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Wine, Chocolate and Romance

Mid-America Festivals

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Site Hours For Show

Security on duty
6pm Friday thru
2am Monday

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8am - 8pm

Outer Gates:
Fri, Sat and Sun loaded
@ 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

FREE Sutter Home Wine Tastings

Stop by the Pavilion at 12:00pm, 1:30pm, and 4:30pm for FREE samples of wine sponsored by Sutter Home. Enjoy a variety of wines including a white zinfandel, pinot grigio, pinot noir and many others. Seating is limited and will begin 15 minutes prior. Everyone must show a valid ID by order of his Majesty King Henry and the State of Minnesota. No exceptions.

Charity Auction

Join us for our 21st Annual Charity Auction, with proceeds benefiting Can Do Canines. Come to the Pavilion at 2:30 pm to register and examine the variety of items to bid on. This is your chance to bid on a variety of items including wine, vineyard trips, gift baskets, and many other romantic entries. The LIVE auction will commence at 3:00pm.

Homemade Wine Competition (Sunday Only)

Whether you're a wine expert or a beginner, we welcome you to be a judge for the homemade wine competition. Hosted by the Purple Foot Club, stop by the tent next to the Pavilion from 12:00pm to 3:00pm to sample homemade wines. Everyone must have a valid ID by order of his Majesty King Henry and the State of Minnesota. No exceptions.

Wine Demonstration

Kent Benson, Certified Specialist of Wine, owner of Swirl Wine School, and one of Minnesota's foremost wine educators will help you enjoy as well as appreciate wine. In just 30 minutes, Kent will share tips for finding wine bargains, perfect temperature for serving wine, getting the most out of your wine glass, navigating restaurant wine lists, and finding wines you will like. The presentations will take place on the Special Events field Stage at 11:30am and 2:00pm

Grape Stomping

If you're looking to get your feet a little dirty, stop by the Special Events Field at 4:00pm for a traditional grape stomp.

FREE Vow Renewals

Romance fills the realm at the FREE Vow Renewal ceremonies at 11:00am and 4:00pm. Please meet at the Information Booth 15 minutes prior to the Vow Renewals. Couples who participate will receive a flower and commemorative certificate.

Pie-Eating Contest

Indulge your chocolate cravings and join in on the Chocolate Pie-Eating Contest! Adult pie-eating contest is held at 1:30pm on the Special Events Field Stage, following the children's pie-eating contest at 1:00pm. The French Silk pies are sponsored by Baker's Square in Apple Valley.

Best Bloomers Competition

Creativity and charisma are key as the traveling trophy is awarded for the village's Best Bloomers. This competition takes place at 12:30pm at the Pavilion.

Men-In-Tights

Come and watch the men of the village show off their tights at 5:00pm at the Pavilion. You decide who deserves the win!



I've often wondered about the tacit contract friends make with one another when they realize they've become friends. When I look at my festival friends, I realize I've known most of them for a couple of decades or more, but I can't recall when the friendship actually happened. It's not like marriage, where at some point the couple recognizes that the relationship has become a thing, a thing with legal and tax implications, and the loving couple decides to make their vows public. In a traditional wedding the couple actually asks for a kind of endorsement from friends and family, and support from the community. But friends have no such public declaration, it's purely personal and often understated... yet friendships are certainly more influential than most marriages.

In the Facebook age we now have a dynamic instrument to show the rest of the world how many friends we have, and how everyone is connected. Facebook is a kind electronic contract with friends, add them at any time, and then take them away any time. It's a simple divorce, with no costs or associated embarrassments. How many of us have discovered we'd been stripped of our friendship credentials on FB without notice. It's a lowly feeling being outcast, dismissed and discharged from the electronic commons, without so much as a comment.

Facebook has little to do with real friendship. The OED defines Friend as "One joined to another in mutual benevolence and intimacy." I don't believe that would apply to most of the people, many of them nearly strangers, that are counted as "friends" on my page.

In the past if we wanted to cultivate our friendships, we had to do something like write a letter, make a phone call, have coffee or tea or take a walk with them, to put forth some manner of effort. Friendship, after all, requires something from us because it's intimate, and we actually need be there at some point, to be a good friend. But now, text and FB'ing has replaced a great deal of our personal contact and communication, and none of it intimate. Sure, we may read a "news feed" from our friends, but there isn't any context to the writing, it's impersonal at best, no contact necessary and virtually no effort required.

I also find that I don't miss some friends the way I used to because I track their updates, see their pictures, I know who they are associating with and where they are traveling. When I do see them, there is less sense of anticipation for catching up because, it seems, because I already know what they've been doing. The obvious upside is that I do know what people have been doing and so there is less a chance I might miss the important events that are the measure of good life friends.

How many friends one has on their FB page is a kind of measure of popularity, or worth. If you have thousands, or tens of thousands, it's impressive, and it's something you could actually monetize. It gives you bragging rights! The poor people with lowly numbers, or no Facebook page at all, are seen as stuck in the dark ages, cave dwellers with no community. It's all-good if your marketing a product, but then, those people who are your "fans" and your "friends" really aren't "friends" after all.

This morning my Facebook page says I have 769 "friends". What a crock of shit. I have about 30, and of those only about 15 are close to me, and of those 15, about 7 know everything about my life. That seems to be a good number...at least for me, I can call all of them in a matter of minutes.

Elbert Hubbard once said, "A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same." Though I've been an imperfect friend at times, impatient, unavailable and distracted, my friends are more important than my career, more vital to my happiness than stuff I can buy, and are necessary for a life of quality. I don't believe friendships are always easy, and sometimes friends do drift apart. But the reward of effort is that flesh and blood friends beat Facebook counts anytime, day or night, and they'll be there even when the power goes out or you lose your connection. Flesh and blood friends are present, they are accounted for, and we can depend on them. After all, it's better to have friends that matter and that will be here tomorrow and beyond, not just ones that can be monetized or dismissed.

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Craft Booths for Sale

The following shops are for sale. Please remember all shops must be listed through the Craft Coordinator and all sales approved by management before they can be completed. Only crafters who have been juried into the festival may purchase a booth and have their products for sale.

- 110 Owned by ShannoBankosh
338 Bridget Donahue Pottery
343 Owned by Vivian Sherrick

- 424 Blue Castle Pottery
425 Noble Casting Studio
431 Lou Ferreri

- 446 Currently occupied by the Hookah Booth (Owner Nicki Nelson/Contact Martin Young)

- 522 The Redwood Wagon
538 Magidob's Flagge Shoppe (Margaret Dobbin)
541 Ron Lewis (No structure)
547 Seventh Sojourn (Melissa & Brian Penney)
549 Five Minute Portraits by Giotto
P-55 Silks With Attitude (Ann Taecker)

Service Awards

On **Saturday**, September 25th we will be honoring those who have been with the Festival for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 years. Please join us in celebrating them & their commitment to the Festival. Ceremony will take place on King's Arbor stage beginning at 10:30 a.m.

10 Years

Chris Anders
Brian Anderson
Scott Brown
Steven Paul Carlson
Joe Cawley
Michael J. Devon
Krissey Dietz
Maggie Dobbin
Dave Eckenrode
Dante Fraboni
R. Cjaries Hebig
Martha Henrickson
Jim Jordan
Kimberly Keller
Rudie Kessler
Jill Kohn
Ed Kvarnes
Dana Listerud
Deborah Meysembourg
Barbara Mundschan
Andy Phelan
David Piphio
Rhonda Plantenberg
Robert Richards
Melissa Seither-Keast
Becca Shaffner
Katrina Sheldon
Casey Spates
Callie Spilane
Jonathan Steffens
Jeavonna Christine

Yvonne Sutherland

Tirzah Treece
H.Bill Way
David Woolhouse
15 Years
Zxy Atiywarii
Temple Blackwood
Bryce Brown
Eric M. Clark
Angela Crow
Autumn Cunningham
John Debnam
Andrew Erlanson
Barbara Friebe
Jim Grittner
Karen Hellmer
George Hellmer
Kathryn Jorgenson
Anita Kelling
Dan Kujawski
Kelly Larson
Marianne Lerbs
Jim Miller
Judith Miller
Kathy Peck
Mav Plantenberg
Celeste Proe
Ren Riga
Kyle Roggenbuck
Stephen Schroeder
Carolyn Stinson
Vanessa Strong

Mike Weiss

Steven West
20 Years
Diane Brown
Dona Delvaux
John Fogelberg
Tom Joyal
Erin Kasper
Sherry Kessler
Colleen Larson
Jerry Larson
Eric Lee
Sabrina MacFarlane
Victoria Martins
BJ Palashewski
Nancy Schultz
David Stanelle
Suzi Swanson
Don West
25 Years
Michael Carlson
Barbara Everson
Delayne Hostetler
Melissa Iverson
Garry Kopp
Greg Marchand
David Rude
John Rupkey
30 Years

Carolyn Ahl

Roger Ahl
Toni Barnhart
Tom Belise
Brian Bram
Kevin Cauffield
Nancy Christensen
Sandy Curtis
Debby Harkness
Ted Hodapp
Don Lemmerman
Kate McEvoy
Jeff Mathews
Terrie Maley
Walter Napiorkowski
Tucy Wilson
35 Years
Jon Anderson
Sandy Barry
Lloyd Brant
Jere Huffman
Kate Huffman
Shadia Ouma
Hal Robinson
Natasha Treuer
40 Years
Nelson Brown
David Bryce
John Coiner
Steve Grassmann

2010 Participant Party

Food, Drink, Dancing and Fun!

Saturday, October 2, 2010
7:30 to Midnight

Where:

Special Events Pavilion - Awards @ 8:00 pm
Wedding Tent - DJ @ 9:00 pm

Hosted By: The Mid-America Festivals Staff



FOR SALE MUSICAL JESTER DOLL BUSINESS!

Judy is no longer able to produce the musical jesters but would love to see Jester's Court continue as it has been such a vital part of the Renaissance.

Judy will teach you everything you need to know to create the jesters that have been sold all over the world and have been in demand by collectors for over 20 years.

The sale of the business also includes the patterns, directions, materials, components plus over 300 face designs, to get you started on this lucrative business.

Renaissance Festivals, as well as art shows, are a great venue for these unique items.

Contact Judy at jesters@icfc.com or 701-646-6259

Community Chess Game

Booth 110 - Sure Wood Forest

Any member of the 'community' (actors, crafters, etc) are free to come in, make a move, and turn the flipper to the other side. It adds a different dimension because it is now involving the entire 'village', rather than pitting two players against each other.

Flowers made from

Metal Scales & Chain Mail

Can be purchased at Jester's Beer Pub (by C Gate)
For \$6.00 each. I have them in 10 different colors.

Just ask for Jolene Patterson

All money that's raised from this goes to the purchase of Christmas presents for the Veterans, living in the local nursing homes in Owatonna.

Greeting from the Craft Department!

New Craft Coordinator: Beverly Deville
952-445-7361 952-445-7380 (fax)
crafts@renaissancefest.com

- We will collect 2011 booth fees on the weekend of October 1-2-3, we will not be collecting any booth fees the weekend of September 25 and 26 2010.
- If you wish to rent or sell your booth pick up a form at B Gate this weekend. It is important to get the paperwork completed immediately
- Doug Duncan of Shop #128 has been ill and his friends have done a marvelous job of keeping his shop open and running well. We wish Doug the best.

Master Dinner

The Master/Artisan Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at 8:00 p.m. in Bad Manor.

Please welcome our new food vendors for 2010!

Start your morning with a warm greeting for Ron & Debbie Kissel and have a refreshing coffee beverage from **Espresso Ala King** in Ups & Downs!

Don't forget to stop in and meet Alain Lenne with **Crepes** in the Ups & Downs area as well. I have to say the Banana Nutella is fantastic.

Head over to Cart Wheel Cove to visit Jackie Williams at the **Salads & Wraps** booth and try a Thai Chicken Salad or a fabulous Chicken Bacon Club Wrap.

Last but certainly not least run over to Thabt & Amira Mohamed's booth **Royal Shish Ka-bob** in the Narrows and try a Chicken Ka-bob dipped in garlic sauce, yummy!