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General News



Attendance

The attendance for August 27-28 was a total of 40,000. It was right up there with last weekend, despite the competition from the State Fair.

Kudos and Compliments

Many comments have been received on the good performance of the students from the Shakopee schools who pick up the trash on Festival days. Good job, garbologists! Not only are they keeping the Festival's grounds clean, but they are raising money for their school.

Talent Show

The annual and internationally acclaimed talent show will be on Saturday, September 17th. All interested 'performers' should sign up with Terry Foy at cast call this and next weekend. Time and place to be determined. All talent (well almost) is welcome.

'Until Next Year' Party

The end of the Festival party will be on Saturday night of the last weekend. Place and time will be announced at a later date. Make plans now to be there. It's always a good time and a nice way to say "so long for this year" to many new-found friends.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Rachel Poor on the birth of a baby girl on Saturday, August 27th. She weighed 7 lb. 13oz., and Chris will no doubt be happy to tell you her name and perhaps even show a picture if you visit him at Pendragon Armory. What do you think Chris, will you have to rustproof your armor now that you're changing diapers?

The Beauty of Our Village

If you haven't seen the topiary display outside the front gate it's worth a special trip. The frames were designed and produced by members of our site crew, and the plantings and final look are the result of their expertise and loving care. The crew can be proud of all the wonderful gardens and plantings throughout the site. Our thanks to the greenest thumbs in the village.

Insurance Meeting

An informational meeting on insurance will be held next Saturday night for food and craft participants. Brian Huseby and a representative from the Festival insurance carrier will be available to answer questions, hear comments, etc.

Where: Bad Manor

When: 8:00pm Saturday, Sept. 10th

Fashion Show

The date of the 2nd Annual Renaissance Fashion Show has been changed to the 5th weekend. His Majesty's Royal Fashion Show will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11 in the Special Events Pavilion. Special guest appearance will be made by Merlin the Magician and Les Chanteurs de la Rose.

Interested participants please contact David Bryce in the Museum on Saturday, September 3rd. A rehearsal has been scheduled for 7:30pm Saturday, Sept. 3rd, in the Pavilion.

If you didn't have a chance to see the 1st Annual Fashion show last year, you won't want to miss this one.

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GOLDEN CIRCLETS GLIMMER IN THE SUN as good King Henry and Queen Madeline parade by the subjects of their realm. In the autumn, the royal couple sent out a decree that whosoever in the realm desired, should present designs for new royal crowns. Many designs were presented, but art jeweler David Barry-Ristow received the commission.

Barry-Ristow's commission was based on pencil sketches submitted to the committee. Once the sketches were accepted, the hard work of production began. First, stones had to be found. Barry-Ristow wanted to set topaz, amethysts, and diamonds in the crown. He couldn't find the stones he wanted, so he ordered them. Once the stones arrived, Barry-Ristow began the crowns.

The king's crown is forged, flowed bronze set with synthetic topaz, and cubic zirconia colored like diamonds and amethysts offset by silver medallions. The queen's coronet is flowed bronze set with stones similar to the king's. Flowed bronze is heated to its melting point and is then sculpted immediately into shape. The work must be done quickly and accurately before the bronze cools too much to be shaped.

Barry-Ristow learned his craft from his brother, Harry Ristow, who owned the first shop on the site. Apprenticed at age 16, Barry-Ristow watched and worked for his brother for 8 years before setting out on his own. Now, besides creating the new regal adornments, he creates the jewelry displayed in his shop in Ovenhill Market, and sculpts neckpieces which are displayed at galleries in Phoenix and Santa Fe and available from his home in Minneapolis.

Barry-Ristow has been displaying at the Festival for the last 4 seasons, his shop being one of the first in its current area. He likes to think of his jewelry as having an old look with a contemporary feel. He feels that he has incorporated both old and new, thus pulling all the elements of his style into the crowns.

Huzzah! for good King Henry and Queen Madeline and their new crowns. Huzzah! to David Barry-Ristow for his beautiful addition to their personages!

Wren Press the weekly "News of the Realm"

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Participant Breakfast

We invite all of our participants to have breakfast with us at Bad Manor on Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday. The Buffet style breakfast includes Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Muffins, Coffee and Orange Juice for only \$2.00.

Traveler's Shoppes Participant Discounts

There was a MISTAKE in last week's newsletter about participant discounts at the Traveler's Shoppes. The only shop accepting the discount is #1240 across from the Bear. A photo ID or permanent pass is needed to receive the discount. No

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Hard-boil it, Shell it, Flour it, Meat it, Bread it, Deep-fry it, Bake it and IT becomes SCOTCH EGGS, according to Mike Jung, the 11 year food Independent of the Scotch Egg booth at our festival. * It's not too different from the way they were prepared back in the 14th-15th centuries.*

Originating in Scotland as food for the Shepherds, Scotch Eggs were made with lamb and highly seasoned with herbs and spices as a preservative. The Shepherds would pan-fry the meat around the egg, wrap it in paper and take with them on their long journey up to the mountain.

Today's Scotch Eggs are either sauteed or deep-fried (these methods hold the meat around the egg better), and are popular among the pub-goers in Scotland, Germany, England, Ireland and other European Countries. They are readily available in most pubs across Europe as say, popcorn or peanuts are available in most of our drinking establishments. The idea is that the meat and the egg coat your stomach so patrons can drink longer. (It sounds like a good marketing idea by the pub owners.)

Scotch Eggs are popular at our Festival because they are of true Renaissance nature, different from most foods found in the area. Scotch Eggs have been with the Minnesota Renaissance Festival from the beginning.

Mike, like two previous owners, is a Chef Instructor at Hennepin Technical Institute. He is the 4th and longest owner of Scotch Eggs and has made major production changes along the way. The owner before him, had no electricity nor gas. He cooked the eggs over a charcoal fire, deep-fried the mixture in a fryer outside the back of the shop with a piece of plywood to cover it in case it rained, and used the old Coleman stoves to keep them warm. When Mike took over, he replaced the stove with 2 ovens and bought 5 propane refrigerators. The Festival finally went to electric, and so did Mike by replacing his propane refrigerators with 3 electric ones. Since then, Mike has resorted to a walk-in cooler and a freezer. Oh, the good old days!!

Mike's true secret of success is in the spicy meat. Although he will not divulge his recipe, which includes beef, pork and 13 herbs and spices, he suggests using one pound of Jimmy Dean's Hot or Spicy Pork Sausage, mixed with one pound of ground beef and 2-3 raw eggs to act as a binding agent and to add moisture to the mixture. Mike prefers deep-frying the meat-coated eggs because of its quickness, but sauteing works just as well.

Although Mike has given out a home recipe, don't be a stranger to the Scotch Egg booth. He also serves the infamous Banger, an English "meat ball" wrapped in a puffed pastry. Its a must for all participants to try both the Scotch Egg and Banger, and pick up Mike's business card: "I was Balled and Banged at the Scotch Egg Emporium."

**Want to find a crafter's shop on site?
Shop numbers are located on the
lower right front corner of each shop.**

Reminder: When you are in costume, no smoking in view of customers. Do what you can to hide 20th century accessories (time-pieces, especially). The following ideas for covering tennis shoes are provided by our costume department.

Festival Shoes

The best solution is to come to the costume shop and buy a pair of China Flats for \$5.00. As of this newsletter, we only have the women's style (men can wear these in a larger size), but we are waiting for the men's style to come in. We will keep you posted. China Flats can also be purchased at Global Village on the West Bank, or at Pier One Imports.

In a pinch, please try the following. Over your tennis shoes, wear large, dark, heavy stockings. Be sure they are long enough to go under the bottom edge of your breeches. For each foot, take a strip of dark fabric such as broadcloth or t-shirt knit 45" long by 1" wide. Criss cross over your foot and tie. Any other questions, please feel free to see Rebecca in the costume shop.

Fred Gridley, proprietor of Shop # 426, has developed a fascinating style of hawking. It's a performance in itself! Be sure to stop by.

● ● ● **COMPUTER COUNSELING** ● ● ●
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SIGN LANGUAGE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11 will be Sign Language Sunday. Approximately 17 sign language interpreters will be stationed at stages, the front gate, and the information booth near the race track. If you have any questions about signing, Luke Gehring will be happy to answer questions.

The interpreters will be signing for small groups of people who wish to attend craft demonstrations and tours of Folkestone Hall. It is suggested that crafts people have paper and a pencil handy for communicating with their deaf customers.

The deaf community in the State of Minnesota is approximately 19,000 persons. At this point we do not know the number of deaf people who will be attending on September 11th, but the interest in the deaf community is very high.



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There are times when our Village is subject to the same stresses and strains that occur in the "real world." Unfortunately, the possibility of theft is one of these. Should merchandise or cash disappear from your shop, the following procedures should be followed.

1. If you are an employee, contact your immediate supervisor at once.
2. If you are a shop owner, contact a Safety Services person as soon as possible. They can be identified by the yellow and red costumes they wear and the flags they carry during the day.

All information will be kept confidential. Management will be notified, an evaluation of the situation will be made, and you will be kept informed of the progress of the investigation. If the situation warrants, the Scott County Sheriff's Department will be asked to assist.



Crafts



Hall of Masters Exhibit Schedule

Media for This Week: Fabric Arts, Fiber Arts, Weaving, Clothing, Plantcraft, Featherwork, Wickerworks

Media for Next Week: Glass, Sculpture (in all media), Waxworks, Candles

Craft Assistant Office Hours

The Lady Linne will hold office hours at the Hall of Masters each day from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

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Who? Who? Who?

An unknown number of demo reviewers of unknown gender, height, weight, complexion, eye color, etc., will be on site this weekend. Do your best demos of the season for every crowd and see if you can impress them!

P.S. None of them will be wearing trench coats.

Wooden Nickel Program

How's your wooden nickel collection coming along? Wondering what to do with them? Are they becoming a serious storage problem?

Exchange your wooden nickels at the following rate:

6 wooden nickels - One Festival T-shirt
3 wooden nickels - One Free Canvas Bag

Nickel exchange conducted only at the 240 Traveler's Shoppe (near the Bear).

Put on a cheerful smile! Add a nice new touch to your costume! Do an extra special good hawking job? Pay attention to details that make this the terrific show it is! You may find some of those wooden nickels, and have a good time besides.

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Karen Backes Booth 207
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Chris Holmquist Booth #521
Holmquist Pottery
Spacious Double Booth near
Witchwood Stage \$4000.00

Kari Shely Booth 342
Quaint tudor booth with excellent location. New Roof
\$7500.00

Mary Lou Frank Booth #113
\$4000.00
Near front gate. Good traffic flow. Oak trimmed showcases also for sale.

Entertainment

Moment of the Week

SAK Theatre's David Russel was hawking for their show. He pulled out a horn, began to blow aiming towards one side of the stage. As he swept the stage, he hit the right sound spot and shattered a bottle sitting in the audience. We knew SAK was powerful, but...

ALL ENTERTAINERS

The show goes smoothly. You are filling the site with wonderful energy. Sounds of laughter, applause, and music can be heard in every part of the village. But don't get complacent or arrogant about this. The challenge (and joy) of live theatre is that it must be RE-created each time with the same energy and focus. And no matter how well it worked last time, you have the chance to make it work even better the next time. So keep polishing, tightening, and experimenting.

A word of caution about this weekend. PACE YOURSELF. Remember, the exhaustion you feel on Mondays is different this weekend, because on Monday you have to do it all over again. Plan to survive the three days.

If you are on-site, you are on-stage. Be in character and be in costume. Take your breaks, cigarettes, and modern socializing off-stage. If you have reason to be out of costume, you must first get permission from Sam or me.

There are several new entertainers joining us for this "British Isles" weekend. Make them welcome and bear with the overloaded grid schedule.

Shakespeare Competition semi-finals will be in the Special Events Pavillion each day at 11:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 3:30.

All Street People should sign-in at Cast Call or in the entertainment office (top of the back steps of Bad Manor).

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