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Highland Fling

Mid-America Festivals

1244 Canterbury Road

Suite 306

Shakopee, MN 55379

Phone: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
Shop: [REDACTED]
Site: [REDACTED]
First Aid: [REDACTED]
Safety Services: ExL 101

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

World Amateur Highland Heavy Games Championship

Cheer on competitors from around the world as they compete in this year's Highland Games! This Scottish themed world strength event includes the caber toss, hammer throw and stone toss and will be located in the Special Events Field.

Highland Dance Exhibition

Kick up your heels and dance along with the Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association during daily exhibitions at the Special Events Pavilion. Performances will be held at 1:30pm and 3:30pm Saturday Only!

The Scottish Village

Celebrate Highland Fling with over 20 vendors from across the area! Learn about Scottish organizations such as the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish clans, The Celtic Croft and more! The entrance to the village is located behind the King's Dungeon.

Kilt Competition

Come and enjoy a different competition! Based on the traditional dress of Scotland, this event will be on the Special Events Pavilion at 11:30am.

Scottish Cooking Demonstration

Revel in the smell's of Scottish food as you learn to cook one of Scottish's most popular dishes! This one time

opportunity will begin at 3:00pm on the Pavilion Stage!

Flat Earth Beer Tasting

Join in a traditional Scottish tradition with FREE Flat Earth Beer Tastings on the Special Events Pavilion at 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Seating is limited and will begin 15 minutes prior; **everyone** must have a valid I.D. by order of His Majesty King Henry and the State of Minnesota. No Exceptions!

Mashed Potato Sculpting

The messier, the better! Kids will compete Scottish style for the most original sculpture in the Children's Realm at 1:00.

Children's Knighting Ceremony

The King invites all children to become official Knights of the realm daily at 3:30pm held at King's Arbor. Please arrive at 3:15pm to participate.

Parade
Changed to
11:30am

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News from the Craft World

By Devin Kuwitzky

First weekend is out of the way. We had beautiful weather and I hope it keeps up! If you are still missing parking passes, generics, etc they can be found at B-Gate.

Reminder!

Please remember to clean up all of your own debris and garbage. Site crew is not to be held responsible. THANK YOU!!!!

Electric-If you are using electric and have not paid for it; your cord will be disconnected and/or cut. Refrigerators and air conditioners are on the list of unapproved items. If you are found to be using these items (or if they are located in your booth) you will lose your electric privileges without refund.

2008 New Craft Participants

Castle Canine Creations Shop # 343 William & Charlene Beasley

Majestic Hair Flower Peddler P-16 Annie Jones

AngelSword Corporation #511-512 Daniel Watson

Becka Beads Shop #828 Becky James

Pet Chef Express Shop # 822 Mike Kukla

Glass Rave Shop # 845 Andrew Roberts

Majikah Perfumery Peddler Cart P-40 Adelia & Robert Ganson

Domba! Shop # 742 Heidi Alexander

Surewood Forrest Shop # 110 Troy Sonksen

Artemis Leather Fantasy Attyre Shop # 720 Christina Ouma

Friends of Bill W. can meet at Booth #402 at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

HALL OF MASTERS CLOSED FOR 2008

The Hall of Masters is not going to be open for the 2008 season due to repairs. We are working hard at getting these repairs made so it will be open and running for the 2009 season. I apologize to the Masters and Artisans who display in the hall. I know that it allows you to showcase your talents and your beautiful artwork. This year you will be showcased by having a special listing in the broadsheet (this gets handed out to the patrons as they enter front gate). The listing will have you listed out with your names and shop numbers. The rest of the Master Program perks will be enforced and of course there will be a Master's Dinner!!

Reminder: \$12.50 owed for Fire Number Signs

There has been a request by the Scott County Fire Department for all craft booths to have a fire number sign posted to their booths. The signs have been made and posted by the Site Crew for uniform reasons. The signs are 4 1/2 X 5 which puts them at eye level. The signs will be posted on your right side of your booths. The payment must be paid in Check form to Mid-America Festivals and given to Devin at B-gate by no later than August 24th. Any questions feel free to ask for Devin at B-Gate or during the week at the office at [REDACTED] Thank You!



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Welcome!
New Safety Services Director
Bob Kinsman

We are pleased to announce that Bob Kinsman has joined our team as Director of Safety Services.

Bob has over 25 years of federal law enforcement and private security experience and has worked closely with the US Secret Service, US Marshals, ATF, and Federal Protective Services. Bob currently is the Regional Branch Manager for a private security and building maintenance firm responsible for the overall operations for Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Prior positions have included Director of Security Operations, Branch Manager, Training Manager, Recruiter, and Policeman. Bob is an award winning instructor who has provided training to both the public and private sectors. Bob has worked security in large outdoor venues and over the years has been a regular guest at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival.

Bob has degrees in mathematics, security administration, theater and speech. In addition Bob holds many licenses and certifications in the medical and security arenas and maintains a commercial pilot's license. Bob is involved in many professional and community organizations.

In the near future many of you will have the opportunity to meet Bob and we trust that you will be as impressed as we are.

Greetings from Safety Services!

Welcome back, and we hope you all have a good season. We have a few things we'd like to go over quickly.

Passes

Please make sure you have your pass at all times. Without it, you'll be asked to leave. No one is allowed on site without a pass, no one is allowed through gates without a pass, and no one is allowed after hours without a pass. Please make sure that you and any of your employees have a pass prior to coming to work; those without passes will have to go to B-Gate to obtain them, and will not be allowed to cut through site to get there.

Cars on Site

Cars are not allowed to enter site after 8:00a.m, and all cars must be off site by 8:30 a.m. This has been the rule for well over 16 years. Please do not plan on showing up at 8:45 and expect to be allowed onsite. Also, please note that, at the discretion of MAF management, cars may not be permitted on site if the ground is wet and muddy. If it rains, please plan accordingly.

Safety Services / First Aid Hours

Safety Services Staff is on duty from 6:00 p.m. Friday evenings until 2:00 a.m. Monday mornings.

First Aid staff is available from about 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you have a medical emergency during hours that First Aid staff is not available, a member of Safety Services night staff will assist you if possible.

However, Safety Services staff is not under direction from a medical facility and will therefore likely refer you elsewhere for medical attention.

Please refrain from using First Aid as a place to visit and sit and relax.

While the show is open the facility must remain accessible for people needing medical attention. The staff appreciates your visits however they do have a job to do.

Safety Services Phone Number

If you need us and can't find a site walker **PLEASE CALL US!** The phone number for First Aid and Safety Services Dispatch is [REDACTED]

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 23rd from 7am-2:00pm. The cost for services is as follows:

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

He will accept only cash or checks and it must be paid at the time of service. This will be his only scheduled stop for the season, so please make a point to visit if necessary.



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A Necessary Roughness

By Carr

I invested nearly 30 years of my life as a professional street performer, traveling the country, mostly working renaissance festivals as a solo street comedian. I earned a good portion of my yearly income from tips, or what we pro call "Passing The Hat," and enjoyed the luxury of only having to work weekends. It was this environment that taught me so much about the nature of business, change, and management.

Renaissance festivals, which are themed medieval villages, were ushered into existence by the counter-culture hippies of the sixties, and are sustained today mostly by the new counter culture of pierced and tattooed heavy metal misfits. No matter what decade, it has always been home to the fringe, delightful, and a bit strange.

But it's easy to dismiss this type of theater, or any street-performing venue, because it is so unfinished, rough, and seemingly without much control. In truth, the value of these odd-performing spaces is *because* they are rough and bit unrefined. The top performer understands that the unpredictable and the rough are gifts, and recognize the best ideas are often discovered when things seem to be a bit of a mess.

When I was performing, I carried no props and didn't have a script. My performance was built on the notion that everything I might need for a performance would be present in the audience or the environment. The most powerful insight I gained in the years I spent on the street was when I realized that if I enrolled my audience, a performers version of a customer, in partnering with me, I was never for lack of inspiration because I no longer was working alone. I saw that the environment itself was often rich with provocation, and that nearly any intrusion or disruption could be used to the benefit of the show. In this way, everything was material, and nearly everyone my collaborator.

It's easy to see economic disruption as a sign of impending doom and the end of good things. But our anxieties may betray us into believing things that aren't really true. Perhaps we've cultivated an unrealistic belief in stability and symmetry, though we know life doesn't roll that way forever.

Roughness and disruption are just hecklers, reminders that life, like the street performance in the park or on the dirt lanes of a festival, leans towards emergence.

As a performer, I have learned to embrace the mess, be comfortable with the roughness and the unfinished, and become inspired to collaborate with others in new and interesting ways. We aren't alone here, and there are so many resources to draw from, even when it feels we're in a bit of a jam. It is likely when we look back on this rough patch in our nations economic history, we'll recall just how many useful ideas were born and we improved our businesses. We may also recall, in retrospect, that we had everything we needed, that we had one another, and a big, beautiful rough and tumble mess called life.

Red Hat Day, Sunday, September 7th.

The local MN RenFest Red Hatters group is helping organize events for the upcoming Red (and Pink!) Hat day on Sunday, Sept 7th. Our current schedule of events includes participation in the parade (meet by the Arbor at 11:15), gathering for a potluck picnic lunch in the green area under the big tree by the dungeon at 12:30. (In case of rain lunch will be in the room next to the print making building.) Possibly a toast at the Arbor at 1:30 and Tea with the Queen at 4:00 pm.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join us as part of the celebration to attend the events. There is reduced admission to the tea (mention Red Hat day when making reservations).

In addition to those joining us as participants for the day, we are looking for entertainers who might want to do a bit and run for entertainment at lunch, and of course request everyone be ambassadors for the renaissance to the exceptional folks who are a part of this organization.

Thanks to everyone!

MN Renfest Red Hatter Queen Mum Jo Ann French (Goodwife Joan)

MN Renfest Red Hatter Ambassador Kim Grandprey (Lady Spicer)

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PETS

Pets that will be on the festival grounds, in a booth or the campground need to be registered with your department head and have an application on file. You will need to have a "Pet ID" for your dog, which you will have to carry with you.

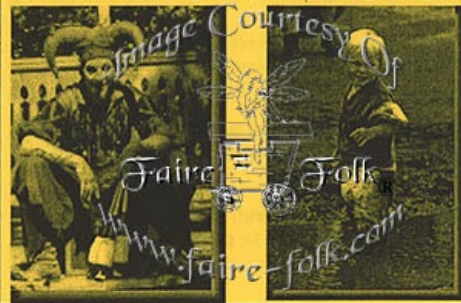
Please fill out the pet application and give a copy of your pet's shot records, the \$10 fee and a small photo of your pet to your department head. For those of you that already have a "Pet ID" you still need to fill out an application and bring your current shot records along with the \$10 fee to get your card punched. Scott County wants us to keep track of this information in case of animal bites and it is also MAF policy.

THE RENAISSANCE COLLECTION

Informally, known as "The CAP," its home is 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.

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.



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.



10x12 Cedar Storage Shed with Cedar Shake Roof and Wood floor. New roof in 2003, located next to B-gate.

Call Mary at 952-448-5633

ANNIVERSARIES TO HONOR

Each year the Festival honors participants who are celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of continuous involvement and dedication to the Festival. You could have started in one area and then moved through several others. Forms are available in the back of the Privy Councilor, Information Booth, or at B-Gate on the first and second weekends. Completed forms should be submitted to B-Gate personnel. **NO forms will be accepted after Sunday, August 24th.** 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. And it will be another 5 years before you get your next award. So to recap, **NO FORM - NO AWARD**. Remember, the years of participation must be consecutive.

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* *Greetings from the Marketing Department* *
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* Thank you to everyone for making opening weekend a success! Just a reminder: the Special Events
* Field will be hosting a new event EVERY weekend. It is located behind the King's Dungeon and right
* now we are working on making sure there is more signage around the grounds for patrons to locate.
* Please make a note of visiting the Special Events Field this weekend to help patrons if they have any
* questions or need directions.
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* This weekend we will be hosting the World Amateur Highland Heavy Games and the Minnesota State
* Highland Heavy Games. Both competitions will be located in the Special Events Field. We have many
* competitors coming in from around the country to compete, so feel free to stop down and cheer them on!
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New for 2008:

* **Polaris ATV Track:** Polaris will be premiering their 2009 vehicles in the Polaris Kingdom located by
* Gate A. Patrons will have the chance to test drive the vehicles, learn about the new features and talk to
* Polaris representatives. The Polaris Kingdom will only be open the weekends of August 30-September 1
* and September 13-14. Patrons do not have to pay an extra fee for this event and it cannot be accessed
* from outside the Renaissance gates.
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* **Boce Ball Tournament:** This event will be during the Italian Carnivale, September 20-21. It is open to
* anyone and everyone and will be held in the Special Events Field. Registration is on our website or pa-
* trons can register the day of the event. We welcome entertainment groups to participate.
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* **Wine Festival:** This year the Wine Festival will be a different weekend from the Chocolate Festival al-
* lowing more vendors to attend. This also will be located in the Special Events Field and is on September
* 13-14 during our Wine Gala.
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* **Microbrew Tasting:** This event will be held on September 7th during the Irish Heritage Celebration
* Local breweries, bars and restaurants will be bringing out their finest beers for patrons to sample.
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* Thanks again,
* Deb Schaber
* Marketing Director
* [Redacted]
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Marketing Newby's!

* The Marketing department would like to take this opportunity to introduce some great new additions to
* our staff!
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* Grace is one of the department's interns for the 2008 season. She currently is attending the University
* of St. Thomas and is pursuing her degree in Marketing. She's been a great contributor to the team and
* will be at the festival throughout the entire season!
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* Kaitlin is the second of our marketing interns for the 2008 season. Kaitlin has one year left at the Uni-
* versity of Minnesota finishing her degree in Advertising. She has brought plenty of laughs and excite-
* ment to the department and will also be at the festival the entire season!
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Blasting Safety Procedures

Typically blasting will take place at noon on one or two days a week, but not on Saturdays or Sundays. You should therefore plan that when there is to be blasting on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, you will need to follow these safety procedures:

Vehicular access into the Booth site, campground and the parking lots will be blocked until the blast has occurred (approximately 1 1/2 hours).

The siren will be turned on for a short period of time, say at 11:00 a.m. That means that there will be a blast at noon that day (one hour later) or within one hour of whenever the siren first sounds. So for example, if for some reason the plan is to blast at 2:00 p.m. versus at noon (due to weather conditions or other delays) you will hear the first siren at 1:00 p.m. Blasting will never occur before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.

One-half hour after the first siren (therefore 1/2 hour before the blast) there will be a second siren which will mean that you then must start moving towards the designated safety site.

Within fifteen minutes after that second siren you must be at the designated safety area for that blast or you must be off of the Renaissance Festival site completely, that means out the gate to the west to 145th Street or out to the Trail of Terror area towards Highway 41.

Fifteen minutes from the designated blast time, representatives of the mining company and MAF will drive through the campground and the booth site to make sure that everyone is in compliance.

Because of the importance of compliance, anyone who is not in compliance will be fined \$100. There will be no exceptions. You are personally responsible for making sure that your guests, invitees, employees, booth suppliers, repair people or anyone on site at your direction or request, complies with these procedures. If there are repeated violations, the penalty will increase and/or the right of that person to remain on the premises for the duration of the Festival will be terminated. We have no choice but to enforce such rules for your safety and to make sure that everyone conforms to these rules for the good of the future of the Festival.

Therefore, as noted above within 45 minutes of that first siren you should be at the designated safety site. The designated safety site for these blasts, unless you are informed to the contrary, will be at the northwest corner of the booth site, at booth numbers 835-844 (where the booths burned down several years ago).

You must remain at that designated safety site until the blast occurs or until the representative of MAF informs you that for some reason that the planned blast will not occur within the foreseeable future and people can then leave the designated safety area site. Infrequently the planned blast is delayed for an hour or two in which event the entire process (i.e. sirens) will start again for the newly established delayed blast time.

We welcome any ideas that you might have as to how to make this procedure work better for you and for others. We seek to minimize the impact that it has upon your other activities on the site.

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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 24th, 2008

NO exceptions!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: () _____

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