



FANTASIA FAIR

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FANTASIA FAIR 1981
NEWSLETTER #1

Dear Participant

I am very excited about this year's Fair. Last year, if you haven't already heard, was one of our most successful Fairs ever, and this year promises to be even better. Last year we had teamwork, and this year the team is back. God, this Fair is going to be great!!! I can't wait. (Why should I be getting excited? I'm only the coordinator. You are the participant, you get excited.)

I'll see you at the Fair.

My love to you all

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

ORIENTATION Fantasia Fair is a big event, and for the newcomer perhaps even a frightening one. If you are a newcomer and anxious about attending the Fair, please don't be. The Fair's leadership has been through it, and fully realizes people have different levels of skill and confidence. It is our desire to help you feel like you are among friends. You are.

The purpose of this first newsletter is to let you know what will be happening between now and the Fair, and to help you make long-range preparations for the Fair itself.

In early summer you will be sent a second newsletter. This newsletter will contain all the questionnaires and planning committee's check lists that will help us prepare for your arrival at the Fair.

In late summer you will receive a third newsletter. This one will contain the nitty gritty information (how to get there, how to register, etc.).

As indicated in the schedule of events in your registration brochure, we have many major features that require long range planning on the part of the Planning Committee and the participant. These include the Pool Party, the Fashion Show, Town & Gown, the Talent Show, the Fashion/Beauty Course, the seminars, and getting our labor force together and oriented.

The rest of this letter will be dedicated to those topics.

POOL PARTY The pool party has always been fun, and this year we are going to have more fun. As always we will have our bathing suit review, and participants in this year's Review should start planning their outfits early (like now), and should be prepared for a little rehearsal time before the party.

FASHION SHOW The Fashion Show is a Fantasia Fair tradition, and one of the Fair's highlights for both the participants and the townspeople. The Fashion Show is an event that requires considerable preparation. That means the show coordinator must know who the models are and what they are modeling before the Fair begins. Then, at the Fair there will be auditions to select the best models. If you would like to audition to be a model, start thinking about your costume now!

What you model is up to you, so long as it is within the bounds of good taste. Casual and evening wear are always popular, as are sportswear, theme and period costumes, and uniforms. (Last year a Greek Goddess, a Korean Mama San, and a Gussy Moran tennis outfit stole the show.)

(If you have a theme or period costume in mind, we can contact Petty Dayne Creations in Boston and find out about getting it for you.)

TOWN & GOWN The Town & Gown is an event in which participants and local townspeople can meet, socialize and exchange views. It consists of group discussions followed by a pot luck supper.

We are in search of group leaders who are comfortable talking with the general public. If you are such a person, please let us know.

FAN/FAIR FOLLIES The talent show is the premier event of Fantasia Fair, and the one event that requires the greatest amount of preparation. Each year the shows get better. Each year the audiences get larger and more appreciative, and each year there is more work. No event is more rewarding for the participant, or more enjoyed by the public.

If you would like to participate in this year's Fan/Fair Follies, start preparing your act NOW!

Here are a few guidelines: 1.) The show usually runs 2½ - 3 hours with an intermission. 2.) Each act is allowed up to 5 minutes on stage - no more! 3.) If you have more than one act, you may perform it only if time allows. 4.) Be prepared for at least three rehearsals. 5.) The nature of your act is up to you, within the bounds of good taste.

(As with the Fashion Show, if you need a costume, we can contact Petti Dayne Creations in Boston and find out about getting it for you.)

FASHION/BEAUTY PROGRAM This is our basic course in practical aspects of creating a tasteful feminine image. It includes such areas as make-up instruction, hair and wig styling, comportment, voice training, and

much more. This program is a cornerstone in building a more feminine image.

A mini program will be offered each Saturday for weekend participants, and private consultations will be available throughout the Fair period.

If there are any participants with special skills, and would like to help with the Fashion/Beauty Program, your contribution will be useful, and appreciated.

THE SEMINARS In the brochure we mentioned four seminars; legal aspects, medical aspects, sociological, and androgyny-awareness. We are very concerned about offering the Fair participants the most updated information possible. Because of this these seminars are a very important part of the total Fantasia Fair experience. These seminars require highly qualified persons to conduct them, and therefore extra fees are involved.

These fees are not part of the Fantasia Fair package. Also, Fair participants are not required to attend, but are certainly encouraged to do so. If you would like to attend, but did not indicate your interest on your registration form, please read the attached information sheet.

The fee for each seminar is \$25.00, or \$80.00 for all four.

WORK N' LABOR As with any effort of this size, we need a lot of help. We can use your help. Please think about it.

These are some of the jobs: Coordinators for major events, newsletter writers, photographers, technical assistants (video tapes, etc), housemothers, hostesses, maids, peons, go-fers, and so on. As you can see we have lots to do. Again, if you might like to help, please think about it. Your effort would be most appreciated.

PAYMENTS, A FINAL REMINDER: After your initial deposit, half of the balance on your account is due at the Fantasia Fair office by July 1st. Your final payment is due by September 1st. Again this year, we are offering a 5% DISCOUNT on the total price of the plan you choose if your account is paid in full by August 1st. We encourage you to take advantage of the discount; use the money you save for a night on the town or for that pretty frock you've had your eye on ...

VOICE SPECIALIST SURVEY We are investigating the possibility of having a professional voice specialist come to Fantasia Fair and give private lessons in how to effect a credible feminine voice. (If demand warrants, the Specialist may also give a group lesson.) The cost for such services may be about \$25.00 per lesson. Each lesson would be approximately 1½ hours in length, and it is recommended each participant sign up for at least 10 hours. If you are interested in this program, please drop us a note and we will send you the details.

Thank you very much.

THE SEMINARS

LEGAL ASPECTS Here are some of the issues that will be covered: What the law says about cross-dressing, what states have statutes that specifically prohibit cross-dressing, the wording of ordinances, local or state, regarding cross-dressing, and whether or not these ordinances are enforced against cross-dressers. Also covered are: How to find legal counsel that is sympathetic to the sensitive nature of a cross-dresser's needs, what procedures should one follow when appearing before a judge, information about divorce and protecting one's self from blackmail, your legal rights with regard to jobs and to your children.

MEDICAL ASPECTS This seminar will include discussions on the nature and appropriate use of hormones, the procedure for getting a prescription for hormones, the elements of cosmetic surgery, and on the nature of electrolysis. Also discussed will be reassignment surgery, the surgeons who perform such surgery, the nature of this surgical intervention, and the post-operative conditions and caveats that follow reassignment surgery.

SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS This seminar deals with some of the fundamental aspects and attitudes that cross-dressers have or think about in relation to their behavior. These aspects include the elements of 'passing', the nature of the 'satin doll' image, passing versus lifestyle as a way of life, how to find a new job in an alternative gender role, and some of the elements of 'cueing'. There will also be several role-play situations which will be presented to emphasize certain aspects of the sociology of cross-dressing.

ANDROGYNY-AWARENESS Androgyny can be defined as that balance in each individual of the masculine/feminine energies which interact within everyone. It implies recognition and integration of these complimentary energies within us, resulting in greater personal achievement of goals and feelings of satisfaction and fulfillment.

This seminar is intended to help serious cross-dressers come to grips with some of the subtler elements of their alternative gender role. Through a carefully programmed guided fantasy experience, we hope that participants will have a better feeling for the androgynous nature of their life pattern and will be better able to cope with the different issues that confront people who choose either a masculine or a feminine gender role pattern for living.

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Each seminar is \$25.00 per person, or \$80.00 per person for all four. Check each seminar you or your spouse or friend will be attending.

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_____ Medical Aspects _____ Androgyny-Awareness

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