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Highland Fling!

Mid-America Festivals

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Site: [REDACTED]

First Aid: [REDACTED]

Site Hours For Show

Security on duty
6pm Friday thru
2am Monday

First Aid Office
8am - 8pm

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 Games Championships (Saturday)

The 6th annual highland games will test the will of even the strongest competitors as they compete in 8 different categories for the World Amateur Title and an opportunity to have professional status!

Mid-West Men's and Women's (Sunday)

Come cheer on the Men and the Women as they compete in the Highland Heavy Games Competition on Sunday and the 2nd annual Highland Heavy Games for women!

Scottish Village Vendors

Celebrate Highland Fling with vendors from across the area! Learn about Scottish organizations such as the Got Kilt, Clan Donald, Celtic Creations and more! The Village will also include food vendors with traditional Scottish food, crafts, and even music. Be sure to try the delicious meat pies from Nitch's Cakes!

Kilt Competition

Cheer loud for your favorite contestant and enjoy the unique traditional Scottish dress. This event will be held at the Special Events Field stage at 1:30 daily.

Highland Dance Exhibition

The Minnesota Scottish Highland Dancers will demonstrate their traditional Celtic Dancing. Shows will be held on the Special Events Field stage at 12:30 and 4:00 daily. Don't miss the Royal Scottish Country Dancers performing daily at 1:00 pm on the special events field.

Pipe & Drum Band

Come see the American Heritages Pipes and Drums band perform on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 1pm in the Scottish Village.

Schell's Beer Tasting

Join in a traditional Scottish tradition with FREE Schell's and Grainbelt Beer Tastings on the Pavilion Stage 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!

Sign Language Saturday

All are welcome to join in the celebration of signed language and see our exciting performances interpreted in American Sign Language. Patrons won't want to miss the variety of comedic acts, improvisation and interacting with our boisterous entertainers (Saturday only).

Safety Services

NEW Phone Number

New For 2012

Live Mermaid

Daily, near the Children's Realm

Oktoberfest Weekend

September 22 & 23

Magie the Gathering Tournament

Friday, September 28th
2pm - 515

Ladies Shopping Event

Friday, September 28th
3pm - 7pm - \$15

Photo Tour Classes

Daily at 11am - \$25
Meet at the Media Booth

Paint Pub

Sundays - 11am
Leaping Frog Pub - \$30

New Photo Contest!

Visit our website for more info!
Renaissancefest.com
Or email us at [REDACTED]

Join our Facebook Page!

CRAFTERS

Hello from the MN Craft Department!

Our new Craft Director, Stephanie Hubers is located at the Studio office - 12364 Chestnut Blvd, Shakopee, MN 55379

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

COSTUME RENTAL

If you are a crafter willing to rent out your costumes to patrons please let Stephanie know via email: crafts@renaissancefest.com so we can create a list of costume rental shops.

ATTN: MASTERS & ARTISANS!

Invitations went out last weekend for the MASTERS/ ARTISANS DINNER - which will be held on Saturday, September 15th at 8 pm in Bad Manor - Feast Hall. *RSVP's are due no later than Monday, September 10th, 2012.

ARTISAN APPRECIATION WEEKEND SUCCESS

The first two weekends of the Festival, our patrons were able to support their favorite Shoppes' and get rewarded! Over 350 tickets were handed out for the Artisan Appreciation weekends, which means over \$85,000 was spent in craft booths.

CRAFT BOOTHS CURRENTLY FOR SALE

- # 105 Springwood Pottery
- # 112 Ye Copper Burning
- # 113 Capes & Hats
- # 117-119 Banner Oak Pottery
- # 204 You Name it Toys
- # 208 Honey Creek Gems
- # 227 Porcelainly Yours
- # 228 Linda Baysinger Pottery
- # 230 Stonehenge Sculpture
- # 406-407 Denzen Pottery
- # 431 Ferreri
- # 523 Half Moon
- # 742 Domba
- # 827 Steven Paul Carlson-Legendary Ceramics



NEW FOODS 2012

- 234- Croissant Pudding
- 239 & 531 & 833- Chocolate covered Corn Dogs
- 247 & 62401- Caprese Salad on a stick
- 24101- Italian Sodas
- 529 & 616- Wiener Burger
- 615 & 833- Harvest Kabob
- 625- Crepes
- 703- Twisted Potatoes
- 707- Meat Pies
- 707- Banana Cake
- 831- Fried Green Tomatoes
- 839- Queen's Greens

Greetings from the Marketing Department

We would like to thank everyone for helping with all of the marketing events, press coverage, and new festival events so far this season. Attendance is already up from last year and we hope it will only get better!

State Fair: A new promotion for the Renaissance Festival this year was having a booth at the MN State Fair and it has been very successful so far with over 2,000 tickets sold! We would like to thank Mark and Janessa Med-daugh for their hard work as the booth managers and the entertainment acts that have helped out as well!

New Events for Festival Friday: The Marketing department is trying to add some new events to Festival Friday to try and grow the attendance on this day. A Magic the Gathering Tournament has been added as well as a Ladies Shopping Event. Both of these offer discount admission to patrons and provide a different opportunity for them to experience at the Festival.

Ladies Shopping Event: Patrons can purchase a \$15 ticket for the event that includes a Festival admission ticket, a free glass of wine, gift bag, and a social hour. If you are crafter and interested in donating a raffle prize or offering a special discount for this event please email [REDACTED] your shoppe will be promoted at the event and information for your discount will be handed out to the attendees.

Attention Crafters:

If you are a crafter and would like to get involved with some of the marketing opportunities we are offering, please email [REDACTED] for more information!

PARKING HOURS

Pit Parking lot will be open at 5:00pm on Fridays and all cars need to be out of the Pit by 11:00pm on Sundays.

Cars not out of the Pit by 10:00pm WILL be towed!

All Parking Passes must be placed on the inside lower left (driver's side) corner of the front windshield. Participants are not allowed to park in the Main Parking lot, failure to follow this rule will result in your pass being pulled.

SHOP NUMBERS

Shop Numbers need to be on all crafter booth exteriors. They need to be size 3 X 5 and 4 feet from the ground. Please remove anything in the front of the numbers so that they are easily readable. It would be helpful if you put your shop number on the back of the booth as well. If you need help in creating these signs please call BJ at [redacted]

Thank you, Tom Pitschneider, Fire Marshal



King of the Log After-Hours Tournament 9/8 at 7:30pm!

Battle with workers throughout the Realm for the King and Queen of the Log title. Sign-up at the Log any time during the weekend. Please sign-up by at the Log by 7:30. Fandazzi will be providing half-time entertainment.

PARTICIPANT PARTY

Who: Festival Participants

What: Awards, Dinner & Drinks, DJ & Dancing

When: Saturday, September 29th, 2012

Where: Food & Beverages served out of 600 food line
DJ in wedding tent from 9-12
CKC Awards at Bakery Stage
Crafts, Entertainment, Marketing, Food Ind.
and Game Awards at Pavilion

Why: Thank you for the great season!

THEME: 70's - get dressed and ready for a great 70's themed party!

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 pets 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 MAE policy.

A Message from Gordy Arthur Green-leaf Holmes

I will be appearing for two nights in September at the Southern Theater in Minneapolis for a live filming of my show, "The Wildly Inappropriate Poetry Of Arthur Greenleaf Holmes." The show will be on the 19th and 20th at 8:00 pm, with a suggested donation of \$10. The Southern Theater is one of the first vaudeville stages in America, and it should be a lot of fun. Come on out and be a part of my upcoming DVD, but for God's sake, leave the kids at home. Or don't, see if I care.

TRAIL OF TERROR

We are currently accepting applications for our Halloween event "Trail of Terror" please pick up an application from CKC. Check in or apply online at www.trailofterrorfest.com.

23rd Annual Charity Auction

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival is currently seeking donations for our annual Charity Auction, which benefits Can Do Canines. The organization is a non-profit organization in New Hope, Minnesota that provides service dogs to disabled individuals in the Midwest. Help us aid their mission of helping those they serve to achieve a greater well-being, independence, and enjoyment in life.

The Charity Auction will be a major event during the Wine, Chocolate, and Romance Weekend on September 15th and 16th. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Can Do Canines and all donations received are tax deductible. If you have an item you would like to donate you can drop them off in the Special Events Field this weekend, or bring them to the office.

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. Service Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 10:30am at the King's Arms.

Thank you to everyone below that have been involved with the Renaissance Festival for 10 years or more!



Years of Service	Name
15	Alex Corbin
10	Alison Argyll
10	Andrea Gjordad
35	Arthur Knowles
10	Ben Gardener
30	Bill Peltzman Jr
10	Brian Kisch
30	Carl Melichar
10	Caryn Lengkeek
15	Claire Purvey
20	Corey Lerbs
25	Craig Smith
30	Dana Bradford
40	Dana McDill
10	David Zenz
15	Diana Tyree
15	Doc Rice
15	Fiona Burke-Scovill
40	Gary Parker
35	Gerald Saetveit
10	Greg Grandprey
20	Jaime C. B'sheret
30	James Henke
20	James Stone
20	Jason Johnston
30	Jason Parker
30	Jeff "Peffa" Bertilson
20	Jennifer Leff
35	Jo Manbeck
10	Joel Allard
30	John Sjogren
10	Joseph Brickman

Years of Service	Name
25	Karen Lund
10	Kelly Jo Berglund
35	Ken Patzoldt
15	Kethry Burke-Scovill
10	Kimberly Grandprey
20	Larry Hodgson
15	Linda Baysinger Peck
10	Liz Schlesky
15	Marc Scovill
20	Margaret Miller
25	Marnee Taylor
15	Marsha Kocur
20	Marty Roberts
20	Morgen Gray
35	Nancy Christensen
20	Nancy Sundeen
40	Natash Treuer
25	Paul Regge
15	Paul Stone
25	Paul Taylor
20	Roxanne Brown
20	Ruth Craig
15	Sam Fox
10	Sean Hanley
10	Shannon Johnson
15	Terry Wessling
10	Theodore Anderson
30	Thomas Barnes
10	Tim Sobolewski
10	TJ Hanley
25	Tom Higgins
25	Valerie Cramer-Brugman