciders. The event will run from 10am to 4 pm in the Blue Lion Tent.

King Henry's Birthday:

Celebrate the Kings birthday at 2-45 at the Bakery Stage. This event takes place after the parade. Join the Royal family for free cake and celebrations! Labor Day only!

Beer Tasting

Tap into the spirit with FREE beer tasting in the Special Events Pavilion at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30. Seating is limited and will begin 15 minutes prior. everyone must have a valid ID by order of his Majesty King Henry and the State of Minnesota. No exceptions.

Beer Demo

Come to the Special Events Pavilion and learn how ye favorite ale be made! Speakers from the Minnesota Homebrew Association will share the secrets of the brewing process at 11:00. A mead making demonstration will commence at 3:00.

Wench Press

See valiant men test their strength, stamina, and courage in the time-honored competition of wench-pressing at 11:30 in the Special Events Pavilion.

Beer Cheese Soup Contest:

Check out this new addition to our Royal Ale weekend. Watch as patrons just like yourself compete in this eating contest. The adult contest is on the Pavilion Stage at 1:30 pm and the children's contest is in the Children's Realm at 1:00pm

Children's Costume Contest

Lads and Lassies can compete in a Renaissance Costume Contest at 3:00 on the Children's Realm stage. Participating children will be escorted to the King's Arbor to show their fine garb in the Knighting Ceremony.

Children's Knighting Ceremony

King Henry invites all children to become official Knights of the Realm daily at 3:30. Held at King's Arbor, please arrive at 3:15 to participate.

King of the Log

Annual After hours Tournament!!

September 8 7:30 PM *Courtesy Of Amalgam*

Battle with workers from throughout the Realm for the King of the Log title.

Join us for fun, friendship, libations and food.

Sign-up at the Log by 7:30



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By Carr

As we cross the bridge into the third weekend, the sky is already cooling and evenings are damp and deep. We aren't quit finished with summer, but the long days are folding earlier and the evening chill is creeping in sooner. We know it won't be long before we are standing on the precipice of fall, with winter tagging along shortly thereafter.

It seems that part of the magic of this place is found in these transitions and traditions. This festival, unlike any other I've been a part of (and I've done plenty of them), seems to have a deeper connection to the changing season. We know that when this festival starts, another year is beginning to run out of steam. We are here to celebrate the coming of fall both as a theatrical context and for our lives.

As we move through the weeks ahead, we are left to wonder what lay in store for this place. For some of us who have been doing this for decades, we can't help but feel a sense of worry about where our little dingy home will be a year from now.

I've been inside the conversation about the future of this show for the past few months. It has been hard to straddle the line between worry and certainty, between two competing interests that have yet to find resolution. There isn't a shortage of rumors, some reasonable, while some involve aliens and black helicopters. Everywhere I turn, there is a conversation about the future, about tomorrow, or next year. At times, the anxiety seems steeply pitched with everyone handicapping the odds of our future.

Though I've been deeply enmeshed in conversations regarding the various possibilities in the future, and likely know more than most, I recognized that these feelings of uncertainty didn't serve me well during the performance day, for when the canon blasts and the gates open, I have to put down my worries and take up the dance.

For those of us who have been here long enough to remember, we've been here before the last time the lease was being negotiated. Many of us were certain it was going to move or end, and that the show wasn't going to be here in this home. Of course we were wrong, but the brinkmanship didn't make it easy to sustain our performing focus, just as it makes us nervous this year.

For what it's worth, I've chosen to see this like so many things in my life. Uncertainty is a constant condition, every year I wonder if my body will renew my lease on life for another year. I have to take it as it comes and not miss what's here while I'm alive. Though it would be welcomed and helpful to have more information, to have something to go on, until there is a resolution I have to choose where the natural energy is for me and for why I'm here. That energy can be found in the faces of the families that are crossing into our home every day, and the transactions I'll have with them.

Perhaps the best antidote to resolve our worries until we have an answer is to join the chorus of celebration. The dancing, the drumming, the poetry and music continue in the face of some uncertainty. In fact it is times like these where we can recognize the precious nature of life and that uncertainty is a condition we must endure which give us all the more reason to celebrate.

The lease will be resolved and our future will be known. I know the other players and the conversation and I'm confident as ever that this festival will be here long after I'm interested in playing on this stage. I'm a performer, and I know I can't wait for the conditions to be right, I have to let go of my worries for a time and step out into the middle of the lane and claim my rightful place upon this stage and know there is an audience ready and waiting to be entertained.

Tortuga Twins Seeking New Members for Traveling Comedy Troupe

Internationally renowned (yes, Canada counts) comedy troupe the Tortuga Twins is casting male STAGE ACTORS for new team and occasional stand-in for members of original team. Comedic timing and improv skills a must. Stage availability a must. You provide the talent - we'll supply the material and stages to show it off.

Please email PICTURE, RESUME, and PHONE & EMAIL CONTACT to edwina@tortugatwins.com for audition requirements. Become part of one of the most successful comedic troupes in this venue.

Casting Requirements:

- Males mid 20's - late 30's. Lean, athletic builds
- No attitudes - we'll supply those
- Must be able to take direction well
- Must be able to improv
- Must love travel



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New Craft Shopkeepers

- 110 Dire Atrium -Alissa Moffitt
 1205 Pottery Classes -Troy Williams
 439 Ye Olde Broom Shop - Byron & Arleen Miller
 440-441AA Leatherhems - Douglas Lais
 446 Skorks -Judith Albrecht

From Booth #110 to Booth #1089
 -109 Shannon Bankosh Edén Naturals

Booth #449 now is occupied by Ryan Hodgeon
 Dragon's Bopathe

Booth # 605 is now occupied by Barbara Mundschau
 Lady Artisan

CRAFTERS NOT RETURNING

- 742 Mug O' the Woods - Doug Rice
 744 NamLoc Brass Rubbings - Marilyn Leach
 825-826 Alexander Creations - Elizabeth & Rustin Alexander

SHOP NO.	SHOP NAME	CRAFTSPERSON
#116	Realm of Nissen	Thelma Paulson
#605	Gigi Ann's Gourmet	Gigi Bechhold
#108-109	Lloyd's Studios	William Lloyd
#439	Hammel Wheat	Doug Hammel
#446	Lasting Impression	Nikki Nielson
#449	Patti Originals	Patricia Chrest
#825-826	Garden Glass Art	Merv Miller
#1233	Sasglameric	David Kroeger

RETURNING CRAFTERS, NEW LOCATION

- From Peddler near First Aid to Shopkeeper Booth #116:
 Zhang Ying - Silk Road Flutes

Dance Around the World!

Want to expand your dance experience around the world? A beginning level class in International Folk Dance will be taught on Saturday evenings by Renaissance Festival Scottish country dancer Fern Horn and Morris dancer Ed Stern, plus others. Classes run weekends after Labor Day through next April.

When: Saturday evenings, 7:30-9:30, on an ongoing, drop-in basis

Begins September 8, 2007, but you can begin after Festival is over—or later in the year—continues through April.

Cost: \$5 at the door

Where: Tapestry Folkdance Center
 3748 Minnehaha Avenue South
 Minneapolis

More Info: www.tapestryfolkdance.org
 612-722-2914

News from the Craft World
from Devin

I had planned on having a guest speaker come in this Saturday, September 1st to speak to the Craft Department. Unfortunately, the guest speaker had a family emergency arise in the last few days and will not be able to come in and speak on this date. We are trying to re-schedule at another date. If it is re-scheduled I will notify you of the new date.

Passes- If you need to make changes to your pass list, do so before Wednesday noon. You may call me at the office or email them to [redacted]. The books are done on Wednesday, so if you don't get the changes in before the deadline, you will have to go to your respective Gate to make the change Saturday morning. I can be found every Sat and Sun at the festival or at B-Gate. If you need to speak with me, the girls at the B-Gate counter will help.

WANTED: Craft Liaison needed for shop line: 606-607, 140, 604, 105, 106, P-48, 107, 108-109, 110, 605, P-03, 609-610, 201, 611, 612, P-02, P-27, P-07, 103, 111

Total in the Group is 20. Let me know or leave a message at B-gate if anyone is interested to be a liaison for that line.

Thank you for all your continued efforts!!

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Hall of Masters

The Hall of Masters features a showcase of the arts and crafts represented at the Festival. Located near the Bear, this is the place to display the best example of your wares. Each crafts-person is scheduled to exhibit in the Hall twice during the season.

Exhibit Schedule

- Sept. 1-2-3** Astrology; Candles; glass; Jewelry; Paintings; Prints & Wall hangings; Photography; Plants; Perfume; & Potpourri
- Sept. 8-9** Apparel; Caricatures & Portraits; Fiber; Leather; Metals; Musical Instruments; Sculpture
- Sept. 15-16** Calligraphy & Paper; Furniture; ornamental; Pot-teries; toys; Wood
- Sept. 22-23** Astrology; Candles; glass; Jewelry; Paintings; Prints & Wall hangings; Photography; Plants; Perfume; & Potpourri
- 2007 Nominees to the Masters Program

Sept. 29-30-Oct 1 Masters and Artisans of the Masters Program

Masters Program

The Masters Program continues to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to recognize and reward excellent work. Participation in the Masters Program is voluntary and occurs through a nomination and balloting process. The Hall of Masters is reserved for use by the Masters Program on the last weekend of the season.

Reminder: Masters Dinner

The Master/Artisan Dinner is scheduled for **NEXT Saturday, September 8th at 8:00 p.m. in Bad Manor**. In your Masters packet that was delivered on 1st weekend, you will find your ballot sheets. All ballot sheets and nominations should be turned in at the Dinner or at B-Gate on Monday. You can also turn them in at the Hall of Masters.



Overnight Camping

Both owners (and not just crafts booths)-if you do not have an overnight occupancy permit for your booth, then you are not allowed to sleep there. There will be random checks, especially after participant party, to determine violators. This ordinance is set forth by Scott County and compliance is required. Scotty County and the Shakopee Fire Department will be out here to inspect all booths for health and safety issues throughout the season. You could potentially have your pass pulled for this season if you are in violation. This rule applies to all participants, old, new, contracted...whatever. So please take this seriously when making your plans. Approved areas are booths, approved RV's, and the campground. This does not mean you can erect random tents in the campground. You must be approved to sleep there as well. As a side note, there is no sleeping in your cars, trucks, tents, screened porches, RV's, trailers etc. in the parking lot. Those found sleeping in unapproved areas will be given a warning by our Security Staff. There are no exceptions to this rule and, will be strictly enforced.

IMPORTANT: Mid-America Festivals will be issuing fines to people who ARE NOT APPROVED FOR OVERNIGHT OCCUPANCY. The inspector has already caught some people with mattresses, and blankets that lead to evidence of possible overnight sleeping. These people were warned ONCE ONLY, and they will be fined if no changes are made. FOLLOW THE RULES AND YOU WILL BE OK.

RAIN, RAIN Go AWAY!

Just a Friendly reminder.

When it rains, no one is allowed to drive onto the Festival grounds. The general rule states if it rains two days prior to the weekend, we will close the gates to site. This policy has been in affect for several years and we will continue to work on a solution for those who have large amounts of product, but we do not have a solution at this time.

Your suggestion would be to watch the weather forecasts and plan accordingly!

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A Note from Safety Services

We'd like to remind shop/booth owners that with out the correct papers and permits you are NOT allowed to sleep in your booths. Festival and the County will be conducting random searches for compliance, and any violation can result in a fine.

Safety Services/First Aids phone number is [REDACTED] Call us any time with questions or concerns if you don't see someone on the street!

Please remember to have your pets on a leash and have your pets tag on them at all times.

Please remember to have your pass on you at all times. Remember that paper passes are only good until 10:30pm.



Lost and Found

We have been getting a lot of questions about lost and found items. If you lose something during the day, check the information booth. Even if it's turned in at B-Gate, we will bring it up to the information booth. After cannon, items are delivered to B-Gate. The same goes if you find an item. On Monday, all items from the weekend are taken to the main office. There they sit until someone claims them. Just as a reminder, items are NOT brought back to B-Gate from previous weekends. Helpful tip: Use the words "mom, dad, or home" in your cell phone. That's usually where we start when trying to get it back to its owner.

HALL OF MASTERS

The Hall of Masters, near the Bear Stage, is a place for crafters to display their best work. Each crafter is scheduled to exhibit in the Hall twice during the season, if you feel you have an item particularly suited to one of the theme weekends, it is welcome. Alicia Wold, Mistress of the Hall, will accept pieces Saturday mornings beginning at 7:30am to display in the Hall. The location of your shop is noted on a large site map in the Hall, which gives patrons a chance to view your product, and find your shop if needed. Please fill out a registration card for every item you bring to the Hall and pick up your items after 7pm on the last day of the weekend.

THE RENAISSANCE COLLECTION

The Renaissance Collection, informally known as "The CAP" is located in Folkstone. The Collection is a historical view of Festival crafts representing exceptional work of Festival artists in all media. Please stop by and see the art and meet the Curator of the Collection, David Bryce.

Bus Parking

Parking Crew and bus greeters have asked us to remind you that the first 2 rows to the right of B-gate are designated as Bus parking. Even if it is 2 in the afternoon, please do not park there. We often have late and unexpected busses and will need somewhere for them to park.

Stop In! The Chaska Community Center

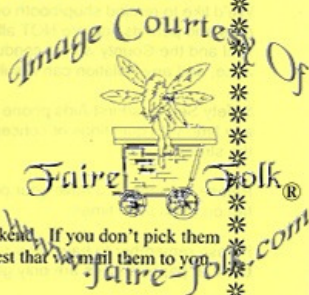
All Festival employees who have a Photo ID will be able to use the center for the same rate as a Chaska resident. The center is equipped with a workout area, pool, basketball, volleyball, daycare, skating rink and full-service locker rooms. Call (952) 448-5633 for information & times. Take a break from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

Greetings from the Marketing Department

We want to give a big thank you to everyone that helped us with our Highland Games last weekend. It was a success and we are already planning the event for next year!

Next Weekend - Irish Heritage Festival Events

- Rally to the Renaissance (biker weekend)
- Minnesota Swarm Lacrosse Team - in Shepard's Green
- Pet Fest - In the BLT Tent
- Irish Vendors
- Sign Language Saturday
- Guinness Beer Tasting -
- Guinness Sponsor Party - Sunday noon-2pm Wedding Tent



****POINT PACKETS**** All packets must be picked up at Cast Call this weekend. If you don't pick them up this weekend, you can come to the Canterbury office to get them or request that we mail them to you.

Entertainment Special Events:

Many entertainers mentioned last year that they wanted to know who ran the entertainment run events, so they could become more involved. Below is a list of the events and who is running them. If you are interested in participating in any of these events please contact the appropriate person.

- Food Eating Contest:** Anj Olsen and Linda Clayton (Every weekend)
- Grape Stomp:** Anj Olsen and Linda Clayton (6th weekend)
- Beer Tasting:** Matt Alex and Brian Kisch (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th weekend)
- Wench Press:** Stephen Miller (3rd weekend)
- Mask Fashion Show:** Greg De Danann (5th weekend)
- Men in Tights and Best Bloomers:** Lori Baerg (6th weekend)

MNRF Yahoo Group

For news, information and a place to talk amongst entertainers, crafters, Jaycees, CCK and other Workers of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Join your community on line at:

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! Email us at [redacted] more information



HDHO's
Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday on Nicollet Mall (downtown)
11am - 2pm

Friday 6pm - 11pm
Uptown area

Music In the Zoo
September 6th 6-8pm
@ the Minnesota Zoo

Applebee's
September 7th 5-7pm
@ Shakopee Applebee's

Points: To request your points in a particular manner please email [redacted]

Food books = 2 points
Tickets = 1 point.



2nd Annual Campground Dance

Party

Saturday, September 8th

8:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Beer and Refreshments available

Everyone is invited



ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE SURVIVOR'S LAP AT THE MN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL!

The American Cancer Society is joining with MRF on Saturday, September 29 at 3 p.m. to host a Survivor's Lap at the Joust Track for cancer survivors. For those who have not heard of this before, it is part of a Relay for Life event. The first lap is reserved for cancer survivors who walk around the track while everyone else cheers them on. It is a very life-affirming celebration for both survivors and supporters. If you are a cancer survivor and are interested in taking part in this event, please contact Mary Rohe (Pansy the Unicorn) at [REDACTED] for more information or to register to walk the lap.

After Hours

We all love to unwind at the end of the day. But what your idea of unwinding may not be what the next person thinks. Some of us go to the BLT, have potlucks in their booths, or just go to bed. What you may not know that some of our Crafters have Scott County approval to sleep in their booths. To put it plain and simple, be respectful of those around you. So the next time you are asked to keep it down or move to another location, simply say sorry and move on. We are all here to help each other out. As a side note, if you do not have Scott County approval to sleep in a booth, then don't do it. We do random if not nightly checks on booths and you could potentially have your pass pulled if you are in violation.

10 things NOT to do in the MNRF Campground

This is a list of things that I didn't think I had to tell people not to do, but I was wrong

- 1 - Do not set yourself on fire. Or anyone else for that matter.
- 2 - Do not set your tent on fire, because having to pull burning nylon off of someone will really ruin your evening.
- 3 - Do not pour lighter fluid on a fire, and then pour water on it to put it out. Have you ever tried to chase fire?
- 4 - Do not hit yourself on the head with a wine or beer bottle. This isn't the movies, and they really don't break.
- 5 - Do not deal with electricity while standing in ankle deep water. It is amazing how far you can fly with a little help from 110 volts.
- 6 - Do not reach down to pet the dog which is at the end of its tether, barking and snapping at you.
- 7 - Do not make a late-night disturbance with a pocket full of illegal drugs. But if you're dumb enough to walk around with a pocket full of illegal drugs, you're probably too dumb to take this advice anyway.
- 8 - Do not stand out in the open doing illegal things. I don't come around looking to bust people, but if your out there being in everyone's faces with it, you kind of force my hand.
- 9 - Do not assume that tents are sound proof. They're not.
- 10 - Do not make the guy in the grey trailer at the top of the hill angry. You wouldn't like me when I'm angry.

2007
Minnesota Renaissance Festival
Poster Contest

Goal: Help promote your 2007 Minnesota Renaissance Festival! Entertainers can visit businesses across Minnesota distributing posters for the 37th Festival. The entertainer with the most posters placed up will win a **Blue Green 3 day/ 2 night destination vacation!** 1st and 2nd runner's ups will also receive prizes.

Poster Distribution: Visit each store personally and hand them two (2) posters along with a voucher to send in for the company to receive two (2) tickets to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, for their help in promoting our show. Before distributing the vouchers, **you must write your name in the assigned blank on the voucher** so we can keep track of the total number of posters per person.

Ideas of who to visit:

- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Gas Stations
- Book Stores
- Music Stores
- Coffee Shops
- Office Buildings
- Libraries
- Large apartment complex's
- Nursing Homes
- Churches
- Universities
- Bars
- Travel/Tourist Shops
- Malls
- Coffee Shops
- Art & Craft Stores

How to Participate: The contest will begin July 18, 2007 and will run through the end of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Posters and vouchers can be picked up at cast rehearsal, promotions or in the office. Remember points will only be granted once business vouchers are received by the Festival office. If you have any other questions, please email the Marketing Department at [redacted]. Only questions sent to this email will be answered.

Thank you for helping promote the 37th Annual Minnesota Renaissance Festival!

As a sign of our gratitude we would like to provide you with two tickets to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, please send this voucher to our office to receive two (2) tickets to the Festival. Open Weekends and Labor Day August 19 – September 30, 2007 / PLUS: Festival Friday September 28, 2007. Open Rain or Shine; 9am - 7pm. www.renaissancefest.com

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