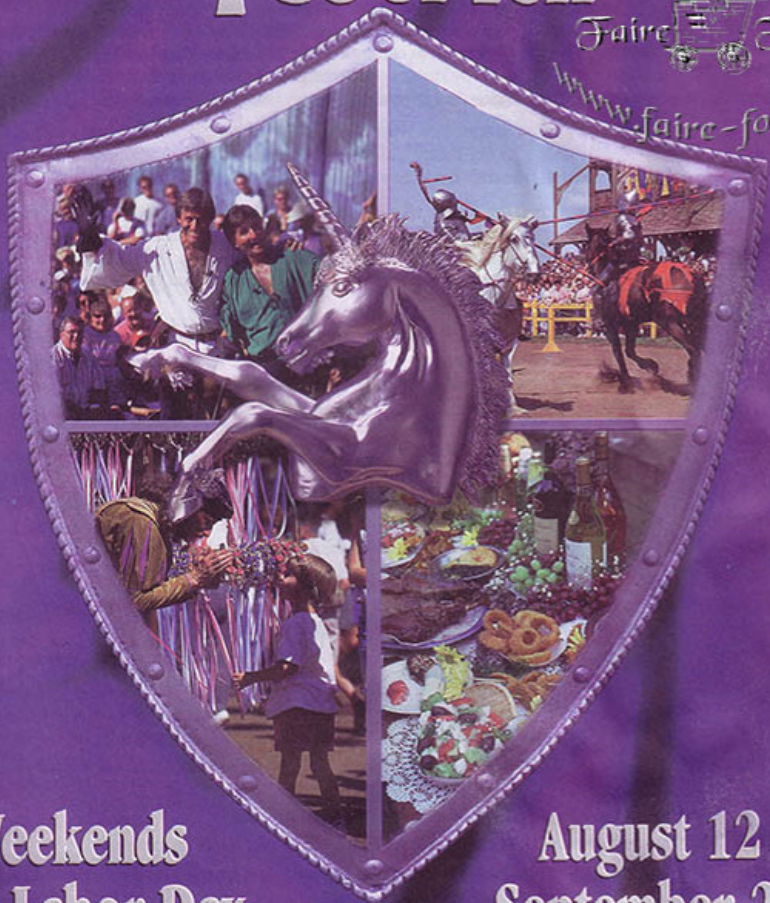


TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

1995 MINNESOTA
Renaissance Festival

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**Weekends
& Labor Day**

**August 12 –
September 24**

Huzzah and Cheers For Twenty-Five Years!



uzzah! In this year of historic celebration, King Henry and his Queen Katherine welcome one and all to the 1995 Minnesota Renaissance Festival.

Since its beginning in the shire of Jonathan in 1971, on the shores of Lake Grace, the Minnesota Renaissance Festival has been the late summer, early autumn gathering place of artisans and entertainers from throughout the land. As you stroll through the 22-acre Festival, watch in awe as our streets of the 15th Century Village come to life with hundreds of unique characters. Nine lively stages provide continuous, frolicsome entertainment. Enjoy interacting with a wide variety of minstrels, mimes, jugglers, and merry-makers of every kind from knaves to nobility!

Engage in commerce with master craftsmen of excellent repute and skill. The Village marketplace features a wide variety of media including jewelry, pottery, glass, face painting and portraits. The artisans are delighted to demonstrate their crafts and invite you to enter their shops and browse at your leisure.

Costermongers and purveyors offer delicious treats such as roasted turkey legs (the traditional favorite of Renaissance visitors), hearty soups in an apple bread bowl, Queen's Carmelized apples, and an array of specialties from Renaissance Europe. Raise a chalice filled with your favorite beverage and join the Silver Anniversary celebration as you offer a toast to good King Henry and his loyal subjects.

Enjoy nonstop entertainment, follow the parade, watch brave Jousting Knights and converse with nobility. 'Tis a season of merriment at the road where in our good name, as he bids you "Huzzah and Cheers for 25 Years!"



Ye Olde Information

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ATM/CASH TRANSACTIONS: Express Teller™ cash machines located outside the Main Entrance by the Ticket Booth and on the north end of the Festival grounds in Folkestone Welly.

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INFORMATION BOOTH: Located between the Bakery Stage and Bad Manor.

LOST CHILDREN'S AREA: Meet in the Children's Realm, located at the southwest side of the Village.

LOST & FOUND: Check at the Information Booth prior to 7:00 pm. After 7:00 pm on Sunday, items will be taken to the Festival office.

PHONES: Located on the west side of the Ticket Booth, outside the Main Entrance.

PRIVIES: Renaissance Rest Areas are located throughout the Village. Consult your Mappe for locations.

SAFETY SERVICES: The King's Guard is available to assist in any emergency. They are costumed in red pants and yellow tunics with a red cross, and carry poles with a red cross on the flag.

SUNDRIES & NOTIONS: Items such as film, aspirin, rain ponchos and cigarettes are located at most Traveller's Shoppes.

Revel in the Merriment of Seven Special Weekends

Family Pleasures and Treasures

Huzzah and Cheers for 25 Years! King Henry invites all visitors to join in Village festivities during our Silver Anniversary. Families are invited to partake in an exciting kick-off celebration, Perkins-ClubKid Treasure Hunt, memorable knighting ceremony, fantasyland of games and an unforgettable petting zoo. Beauty abounds at the Village Flower Festival presented by the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota.

Inglenook Wine Gala

Raise your festive goblet to toast with the King as you sample the finest wines of the Realm complimentary at Inglenook. Join in the merriment at the Annual Charitable Wine Auction with proceeds benefiting the Courage Center. Jump into a frolicking good time at our annual Grape Stomping Contest! Offer your cheek to Alfie as he breaks his own Guinness World Kissing Record with 10,000 kisses.

Mid East Mirage

Indulge in the Exotic! Watch, listen and learn as Arabic music, dance, and Bedouin merchants invite you to explore the mysteries of the Orient. A magnificent Arabian Horse exhibition will take place twice a day. Take the stage and compete in our Bellydancing competition.

Pabst Tournament of Kings

Competition reigns in the First Annual Highland Games with heavy events, dancing, music and much more. Tankards of Ale overflow at the Village beer tastings sponsored by Pabst, Guinness and Watney's. Plan to attend King Henry's First Annual Homebrewing Contest sponsored by America Brews. Join in the unforgettable antics of the Peasant Olympics, Fools Games and many other village games and activities, for they will delight even the surliest visitor.

Art of Hands

Discover a marketplace filled with exceptional artistry! Bid on wares at the 3rd Annual Charitable Silent Craft Auction benefiting the Craft Emergency Relief Fund and The Minnesota Museum of American Art. Watch the many demonstrations performed by village artisans, including glass blowing, candle making and calligraphy. Partake in the Royal Tea Festival and learn about the traditional Renaissance drink at the Queen's Tea. The 8th annual Sign Language Saturday experts will interpret select stage acts, minstrels, merrymakers and more for the hearing impaired.

Rediscover the Romance

Step back into an era where romance and chivalry filled the air. Engage yourself in romantic notions as you renew your vows, listen to romantic melodies, or compete in the Wooing Contest. Enjoy the array of unique products at the Bread Festival. Witness a real Renaissance Wedding fit for a king.

A Royal Harvest

Special surprises fill the realm on this final, festive weekend. "A Celebration in Chocolate" will tempt the chocolate lover in all of us. This decadent event features demonstrations, samples and a competition to discover the finest chocolatiers in the Realm. Join King Henry and his Royal Court as the Last Huzzah of the 25th season is celebrated!



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1995 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Originally titled A Celebration of Nature, Art, and Life, the Festival has grown tenfold from its beginnings, attracting an annual audience of more than 300,000 people.

Step Back



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A) The Elizabethan Singers have been filling the Realm with beautiful music for 25 years. B) George Coulum was the first regal King George. *photo by Cheryl Walsh* C) A view of New Market Lane at the Festival site in 1974. *photo by Randall R. Spotts* D) Well known for his street antics and juggling ability, our current Artistic Director Gary Parker (center) is the most veteran street performer. *photo by Kae Caston* E) La Casa Degli Pannini (The House of the Laughing Buns) was built and designed in 1976 by John Clark Donahoe, Artistic Director for The Children's Theatre Company. *photo by David Skramstad* F) Owner the Eccentric was one of the many outstanding acts featured at the Festival. Previous acts have included Penn and Teller, Michael Hennessey, The Flying Karamazovs, and Fud the Juggler. *photo by Cardel*

Twenty Five Years of the Mi

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Throughout its history, the Festival has hosted countless outstanding entertainers, food purveyors, artisans and community organizations. We extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each and every person who has made the Renaissance Festival possible over this last quarter century. Huzzah!

G) David Bryce is a 25 year veteran who has been "King James," the museum curator and coordinator of the Royal Fashion Show. *photo by Kae Gaston*
 H) Artisan Harold McMillen began selling his wares and entertaining as Mac the Bagpiper in 1972. Neal Nye, Nelson Brown, Robert Sorenson, John Colner, Reniah Newman and Adam Newman have been crafters for 25 years. *photo by Phil Pruss*
 I) Joe Kudla and Mark Sieve, the popular Puke and Snot, have been making crowds laugh since 1973. *photo by Stan Wildbansser*
 J) The "Carrousel of Horses" began in 1973 and featured events included: Save the Knight, Damsel in Distress, Joust, Swords & Rings and Chariot Racing. *photo by Terry Kubista*
 K) Funny and eccentric, The Welly Women were a popular street act at the Festival for many years. L) Lord High Sheriff, Bill Lochan (left), has been protecting the Realm since 1974. *photo by Brian Kenkes*

Minnesota Renaissance Festival

Unique Special Events All Seven Weekends!

Each weekend King Henry invites all visitors to enjoy the Realm's new mini-festivals.

25th Anniversary Kick-Off Party

The Festival will begin with an official ribbon cutting ceremony at our newly renovated front gate on August 12 with cake served to the first 2,000 guests.

Royal Flower Festival

August 12-13

The Royal Flower Festival at the Special Events Pavilion will feature both horticulture and design categories, along with specialty and educational exhibits.

Huzzab to: Bachmans & The Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota

Inglennook Wine Gala

August 19-20

Wine connoisseurs will enjoy varietal wine tasting seminars, a homemade wine contest, grape stomping and a charity wine auction.

Huzzab to: Inglennook & J-Bird Wines

Mid-East Mirage

August 26-27

Enjoy Middle Eastern dance, bellydancing lessons, a traditional Bedouin village and an Arabian Horse Show.

Huzzab to: Jawaabir Dance Company & The Half Arabian Horse Association

1st Annual Highland Games

Sept. 2-4

Watch a full heavy games competition including the popular caber toss and the hammer throw. Enjoy traditional Scottish dancing at the Highland Dance Competition in the Special Events Pavilion. Visit the Organization of Clans and learn about Scottish heritage.

Huzzab to: The Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association

Mead, Cider & Ale Contest

Sept. 4

This 1st Annual Homebrewing Competition, sanctioned by the American Homebrewers Association will be held in the Blue Lion Tavern tent. Learn about making your own homebrew and sample ale at the Special Events Pavilion.

Huzzab to: America Brews and the Minnesota Homebrewers Association

Queen Katherine's Tea Festival

Sept. 9-10

Visit with local tea experts, attend a seminar on making a "proper cuppa" and view an unique display teapot. Join Queen Katherine and other Village guests for the Queen's Tea at 4:30 near the Irish Cottage.

Huzzab to: Coffee and Tea Ltd., Brontes English Tea Room and Beverly Samuelson

Bread Festival

Sept. 16-17

The Twin Cities finest bakeries will host demonstrations and displays featuring the latest, most innovative products in the industry. Sample delicious breads from a variety of bakeries.

Huzzab to: McGlynn's Bakery

A Celebration of Chocolate

Sept. 23-24

This decadent event will feature contests, demonstrations and sampling of the finest chocolates. Also, world renowned chefs will create chocolate masterpieces in the Special Events Pavilion throughout the weekend.

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What Was The Renaissance?



The intellectual, cultural, and artistic movement known as the "Renaissance" began in Florence, Italy during the 14th Century, and had encompassed the entirety of Europe by the beginning of the 17th Century. The Renaissance was an age of enlightenment, but moreover it was an age of education, exploration, discovery, and adventure!

The Renaissance movement was inspired by a secular spirit; less religious than that of the dark ages. People developed a renewed interest in classical civilization. Laymen and princes encouraged and expected people to learn poetry, art, literature, and practice in the ways of chivalry. As these neoteric ideas spread throughout Europe, there was a separation from Medieval thinking and a rebirth of creative thought, a renewal of classical art, and a revival of classical literature and architecture.

The spirit of optimism that this historic movement represents is preserved here at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. And visitors, one and all, are invited to share in the gallantry, beauty, romance, and adventure that is the Renaissance!



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A Feast Fit For A King



Combine one seven-course meal with two hours of entertainment and you have the recipe for one of the most unique events on the Festival site. The 12th Annual Feast of Fantasy takes place every day of the Festival at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the lively atmosphere of Bad Manor. This lavish banquet will add the crowning touch to your Renaissance experience.

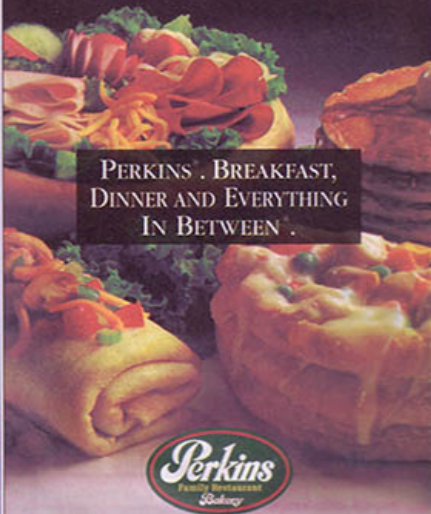
As the Royal Feast Master calls you to dinner, be ready to have a good time! Once you are seated, you must don your Renaissance hat if you intend to stay. Each course is always served with a proper flourish. Throughout the meal, the Realm's finest players will entertain with music, comedy and magic. King Henry and Queen Katherine always visit the Feast to be sure that everyone is having a wonderful time.

Guests will always remember this unique experience when they leave with a unique silver medallion and a special twelve ounce chalice created specifically for the Festival. The ticket includes both souvenirs, admission to the

Renaissance Festival, continuous entertainment, unlimited beverages and of course, the wonderful food.

Limited seating is available and space sells out early. To check availability, contact the Feast Information Booth located outside of Bad Manor.





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xperience the Renaissance Festival through the bright, imaginative eyes of a child. A fantasy world of gallant knights and incredible sights await! The **Children's Realm** is the perfect playground for a child's imagination.

Children may become knights of the realm in an official **Knighting Ceremony** after completing the royal **Treasure Hunt**, decorate a crown to don for the day, and make a special wish in the King's moat. Register to win a Renaissance play set, receive a **Certificate of Knighthood** with the completion of **Knighting School**, create a memorable treasure at the **Paper Medallion Press** and pose in one of the many **Photo Scenes** throughout the village. In addition, children can meet both familiar and unusual animals at Como Zoo or the **Children's Petting Zoo**.

The 1995 Renaissance Festival offers a wide variety of unique games which test skill and award its victors with prizes.

- ◆ Try your hand at **Archery & Darts**
- ◆ Find your way through the **Giant Maze**
- ◆ Insult bawdy knaves at **Vegetable Justice**
- ◆ Defeat your friends and become **King of the Log**
- ◆ Cool off with a soaking battle of **Dueling Buckets**
- ◆ Get up in arms at the **King's Academy of Arms-Fencing Ring**
- ◆ Mount a flying horse and spear a ring out of a dragon's mouth on **The Sliding Jug**

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Children of the Realm may take part in the true Renaissance period on one of many thrilling Renaissance rides:

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| Butterfly Ride | The Pirates Nest | The Ship Ride |
| Pony Rides | Round-a-Bout | Cabriolets |
| Elephant, Camel & Llama Rides | | |

The Renaissance Festival also offers quality wares and unique opportunities for children of all ages:

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| Wooden Boats | Wooden Toys |
| Wooden Swords & Shields | Name Puzzles |
| Wax Hands | Children's Name Bracelets |
| Crystal Stix | Children's Costume Pieces and Hats |
| Hand Puppets | Hobby Horses, Puppets |
| Wooden & Ceramic Whistles | Bubble Wands |
| Coloring Books | Polished Rocks |
| Face Painting | Garlands |
| Sand Bottles | Glass Dragon's Tears |



The best way to reach the hearts of children is through their stomachs. Try these tasty tidbits that tempt toddlers.

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| Rootbeer Floats | Florentine Ice | King's Ices | Pizza |
| Corn on the Cob | Queen's Sundaes | Cream Puffs | Squire Dogs |
| Lollipops | Trollhouse Cookies | Strawberry Shortcake | Cinnamon Twists |
| Renaissance Fries | Pickles | Pretzels | |

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Festival Food & Drink

Use this list with the Festival Map to locate and enjoy your favorite foods. The following thirst quenching beverages are located throughout the Village: Soda, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Fruit Juice, Beer, Wine, Draft Cider, Coffee, Milk, Hot Chocolate, Sparkling Water, Apple Cider, Spring Water. Bold-faced items are featured taste treats at the Festival this year.

Folkstone Welly

Capuccinos, Espresso & Coffee
Florentine Ice
Peanuts in the Shell
Chicken Teriyaki Sandwich, Chicken Royale
& Chicken ala Queen
Nacho Gracioso
The Prince's Bratwurst, Knave Sandwich &
Sausage on a Stick
Beer Battered Onion Rings
Skewer of Chicken Wings
Prime Rib Sandwich, Hearty Soup in a Bowl
Florentine Ice
Peanuts in the Shell
Iced Cream Sundae, Fruit Granitas
Hot Buttered Corn on the Cob,
Squire Dogs, Grilled Pork Chops
Turkey Drumsticks, Harvest Kabob
Ye Olde Traveller's Cart
Hearty Potato, Cheese and
Black Bean Soup

Shepherds Green

Skewer of Chicken Wings
Florentine Ice
Gourmet Crumb Onion Rings
Florentine Ice
Fresh Catch Seafood Pockets, Fish and Chips,
Shrimp and Chips
King Henry's Salted Nut Rolls
Ye Olde Traveller's Cart
Peanuts in the Shell
Pickles
The Maiden's Fresh & Caramel Apples

Narrow Market

King Henry's Salted Nut Roll
Popovers
Royal Shish-ka-bobs
Lebanese Pita
Baked Potatoes, BBQ Sandwiches
Quiche Lorraine & Seafood Quiche
Renaissance Rope Cake
Schnitzel Fritters & Cheese Curds
Pretzels
Cheesecake & Frozen Yogurt
Battered Veggies, The Friar's Fries
Grilled Chicken Sandwich & Chicken Royale
Scotch Eggs, The Queen's Greens & Bangers
Italian Pizza
Meatball Sandwich, Galley Sandwich
Hearty Potato, Cheese & Black Bean Soup
Florentine Ice, Oranges, Peanuts in the Shell
Lemonade, Iced Tea, Sparkling Water
Fresh & Caramel Apples
Ye Olde Traveller's Cart
Pickles

Cartwheel Cove

Italian Stuffed Calzone
Turkey Drumsticks, Harvest Kabobs
Squire Dogs
Hot Buttered Corn on the Cob, Sausage
on a Stick
Capuccino, Espresso & Coffee
Seville Sandwich, Spanish Fries
Prime Rib Sandwich, Steak Sandwich,
Pork Sandwich, Pork & Steak on a Steak
Chili: Garden Vegetable, Chicken, Beef
Beef & Chicken Fajitas
Fresh Baked Trollhouse Cookies
Florentine Ice & Ice Cream Sandwiches
Little John's Rootbeer & Rootbeer Floats
Ice Cream, Wizard of Oz Lemonade
Maid Marion & Sherwood Forest Sundaes

Market Place

Cheese Crowns & Gourmet Muffins
Delectable Chocolate Filled Strawberries
Cashews & Tofu
Ye Olde Traveller's Cart
Lemonade, Iced Tea, Sparkling Water
Ye Olde Traveller's Cart
Focaccia with Pesto

Treasure Cove

Fresh Pasta & Philly Sandwich
Italian Sausage on a Stick, Sausage & Peppers
on Pasta
Chicken Alfredo, Ravioli
Spinach Pie & Scones
Seafood Pocket, Shrimp Wreck, Salad Greens
Clam Chowder in a Bread Bowl
Sesame Chicken Salad
Caesar Salad
Fish & Chips, Shrimp & Chips
Iced Cream Sundae, Sandwiches
Specialty Hard Ice Creams
Galleon Sandwiches
Florentine Ice
Oranges, Peanuts in the Shell
Egg Rolls, Spring Rolls & Chicken Rings
Spicy Cheese Spuds & Onion Rings
King Henry's Salted Nut Rolls
Florentine Ice
Hearty Soup in a Bread Bowl
Baked Potatoes, BBQ Sandwiches
Bacon of Beef
Chicken on a Stick, Chicken & Chips,
Chips & Cheese
Bavarian Roasted Nuts
Apple Dumplings & Sweets

Upson Downs

Fruit Granitas
Florentine Ice & Ice Cream Sandwiches
Squire Dogs, Steak Sandwich, Steak & Pork
on a Steak
Homemade Baked Beans
Chicken on a Stick, Chicken & Chips, Chips
& Cheese
Sir Beefy BBQ Ribs
Maid Marion & Sherwood Forest Sundaes
Shaved Ice
Fresh Baked Trollhouse Cookies
Little John's Rootbeer, Rootbeer Floats
Capuccinos, Espresso & Coffees
Specialty Wines
Potato Feast, Chicken Fillet Sandwich,
Jalapeno Cheese Sticks
Strawberries & Cream, **Strawberry Shortcake**
Pasties: Chicken, Beef Sausage
Pocket Pitas
Rachel's Sundaes
Chocolate Decadence
Ye Olde Traveller's Shoppe

Ovenhill Market

Capuccino, Espresso & Coffee
Cinnamon Rolls, Twists & Peasant
Bread
Trollhouse Fresh Baked Cookies
Ye Olde Traveller's Shoppe
Florentine Ice
Oranges & Peanuts in the Shell
Cream Puffs & Omelets
Brownie, Carrot Cake
Chicken Nuggets, Squire Fries
Hot Buttered Corn on the Cob, Sausage on
a Stick & Grilled Pork Chop
Squire Dogs
Turkey Drumsticks, Harvest Kabob
Potato Skins, Mozzarella Sticks, Sizzling
Steaks
Fresh Fruit Cart
Gyros, Baklava & Greek Salad
Cheesy Breadsticks & Gourmet Italian
Pizza
The Prince's Bratwurst
Queen's Apples, Tarts & Cider
Hearty Potato, Cheese & Black Bean
Soup
Flavored Lollipops & Sir Lancelot's Racing
Turtles
Pickles
Baklava Cart
Ye Olde Traveller's Shoppe
Beef Jerky & Pepperoni Sticks

New Treats And



SOUP BOWL: An edible bowl of delightfully crusty bread, served brimming with a tantalizing combination of creamy potato, cheese and black bean soup.



CAESAR SALAD: Hearts of Romaine coated with a garlic lemon dressing and garnished with sourdough croutons.



SALTED NUT ROLL: A scrumptious combination of nutmeg, caramel and freshly roasted nuts. This treat is sure to satisfy the sweet tooth in all.



ROASTED CORN: Sweet corn fire-roasted in its husk then bathed in rich, creamy butter. A festival favorite!



PINEAPPLE FRUIT MELANGE: A large tropical pineapple halved, sliced then topped with fresh strawberries, melons and sprinkled with blueberries.

PASTY: Fresh vegetables with your choice of beef or chicken, all enclosed in a fluffy, delicious pastry shell. This English favorite is a meal in itself.



BBQ RIBS: Succulent beef ribs char-broiled and bathed in a rich and spicy barbecue sauce.



SCOTCH EGGS: A delectable combination of boiled egg wrapped in a specially seasoned blend of beef and pork, then breaded, browned and baked to perfection. An authentic Renaissance dish.

Olde Favorites

ICE CREAM: Rich and creamy, this summertime favorite comes in a variety of flavors from vanilla, to peach, to coffee toffee. Indulge yourself with this cool treat.



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE: Angelfood cake as light as air is smothered with fresh strawberries and whipped cream, and served in an edible chocolate bowl.



FOCCACIA AND PESTO: ...A favorite throughout the centuries, a blend of garlic, olive oil, walnuts, basil and rosemary served with foccacia, an Italian herb flat-bread.



SPINACH PIE: Masterful french pastry outside, a richly satisfying filling of creamy spinach and cheese inside. Hearty enough for a peasant, pleasing enough for a King!



TURKEY LEGS: A huge leg of turkey that allows everyone to feel like King Henry. The traditional favorite of Renaissance visitors.



FROZEN YOGURT: This cool and creamy fat-free treat is sure to please... topped with fresh strawberries or chocolate.

ROYAL SHISH-KA-BOB: Hearty pieces of beef or chicken grilled with onions and peppers served on flat bread with garlic sauce is sure to entice even the most royal of royals!



GOURMET PIZZA: A thin crust topped with a blend of the finest and freshest ingredients in the Realm. This delight is a favorite in our village.



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Craft Demonstrations



Minnesota Renaissance Festival artisans are the finest to be found in any Kingdom. They are eager to share their knowledge and entertain by demonstrating their skills and actively involving all who gather 'round. Watch, listen, question, and discover some of the age-old secrets of their crafts. These are but a few of the wondrous experiences to be found. Watch for others as you traverse the Realm. Times are posted.

Paper-making, Printing, Bookbinding, Marbling and Etching:

The impact of the printed word caused changes in Renaissance life. Witness rags emerge as paper through a process employing traditional tools and techniques. A wooden lever Gutenberg-style press is used to demonstrate the art of hand printing. Skilled hands sew the pages together to form a book. A demonstration of etching and marbling completes the series of activities in the mill. *Wind Rose Mill (Shop # 120 - at the Water Wheel)*

Calligraphy: Free half-hour classes are offered at the Hall of Scribes four times daily. Learn the Gothic alphabet and try your hand at Renaissance doodling. Classes are limited to 16 students. In addition to the classes, calligraphy demonstrations are ongoing throughout the day. *Hall of Scribes (Shop #1205- at the Water Wheel)*



Perfume Making: Visit the Alchemist and watch perfumes and body care products being handmade. The alchemist demonstrates the distilling

process of a variety of popular scents. Visitors can make their own unique scent by blending fragrance testing oils. Extracting techniques are described, and you'll learn the process of making perfumes. *The Alchemist (Shop # 333-334)*

Glassblowing: The glassblowers of the Realm await your arrival with bated breath, eager to create wonders from molten glass for your amazement and surprise. Follow the process from the first red-hot blob until the "object d'art" emerges from the annealing oven. *Ye Kin's Glass (Shop # 1810) Sasgamerich (Shop #1233) Oulu Glass (Shop #447)*

Engraving: A short history of printing, touching on relief prints, intaglio, and engraving. Audience members assist in the authentic process of creating an engraved print. *Cock 'n Dragon (Shop #215-216)*

Brass Rubbing: An unique opportunity to create your own historical keepsake. Replicas of monumental brasses dating from English Medieval and Renaissance periods are used. Rubbings are made by placing white rice paper and heavy black or gold paper over the brass. Heel balls rubbed over the paper make the impression. Techniques of rubbing are explained and demonstrated. *Brasswood (Shop #744)*

Wax Figure Sculpting: A formless mass of molten wax turns into a fantasy creature under the skilled hands of a master craftsman. Ask questions, guess what the end result will be! *Wax Wizard Works (Shop # 206)*



Armor Making: Observe weapons and armor from the past. Discover the secrets of making armor. How to wear it, and how to move it around. *Arms & Armor (Shop # 146-148)*

Metal-Casting Workshop: A discussion of basic sculpture, designing, and mold making is followed by the creation of a sand-cast design. Clean-up, antiquing and buffing are explained. For a small fee, you can create your own Festival Medallion by pressing a "master" form into casting sand to produce an impression. Then pour molten metal into this mold, buffing and antiquing your treasure after it cools. *K. Dopita Studio (Shop #152-153)*

Three Renaissance Masters

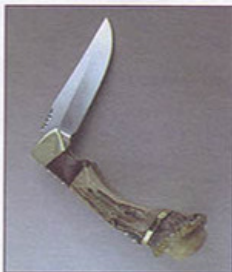
Sir David Benitez (Shop #336)

As a young man growing up in beautiful Northern California, Master Benitez loved to hunt and fish. Since the appropriate tools needed to get the job done effectively were not readily available, he learned how to design and create his own custom-made knives.

For over thirty-four years, this self-taught machinist has been interested in the art of knife making. In 1971, after 10 years in the trade, he began selling leatherwork and knife cases in addition to his knives. He then branched out even further and began to design pipes and silver jewelry. It was in 1976, with the influences like the great Carl Schrone and David Boye that he became passionate about his art.

The knives begin as a piece of special aircraft steel. Sir Benitez cuts the intended shape and hardens it by placing it in intense heat. The process continues by tempering the metal in order to soften the knife and make it more pliable.

Sir Benitez is a "Fellow" at the Serenity Design Institute in Guerneville, CA. He and his wife June currently reside in the Redwood area of California and have been active participants in the Festival since 1976.



Sherry Johnson (Shop #603) Porcelain & Old Lace

Specializing in the old and elegant art of German Dresden Porcelain Lace Draping, Sherry Johnson is truly an artist of Master status. The figurines in Porcelain & Old Lace have been popular items at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival for the past ten years.



The creation of each figurine is a complicated process that demands extreme patience. Dame Sherry begins by draping 100% cotton lace or fabric, saturated in colored porcelain, on a porcelain greenware base. Small roses and other adornments are added piece by piece. The lace slowly burns away during a 12 hour firing process and additional firing is done to achieve a glaze, add luster and set the china paint.

Professionally, Dame Johnson has been involved in ceramics since 1980. She enjoys creating custom figurines for weddings and special orders and has earned many awards including the Ruth Award for excellence in Porcelain Lace Draping. In addition to her figurines, Sherry has developed a line of collectibles that includes bells, thimbles, unicorns, ornaments and jewelry.

Sir Keith Raivo (Shop #446) Keith Raivo Designs

Functional, straightforward and durable are Sir Keith Raivo's wood-working designs. From small sleds and furniture to his famous large basket style hampers, Festival visitors claim Raivo's work has been built to last well into the 20th century.

"Woodworking has become a full time occupation that keeps me very busy," says Raivo. The creative process begins by cutting large boards of fine hardwoods into strips. The wood is then carefully sanded, soaked in water, steam-bent and quickly woven together while the wood is still pliable. Finally, copper is used to rivet the strips together and small pieces of leather added as an accent.

For over fourteen years, this self-taught woodworker and his wife Valerie work together in a shop about 30 yards from their home in Brook Park, MN. He participates in several art events annually, but the Minnesota Renaissance Festival has become a tradition for the Raivo family. They have been active contributors since 1983.



Renaissance Master Creates RAKU Character Sculptures

Sir Mel Sundby (Shop #117-119)
Banner Oak Pottery

The temperature finally reaches 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and Master Mel Sundby removes another extraordinary sculpture from the fire. As he places it in a container filled with sawdust to smolder and cool, Sir Mel cannot help but wonder what his next creation will look like.



For over twenty years, this native of Minnesota has been directing his energy toward unique character sculpture. Each piece is individually modeled in coarse clay and fired using the RAKU method of glazing, a process originated in 16th Century Japan. His pottery and sculptures are bisque fired to harden the original form and fired with a glaze a second time to color it. Sir Mel has no two creations that look alike. He gets his inspiration from friends, family and

people he sees from day to day. One time a curious older woman stood looking at his work and asked, "Where do you get all of your ideas for these?" "I am looking at them," he said. She quickly spun around and walked away.

Currently, Sir Mel commutes three days a week from his farm in Fall Creek, Wisconsin to teach watercolor painting and art history at Lakewood Community College in White Bear, Minnesota. The artist received his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1969 and developed his unique style during a two year study with the Belgian sculptor Olivier Strebelle. He has enjoyed teaching at the college level for several years and was at one time a curator at the Milwaukee Art Center.

Sir Mel's wife Sally, is a partner in the studio as well as on the road. "She is the glue that holds it all together," says Mel. During the past 10 years he has shown his work as an individual



and in group exhibits throughout the country. The unique RAKU sculptures are increasingly sought after by collectors and has been recognized in galleries and in private collections in Seattle, Los Angeles, Dallas, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, London and Paris.

Master Sundby has been a participant at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival since 1982 and was appointed a Master in 1984. *The Sleeping Wizard*, an extraordinary masterpiece, is a valuable addition to the Renaissance Collection.



Festival Craft Exhibits

Anniversary Hall

Celebrating our 25th Silver Anniversary has added new and exciting projects. This year Anniversary Hall, located near the "Big Bear," will house the **KING'S ARMOR COLLECTION** and the **RENAISSANCE OF DOLLS COLLECTION**.

The **KING'S ARMOR COLLECTION** is a unique display of arms and armor handcrafted by artists throughout the country. Plan to view this display of weapons and defensive wear while visiting the Festival.

The **RENAISSANCE OF DOLLS** Collection brings together for your fantasy a variety of dolls costumed in the Renaissance period. They are uniquely exhibited among their own village cottages.



Hall of Masters

All Festival craftspeople are invited to exhibit in the **HALL OF MASTERS** during the Festival season. A new exhibit is mounted each Saturday morning and removed at the end of the weekend. The Festival's "News of the Realm" announces the featured categories each weekend.

No sales occur at the Hall. The exhibit provides a showcase for the crafts available at the Festival and an excellent opportunity to see the work of many artists at one time. The Hall is staffed by helpful, knowledgeable attendants who will be happy to answer questions and direct you to the shop of the maker of any work which piques your interest.

The **HALL OF MASTERS** offers a unique option available at few other galleries — the opportunity to meet the artist and view an entire range of work by visiting the shop on the Festival grounds.

This year the **HALL OF MASTERS** will be located in the structure known as **FOLKESTONE HALL** at the north end of the village. Be sure to include it in your Festival agenda.

The Renaissance Collection

Begun in 1981, **THE RENAISSANCE COLLECTION** features exceptional work of Festival artists in all media. Each year the Festival purchases pieces to add to this Collection. Early acquisitions were chosen on the basis of recommendations from Festival craftspeople, with final purchase decisions made by the Festival staff.

The establishment and growth of **THE MASTERS PROGRAM** added to the prestige and quality of the Renaissance Collection. To represent the "best of the best," acquisitions in recent years have been purchased from Festival Masters. It is a goal to include a piece representative of every craftsman who has attained the status of Master.

The Renaissance Collection is an exciting visual display of the timeless artistry and beauty of handcrafted work. A special 25th Anniversary display of the Collection can be found this year in **ANNIVERSARY HALL**, conveniently located near the "Big Bear." It shares the space with the **KING'S ARMOR COLLECTION** and the unique **RENAISSANCE OF DOLLS COLLECTION**.

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Specialty Acts

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