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The Outreach Institute of Gender Studies

Statement of Purpose

It is the purpose of OIGS to educate and conduct research in all aspects related to the phenomenon of gender, as it interfaces with human sexuality. As a social construct, gender phenomena includes a unique and a variable set of attributes that communicate and identify to all, who a person is, what a person does and how a person acts. It is the basis by which societies and cultures structure themselves. To achieve these goals this Institute will:

- Provide programs which broaden understanding about diversity of the gender experience, expression, and perception in daily life.
- Create and implement research projects and studies designed to further the understanding about gender as a social phenomenon.
- Publish relevant and useful information, research results, new ideas and paradigms relative to gender.
- Serve as a resource for all persons wanting information about topics related to gender and gender studies.
- Dévelop graduate programs in gender studies.
- Make available information and other written materials on various topics related to gender.
- Clarify the relationship between gender and sexual orientations and the lifestyles of people in society.
- Create and sponsor programs which encourage personal growth and explore the diversity of conscious gender communities.
- Promote the idea that cultural gender diversity is a positive human expression, and conscious gender communities exist in all societies



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Our statement on the cover refers to the three main functions of Fantasia Fair. A cherished destination: an offering of enjoyment, sisterhood and friendship that, in quality and quantity, is available nowhere else. A safe harbor: an opportunity to explore personal issues about our own identity without fear of judgment or rejection. A point of embarkation: a place to begin the rest of our lives.

The Board of Directors of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies welcomes you to Fantasia Fair!

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turn left and follow to a stop at Bradford St. Turn right on Bradford and take a quick left onto Center St. Go Straight to Commercial St. and turn right. Take the next right onto Freeman and bear right up a grade to our parking area. The Inn is on your right as you drive in.

Welcome

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WELCOME TO PROVINCETOWN

The Provincetown Business Guild, once again, has the pleasure of welcoming Fantasia Fair to our town. The October Affair has become a traditional Fall event and this year is even more special for you as you celebrate your 24th anniversary.

Provincetown has long prided itself on its diversity, in many areas, and acceptance of various lifestyles and backgrounds. As we figuratively roll out the red carpet for you, please accept our hospitality, above all enjoy this special occasion for your group.





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Welcome To Provincetown

Provincetown - a unique place at the very tip of Cape Cod, welcomes you to the 1998 Fantasia Fair. We have a long tradition of welcoming a diverse group of visitors which began in 1650 when the Pilgrims first landed here.

In the town there are many fine shops, restaurants and galleries, all of which will be glad to see and serve you. And around us there are 30 miles of National Seashore with great beaches and glorious dunes. Walking and biking trails make these easily accessible.

You will find Provincetown a friendly place where you will be welcome and comfortable. If the Chamber of Commerce can assist you in any way, please feel free to call on us.

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Robert Harrison President Provincetown Chamber of Commerce,Inc.



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A Message from Ariadne Kane

T HIS YEAR MARKS THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF FANTASIA FAIR. For 23 years, this interwoven complex of educational, practical and social activities and programs, has served the needs of the "T" Community. It has served as the basic model for all of the major Transgender events in the US and Europe. First-timers coming to the Fair will be awed by the program diversity. Veteran Fair participants will be excited by some new program offerings and directions.

Over the past few years, many changes, in both attitudes and expressions, have occurred for females and males in our society. Our philosophy has been and continues to offer a balanced program of activities that encourages personal growth in your gender role choice, as well as a broader understanding of the diversity and splendor of gender. The planning team of Fantasia Fair 98 has worked diligently to make it a major event in your life.

Location and an open tolerant environment are major ingredients in the enhancement of your experience oat the Fair. Provincetown, our host on Cape Cod, gives us a unique combination of a natural surrounding with the artistic, innovative energies of its diverse residents and lifestyles. It is an optimal space in which one can explore important gender issues. Townspeople are cordial and friendly to us. The innkeepers make sure that your stay at their facilities is comfortable and enjoyable. Take a moment and share with the local folk something about yourself, your interests and perhaps some of your feelings and thoughts about your gender journey.

As a founder and director of The Outreach Institute of Gender Studies (OIGS), I have learned much about the nature and extent of crossgender behaviors and attendant lifestyles, over the past 24 years. One of the more significant aspects of my experience, at the Fantasia Fairs, has been to see important changes in attitudes about gender perceptions and roles. The crossgender movement has been instrumental in its impact on gender education and enlightenment about gender diversity.

On behalf on the entire board of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, let me extend, to each of you, a heartfelt welcome and wish you a most enjoyable personal experience at Fantasia Fair.

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Warmly,

ARIADNE KANE Executive Director

The Fair Experience

Fantasia Fair is unique because of the many venues it offers for the exceptional variety of programs and activities. For the sake of a better understanding of this experience, it can be divided into several distinct components.

The Fantasia Fair Program

For many attendees, the most important part of Fantasia Fair is the professional program seminars and workshops. There are at least a half dozen each day with several running in parallel. These occur during the prime of the day, with the first sessions starting at about 9:45 am some running for only an hour, others for two hours, and a similar set of programs in the afternoon beginning at 2:15 PM. There are also two or three lunches programs each day (except the first day) with an after lunch presentation by one of the key professionals or guest speakers. The details of the daytime program are presented in the separately published, Fantasia Fair Program Bulletin.

For others, it is the night life that brings them to Fantasia Fair. There is a special program scheduled for each evening, including the renown Fantasia Fair Follies and the Fashion Show. These evening activities arepresented later in this section. Dinners are included with several of the evening activities, including the first Sunday evening reception, the Monday church supper, the Wednesday evening and Saturday evening banquets. Snacks and light buffet are served at the other evening events (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) but you may want to dine out in some of Provincetown's fabulous restaurants on these evenings.

Thirdly, you need to make time to get to know Provincetown and Cape Cod. This is indeed a wondrous part of the world. There are fabulous shops, special museums and art galleries and many special restaurants where we are all welcome. Make time to enjoy this special place for us.

Finally, and perhaps the most critical portion of Fantasia Fair, are the wonderful times spent in the late evening or morning with your house mates and new found friends from Provincetown. Each inn will hold several "house parties" and many of the attendees will burn the late night oil discussing the burning issues of the TG life styles and life's challenges.

Enjoy, and do all you can and be all you can; but try to keep your experience at Fantasia Fair, balanced. Make time for self improvement, recreation and relaxation. Remember Moderation in all things...including moderation!

Professional Programs

Fantasia Fair is proud to bring you some of the community's premiere gender specialists. Besides helping you to explore a myriad of issues faced by transgendered persons, there are also special programs on communicating with others, positive changes through hypnosis and understanding Transgenderism in other cultures. Voice lessons will be approached from a new perspective and couples issues and conflicts will be examined. Wherever you are on the gender continuum, Fantasia Fair's professional program will be of interest to you!

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Evening & Special Activities

Have the Time of your Life!

Sunday, October 18

7:00 PM Welcoming Buffet & Reception - Vixen Lounge, Pilgrim House It's a come as you are party to meet other Fantasia Fair participants, the Fantasia Fair staff, OIGS Board members and some of our dear friends from Provincetown. It is a delightful time to unwind. Old timers will introduce you around to help you get to know everybody. Who knows, you may even find some friends to go out on the town afterwards for a bit of dancing.

Monday, October 19

6:30 PM Diversity Dinner - Fellowship Hall, UU Meeting House

Come to the "church supper," or better yet volunteer to help produce it. We will be joined by town folks for a spaghetti dinner and an interesting evening of casual discussion followed by a panel discussion: *The Difference between FtMs and MtFs as seen by FtMs*, conducted by Mykael Hawley, IFGE Staff & Transgender Magazine, and Muriel (Lawrence) Crisara, from the neighboring town of Truro.

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 PM FanFair Fashion Show - Vixen Lounge, Pilgrim House

The FanFair Fashion show is "the" Fashion event of the year. Guests from all over the Cape gather to see the wonderful display of fashion on the cutting edge. The show features, casual, sports and day-wear during the first half followed by after-five cocktail and evening attire in the second half. Afterwards there will be a modest buffet reception.

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 PM Outreach Institute Reception - Provincetown Inn 8:00 PM Awards Banquet

This formal event is the time to hear from the Outreach Institute as they recognize one or more of the individuals of the TG community who have done outstanding service for the community. Ariadne Kane, the Executive Director of the OIGS, will make a brief report on their activities followed by the presentation of the prestigious Outreach Award to the individual who had demonstrated special effort in educating people about gender issues.

Thursday, October 22

8:30 PM FanFair Follies - Vixen Lounge, Pilgrim House

This is the BIG event! The event every one is waiting for. You name it, they have it. Live acts, lip-synch, comics and drama and an occasional aria. It is without a doubt, the best amateur show of its kind! Join the cast, crew and the audience for a light Apres Follies Buffet!

Friday, October 23

5:30 PM Poetry, Song & Wine Bistro - Provincetown Museum of Art

"A book of verse, a jug of wine, and" .. all that's missing is thou. Please join us and other local residence at this lovely gallery of art for a late afternoon gathering of artistic souls for poetry readings, musical renditions, sipping wine and mild refreshments, along with light snacks. Your donation will help the Outreach Institute and the Provincetown Museum of Art.

Friday, October 23

9:00 PM FanFair Fantasy Ball - Vixen Lounge, Pilgrim House

Welcome to the Mardi Gras, Carnival and Halloween rolled into one. Here's your chance to really let go and live the fantasy of your dreams; be it Scarlet O'Hara, Madonna, or Barbarella, a show girl, a hooker or the wicked witch of the west. Prizes, dancing, snacks, door prizes and party-party-party!

Saturday, October 24

7:00 PM Fantasia Fair Reception - Michael Shay's Restaurant

8:00 PM Awards Banquet

Well, all good things must come to an end, But what a way to go! The attendees, staff and special friends of Fantasia Fair in Provincetown gather for this highlight event beginning with a wonderful buffet appetizer reception. This is followed by a scrumptious sit down dinner. The special awards for the outstanding Fair participants in various areas are given. Recognition is given to the staff, volunteers and presenters for their highly appreciated efforts. Afterwards, there are farewell house parties that last to the wee hours.

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM - Noon Farewell Brunch - Boatslip Restaurant

This is the time for hugs and goodbye kisses, exchanging addresses and planning reunions. Linger over a second cup of coffee but one plate only - Please! Staff and friends will be on hand to wish you well and God speed.

Sunday, October 25

11:00 AM - Diversity Celebration Service, UU Meeting House - All welcome.

Planning Magical Week

"Being well dressed is not a question of having expensive clothes or the 'right' clothes- I don't care if you're wearing rags-but they must suit you." —Louise Nevelson

We'd like to share some tips with you about packing and preparing for Fantasia Fair. For many newcomers, this is the first time you have dressed completely as a woman for an extended period of time. As a result, a little more planning may be in order. We hope this advice makes your trip a little easier and a lot more enjoyable. The most important tip of all? Be yourself and have fun!

Wardrobe Planning

What to wear, what to wear? It's an eternal question which becomes even more challenging when packing for the fickle weather of Cape Cod in October. Be sure to stick in a raincoat and umbrella and some flats for the rough pavement. However, there are some basic guidelines that can help as you assemble your week's attire.

How Are You Traveling?

If you're arriving by personal vehicle, you can obviously bring as much as you can stuff into your car, van or eighteen-wheeler. However, if you're coming in via airplane or carpooling, you may need to conserve space and make some critical decisions.

Color Theme Approach

Coordinate your basic dress/skirt/blouse/slacks/sweater wardrobe around one or two basic color ranges (earth tones, jewel tones, pastels, etc.), colors that make you look terrific! Then, you can mix and match those items for day and evening wear as you wish, using layering to adjust to whatever temperature Provincetown gives us. Most of all, bring clothes you love to wear, because this is your week!

Bring Something Dressy

You should have two cocktail dresses (or plan to accessorize one differently), as well as one formal gown for the Awards Banquet. Remember to bring all the jewelry, shoes and accessories those outfits require.

Bring Something Casual

Not grungy... but relaxed and comfortable. You may decide to go whale watching or hiking on the dunes, and you wouldn't want to do those things in an organza sheath and stiletto pumps (or would you?). In any case, jeans, flats or sneakers, a sweatshirt and a warm jacket will prove invaluable.

Bring Something Frivolous

If you plan to take part in the FanFair Follies and/or the Fantasy Ball (costume party anything goes), don't forget to bring everything you'll need, there are marvelous clothing stores in P'town, but not much in the way of stage or costume apparel. . . unless you want to dress up as a Portuguese fisherman!

Odds & Ends

Remember to pack all those little things: cosmetics and beauty products, jewelry and scarves, pantyhose and socks, shoes for all occasions (four to six pairs should do it), underwear and foundation garments, gloves and umbrella, etc. And you'll want a couple nice nightgowns, robe and slippers for your inn's pajama parties.

Happy Packing!

FanFair HQ Pilgrim House



Fantasia Fair Office, Check-In, and Policies

Contacting the Registration Office

Until October 14th the contact number remains 401-624-4317. No collect calls please. Ask for Alison or leave a message on the recorder. After October 14th, but before Oct.18, call 508-487-3232 (8 AM to 8 PM) and ask for Alison or Dottie. If there is no answer, or they are unavailable, leave a specific message on the recorder, or with the hotel operator, mention Fantasia Fair. After Oct.17 you may reach the Fan Fair Headquarters at 508-487-6424 (8 AM to Midnight). We are sorry but we cannot return long distance calls unless you indicate that we can reverse the charges and to whom. The Inns all have a number for receiving messages for guests, and they will try to reach you by leaving a message at the front desk or by posting a note on your door. Most of the Apartments have their own phones.

Initial Check-In

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If you have paid all your registration fees by the Sept. 5 deadline, you should receive the following: reservation confirmation; optional program selection sheet, volunteer sheet, arrival card; and Follies and Fashion Show participation cards which all should be filled out and returned ASAP. On arriving Sunday, Oct. 18, you may go directly to your Inn, get comfortable, leave your car there (parking is always at a premium) and walk to the Pilgrim House, 336 Commercial St. (hard to find as it is tucked back up a long walk way). Registration starts at 3 PM. Let the Registration Staff know that you have arrived, pick up your packet, then start mingling with the other attendees and have fun. If you have not paid in full before your arrival, you must go directly to The Pilgrim House to pay the balance before checking in to your Inn.

Sunday, after 7 PM, you will find the Staff at the Welcoming Buffet Reception at the Pilgrim House and they may be able to help you with a partial check-in. If you arrive very late Sunday night, you may go to your designated Inn and, if your payments are in order, the inn keeper should be able to accommodate you. If you think you will not be able to arrive on the day you designated, please call your Inn and Headquarters and give an estimated time of arrival.

The Fair Business Office

Fair Headquarters, located on the 2nd floor of the Pilgrim House, will be open from 9 AM-12 noon and 2-5 PM Mon. through Sat. The volunteer staff will be delighted to answer any questions, sign you up for paid programs and help as needed. During the Fair the phone number will be 508-487-6424.



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Policies

Payments, Cash, Credit and Check Cashing

Final payments for the Fair are due September 5, 1998. Any outstanding balance on your registration fee should be mailed in time to be received no later than Sept. 5, to: Registrar, PO Box 473, Portsmouth, RI 02871-0473. If, forsome extreme reason, you cannot meet this deadline, you must make arrangements, in writing, with Alison to pay at the Fair with cash, traveler's checks, Mastercard or Visa (Note: a 5% donation is requested to cover the additional service fee for credit card payments. No personal checks can be accepted at the Fair). If you still have a balance due on seminars you have chosen, it may be paid for at Registration.

It is extremely difficult to cash personal checks anywhere in Provincetown (including the banks). ATM withdrawals and cash advances on credit cards can be made at most banks.

Registrant Participation & Guests

Any persons may attend any of the public events of Fantasia Fair for the stated admission price. These events include the Diversity Dinner, The FanFair Fashion Show, the Follies and the Fantasy Ball. All other events, luncheon seminars, workshops, receptions, and banquets are open only to registered participants of Fantasia Fair. This policy is designed to preserve the quality of the programs, recognize the support of the registered participants and insure that there is adequate seating space for Fair attendees. Previous Fair attendees will be accepted at these events on a space available basis.

ID Cards

FanFair ID cards will be issued at registration. This card serves as your admission to shows, events, parties, banquets, etc. Please be sure to have it with you at all times. You may be denied admission without the card.

Arrival Card

An Arrival card will be in your packet. Write your arrival date, estimated time of arrival, and mode of transportation to Provincetown on the card. Please return it as soon as possible, along with your Follies and Fashion show participation cards, volunteer, luncheon and seminar choice sheets. Returning these items helps the staff know what to expect and save you a lot of time at registration. If you are flying Cape Air, please indicate arrival time in Provincetown so that we can try to meet you at the airport. If a volunteer is not there on your arrival, you will have to take a cab.

Medical Forms

When registering at the Fair, you will be asked to fill out a simple medical form which you will seal in an envelope and return to the registration staff. It will be put in your file and opened only in case of a medical emergency where we would need to know how to contact your doctor or other designated person. The envelope will be destroyed, unopened after the Fair. You may request your envelope back when you depart on the last day of the Fair.



Helen Strong Photography

Helen will be available for photo sessions in her studio, and Provicetown locations, beaches,dunes, et. al.

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Fanfair Photo Policy

Everyone is aware that the photographic and video industries earn a fortune from our fantasies. But, is that photo of you, YOU? We don't know. We do know that, with literally million of males in the U.S. and within the statistical population profile of the group attending the Fair, it is unlikely that someone seeing that picture will be able to say "By golly, that looks like good old George" (unless George points it out to them). The Ladies whose pictures you see in the various FanFair publications, all share the same concerns for privacy; they live in the real world as successful men and women. Thus, in order to protect FanFair participants, please adhere to the photo policies of the Fair.

* Participants may photograph FanFair activities for their own purposes, provided that the persons being photographed have given their consent. This is especially true for partners/spouses who are more easily identifiable.

* Sound video & movie cameras are prohibited, with the exception of video cameras operated by FanFair staff who will be identifiable.

* No person, other than a participant, employee, or agent of the Fair Administration may carry a camera or photograph activities or make sound recordings without the expressed permission of the Fair Director.

* Media must obtain expressed written permission from the Fair Director to attend any function. In addition, media must obtain written releases from any participant photographed or interviewed. This also applies to any participant who is acting as an agent or reporter for any media or proprietary publications. The Fair Director must give permission to send any photos to publications.

* The Fantasia Fair Administration reserves the right to prohibit anyone from carrying a camera or making sound recordings of Fantasia Fair activities, but wishes to advise participants that it has no authority to control activity in public areas outside of the Fair, such as on the streets of Provincetown.

Photo & Video Release Forms

Participants will be asked to sign a Photo Video Release Form so that video recordings and photos taken by our staff may be used to present the Fair to Professional and Academic groups, Cross dressing clubs, and offered to participants who may want a nice permanent memory of the Fair. Those desiring not to be photographed will be provided with a bright badge indicating "No Photographs Please!" Persons choosing to do this will be excluded from participating in public performances such as the Follies and Fashion Show.



Fantasia Fair Resources & The Town

The Fan Fair Gazette

Knowing what's going on during Fantasia Fair is absolutely essential! There may be changes and additions to the programs; when and where they will be happening; special on-the-spur of the moment activities; and hot gossip!

Brenda Viola, the newsletter editor, will be assisted by the past editor, Kerri Reeder, Donna Batcheller, and other volunteers in producing this timely publication on a daily basis. They may well be looking for a reporter or two. House Mothers, or their assistants, are responsible for the pick up and distribution of this hot news.

You are invited to submit short writeups on your experiences, interesting observations and titillating tidbits by dropping them off at the FF office or giving them to one of the Gazette staff members. This is also the place for special advertisements, for sharing a ride or selling a wig.

The Elite Repeat Boutique

The Fair will sponsor the Elite Repeat Bouquet featuring quality used clothing and jewelry. This will be made from items donated to Fantasia Fair as a Fund Raising activity for the OIGS. Please consider donating that lovely gown that no longer fits (or never did!) and help a sister and the OIGS at the same time.

Book Store

The Fair is inviting the IFGE to bring it's Traveling Book Store on Friday and Saturday. Books and videos of interest to TG persons, their spouses, and professionals., will be available for examination and purchase.

Shopping Heaven

Shops with unique jewelry, superb leather, cosmetics, art and antiques abound in Provincetown. Literally dozens of shops line commercial street for the better part of a mile. Come prepared to do your holiday gift shopping for your friends and family (and yourself!).

Dining Delights

Fine dining, with an emphasis on seafood, is available for every pocket book. There are several evenings when you may want to treat your palate to the local fare. Ask veteran Fair goers about their favorite spots.

Mariette Pathy Allen

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- 1. Provincetown Inn
- 2. Salon Rose
- 3. Provincetown Airport / Cape Air
- 4. West End Salon
- 5. Nelson Riding Stable
- 6. Women Printers
- 7. Boatslip
- 8. Roomers
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- 9. Gifford House
- 10. Fairbanks Inn
- 11. Chicago House
- 12. Gabriel's
- 13. UU Meeting House
- 14. Stormy Harbor
- 15. Chic & Cheap
- 16. Lobster Pot

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- 17. Napi's
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- 19. Cafe Crudite
- 20. Pilgrim House Inn & Vixen Lounge (Fan Fair Office & Headquarters)
- 21. Elephant Walk
- 22. Pat Schultz

- 23. Sal's Place
- 24. Provincetown Museum of Art
- 25. Berta Walker Gallery
- 26. Three Peaks Inn
- 27. The Patrician
- 28. BayShore
- 29. Watermark
- 30. Michael Shea's

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A Word to the Wise

Please leave your macho hangups and attitudes at home. Get to know your sisters and brothers... (Oh yes, we will have FtMs at Fantasia Fair '98!) Realize the bonding process is different for men and women. Men want to know how tough the other fellow is, while women want to know how sensitive the other woman is. Women do not hide their emotions (as much) as men do. They share their troubles and concerns.

One of the big problems most of us face is being defined by others. Often, when we meet, we exchange credentials. In casual encounters, women are far more apt to greet each other with a small compliment than a business card. Pay that little compliment. Say or do something nice for the other person. As Betty Ann Lynn, recently deceased past Fantasia Fair leader used to say, "Its the many little kindnesses that make a lady."

Remember we come from all walks of life. Some of us have very real needs for privacy and guard it jealously. Please respect this privacy. Especially First Timers.

We do not need credentials here or checkable references. Realize that not every one is "out" nor is every one going full time. DO not try to convince others that your path is their path. Each of us needs to find our own gender path and choose our own destination. There is no "one way!"

What if....

It rarely happens in these days...but... What if some immature, insecure person confronts you or teases you in an attempt to provoke a reaction? Do not be alarmed and do not lose your temper. Keep calm, ignore them, and go about your own business. Do not verbally or physically strike back at a heckler. Call for help...Notify the police - 911 - immediately. They will help you. Provide a description. Even heckling is a HATE CRIME in Provincetown.

If a tourist points, laughs or stares at you or the group you are with... just smile back at them! You have as much right as they do, so do not let their insecurity steal even a second of your joy of being in Provincetown.



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Travel to Provincetown

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By Car

From Boston: Take Rt. 3 south to Cape Cod. Cross the Sagamore Bridge to Rt. 6, and continue on 6 all the way to P'town. (NOTE: Don't be confused by Routes 6 East and West. These run next to the canal, and you should not use them.)

From The West: Take the Mass. Pike to I-495 South (at Westborough). Take I-495 to Rt. 25 South (just past Wareham). Get on Route 6 East and follow it to the Sagamore Bridge. Then follow Route 6 to Provincetown.

From The south: Take I-95 to Providence, then I-195 to Route 25 South (near Wareham). The super highway ends very quickly. Get on Route 6 East and follow it to the Sagamore Bridge. Then follow Route 6 to P'town.

By Plane

Fly to Logan Airport in Boston. Contact CAPE AIR for flight times and reservations to P'town. CAPE AIR is at the Logan Airport, Terminal A, near American Airlines. Their phone number CAPE AIR, Toll Free, 800-352-0714. CAPE AIR has limited flights to Provincetown, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. (See flight schedule on page 19') When you arrive at Provincetown, take a taxi to your Inn, or the Fair's HQ at the Pilgrim House

Allow at least 1 hour in Boston for changing planes to Cape Air.

The Bus

The Plymouth Boston Bus Company has connecting services from Logan Airport (Boston) to Provincetown. When you arrive at the Provincetown bus station, take a cab to your Inn or the Fair's HQ at the Pilgrim House. Contact the bus company for schedules and fares. 617-773-9401





By train (to Boston then take a bus)

Amtrack services Boston, and the train arrives at South Station. Trailways is located adjacent to the South Station Complex. Take a bus from Boston to Provincetown.

Getting to know your new "hometown."

For many of us who have been to the Fair before, Provincetown has become a special kind of "hometown," a place where we first remember being totally accepted as who we are. So we'd like you to know a little bit about your new hometown.

Provincetown, located inside the sheltering curl of Cape Cod, was the first landing of the Pilgrims on November 21, 1620. Shortly after landing, the Pilgrims gathered on the Mayflower and drew up the Mayflower Contract, which is considered to be a root document of our Constitution.

Growing to become a major fishing seaport by the mid 1800's Provincetown boasted over 50 wharfs jutting out into the bay. The white wood frame New England sea coast homes, built for the captains and crews of those tall ships, established the flavor of the town you will live in for a week.

Provincetown was discovered by imaginative explorers and has been inhabited from the beginning by people clearly focused on living as they wished. The town also has a storied heritage involving the visual, theatrical and written arts. Perhaps it is this history that has made Provincetown both a symbol and an embodiment of the respect for individual human rights. Its large gay population is active in all aspects of the municipality, and lives side-by-side with others in friendship and cooperation.

Over the years many of our friends from Provincetown have worked hard to make the Fair possible. Fantasia Fair has found a home in Provincetown, and we want you to share it with us and the remarkable, caring people of this wonderful place.

Your Automobile & Provincetown

Provincetown and the Commonwealth have no regulations concerning the manner of dress while operating a motor vehicle. If you choose to drive, carry legal identification, a valid driver's license, and obey all traffic laws. If you are stopped for an infraction, remain calm and show the officer your legal identification. This is not the time to pull out the \$5 fake ID. Treat the officer as a lady or gentleman and you will be treated as such. We do not have legal jurisdiction to enforce any parking privileges. The short term parking near the Hospitality Center is available only during Registration. Your lodging site should provide you with a parking space. There are five Public parking areas. The one on

Commercial Street (by the wharf) is lighted and patrolled by the police

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Your Hosts, the Innkeepers and Apartment Managers

Because Provincetown is the largest gay resort area in the U.S., it's safe to say that your hosts are likely to be gay. In most cases, they have invested their life savings in your inn to make it a personal showpiece and competitive in a community where quality is an important criterion. The Fair is post-seasonal for Provincetown and, in general, the innkeepers have "had it" with the in-season chaos. But your hosts have come to know us and enjoy us, and they look forward to our annual "migration."

Your House Hostess

One of your FanFair sisters will be a volunteer for your inn, serving as a liaison between you and the innkeeper, as well as the Fair staff. If you have questions or problems, she's the one to ask first. In addition, your housemother will have at least two late evening house parties—pajama parties, if you wish—so that you can let down your hair and really get to know your housemates... plus any visitors from other inns who might drop by. She will also distribute a daily newsletter, The FanFair Gazette.

Your Responsibilities as a Guest

• Treat the inn as your home, because it is your host's home. Although many hosts will help you move in, they are not bellhops. Share in the effort. Most Inns have houseboys.

• If there is a problem with your accommodations, tell your house hostess who will tell the innkeeper. Or she will put you in touch with the right Fair personnel, if necessary. We'll do all we can within our power to correct any situation.

• Please use paper towels, tissues or the washcloth we supply to remove makeup. Cosmetics and beard cover are particularly difficult to wash out of towels.

• Take the time to get to know the staff at your inn; they're great people, they know P'town, and they can help make your stay even more enjoyable.

• Remember to tip the house staff on your departure. A tip in the range of \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day is considered appropriate.



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How to Get the Most Out of Your Fair - Volunteer!

What we get out of any activity is enhanced by what we put into it. There are many opportunities to be part of what's happening at Fantasia Fair in a variety of ways. Below is a list of many of the possibilities. In case of duplications, we can double up on some but we will encourage you to have an alternate choice as well. You can sign up by using the volunteer form provided in your forthcoming confirmation kit or by contacting Janet Green, Dallas, or Alison.

Registration "go fers"; 1 or 2 hours helping at registration; task as required.

(may include escorting First Timers to their inns.)

Pickup Fair arrivals at the Provincetown Airport. Requires a vehicle.

Meet and escort VIPs, special guests. Requires a vehicle.

Assist in greeting at the Welcoming Buffet.

Act as a hostess at a luncheon seminar; take tickets, introduce speaker.

Assist in greeting, handling late arrivals and late registrations at the Coffee. (Monday 9:30 AM at the Flagship).

Kitchen helper, greeter/ticket collection at the Church Diversity Dinner.

Assist in cutup & cooking, set up, service and/or clean up.

Assist at Fashion Show (Tues.) back stage, ticket collections/ushering.

Outreach Institute Awards Banquet (Wed.); greeter/ticket collection.

Assist at FanFair Follies: (Thur.) back stage, ticket collections/ushering.

Assist at Fantasy Ball: (Fri.) planning, decorating, activities, ticket collections.

Greeter at Fantasia Fair Awards and Farewell Banquet (Sat).

Assistant House Mother (pick up and distribute news letters; help with House Parties.)

Office help at FanFair Headquarters.

Newsletter; reporter; production; delivery.

Assist sales at the book store and Elite Repeat Boutique.

Thank you for helping!

Brief History of Fantasia Fair

Fantasia Fair was conceived and created in 1974 by members of a social contact club called Cherrystones of Boston. "There is a tremendous need for crossdressers and transsexuals to learn about themselves in an open, socially tolerant environment," said Betsey Shaw, one of the founders. "We want to have a program that can help us grow in practical, social and educational ways," said Linda Franklin, another founder. So, over that year, discussions centered on where to have such a program, what would be included in it, and how it would be marketed to CDs, TVs and TSs throughout the United States.

Fantasia Fair 1 (1974) was held in Provincetown, Mass., because the town had a reputation for being tolerant of all visitors, regardless of their sex, gender orientation or roles. There were about 40 participants,

including one couple who came from California. The Fair got lots of support and help from cosmetic consultants who came from the Boston area, from two female impersonators who lived in Provincetown, and two doctors from the Cape area. Together with much support from local innkeepers, eateries and the newspaper, Fantasia Fair I became an "event to remember."

From this humble beginning, the next 24 Fairs evolved, each program building on the previous one, expanded or modified to incorporate the many facets of the complex social behaviors of the crossgender community. During this period, the Fair served as a model for other, similar events to evolve in other parts of the country. The "Be All. . ." weekend is an example of a direct descendant of the Fair.

The Fair is basically a holiday experience for the crossdresser/crossgender community. It is a mix of practical, social and educational opportunities designed to help in the personal growth and heightened awareness of one's "femme" persona. Included in this smorgasbord of activities are the beauty program seminars and workshops, cocktail parties, awards banquets, a fashion show, and our own special talent show.

The financing of the first Fair came from personal loans of some Cherrystone members. This, plus the fees charged for participation, provided the basis for market-

ing and developing the programs. It continues to serve as the means by which Fantasia Fair happens. Over the years, we have relied on the generosity of Fair administrators, individual participants and professional health care-givers to financially support both this and other Outreach Institute programs. It is our firm belief that we need to provide broad based educational programs not just for our community, but also to the helping professionals who work with us. These include M.D.s, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, nurses, judges and the military.

The Outreach Institute of Gender Studies is committed to programs which broaden understanding of our community, offer resources to Health Care Professionals, further personal growth of individuals facing gender related issues and inform the public of the diversity of gender. The current organization is nonprofit with all proceeds dedicated to supporting the above goals.

Over the past 24 years, the Institute has "pushed back the frontiers of ignorance and bigotry" by representing our gender concerns to important professional organizations such as the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Association for Humanistic Psychology, and the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists. Fantasia Fair and the Outreach Institute stand proud of their small, but important, achievements.



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Awards Programs

There are two Awards Banquets during the Fair. The Outreach Awards are presented to those who have helped in the process of broadening the base of understanding of crossdressing/crossgender behaviors and lifestyles, by giving of their time, energy, creative spirit and commitment.

The FanFair awards are presented to those who have contributed to the success of the Fair. Four of these awards are chosen by secret ballot from all the participants.

Ms. Congeniality

Goes to the participant who was the most open, outgoing, easy to talk with, make friends, and gave a "sparkle" to the group. This is the Florence Jardine Award in honor of Florence Jardine, who gave her life so that others may live.

Ms. Best Dressed

Goes to the participant who showed good taste in style and manner of dress and did it in an authentic and consistent feminine manner.

Ms. Cinderella

Goes to a first year participant who really came out and let her femme personality blossom as the week went on.

Ms. Femininity

Goes to the participant who best exemplifies the feminine image in comportment and deportment and most successfully expressed herself as "sister" throughout the week.

Ms. Helpful

Goes to the participant who really came out to serve her sisters and the Fair as a nurturing and helpful individual.

Ms. Fantasia Fair

Goes to the individual who has shown, by active participation and service over several Fairs, that sheexemplifies the best qualities of a woman and a Fair Participant.

Dast Award Recipients The Outreach Award

1979	Betty Ann Lind
1980	Sharon Hess
1981	Elizabeth T. Shaw
1982	Rachia Heyelman & Stan Sorrentino
1983	Charlotte Matta & Robert C. Harrison
1985	Jane Peabody
1986	Sheila Kirk
1987	Paula Neilson
1988	Naomi Owen
1989	Virginia Prince
1990	Marilyn Frank

Beginning in 1991, multiple awards were made in different categories:

Group I

- 1991 Barbara Taylor
- 1991 Louise Peabody
- 1991 Flo North
- 1991 Dotty Laing
- 1991 Neila Miller

Group 2

1991 Merissa Sherrill Lynn 1991 JoAnn Roberts, Ph.D.

Group 3

1991 Yvonne Cook

- 1991 Wendi Kaiser
- 1992 Sterling Stowell
- 1992 Nancy Cole
- 1992 Richard Doctor, Ph.D.
- 1993 Eugene Schrang, M.D.
- 1993 Mariette Pathy Allen
- 1994 Joan Sheldon
- 1994 Sandra Cole, Ph.D.
- 1994 Norma B. Kane
- 1995 Judy Osborne
- 1996 Leslie Feinberg
- 1997 Weslee Avery

Past Award Recipients

Ms. Cinderella

1975	Denise Reinecke
1976	Mary Ellen Dowrick
1977	Jackie Hanifin
1978	Dorothy Shab
1979	Sharon Hess
1980	Heidi Hylands
1981	Wendy Parker
1982	Priscilla Greene
1983	Sherry Marlowe
1984	Stephanie Kingsley
1985	Valerie Parker
1986	Kay Metsger
1987	Elaine Huang
1988	Megan Hathorn
1989	Gloria Rothchild
1990	Alison Hine
1991	Alycia Davis
1992	Bonnie Allen
1993	Jennifer Baks
1994	Pam Geddes
1995	Mellissa Miller
1996	Kayla Gunns
1997	Jennifer Jones

The Florence Jardine Ms. Congeniality Award

1975	Florence Jardine
1976	Alice Millard
1977	Michelle Ann Bolis
1978	Sandy Eisenbraun
1979	Kathleen Karter
1980	Naomi Owen
1981	Naomi Owen
1982	Eve Burchert
1983	Linda Walker
1984	Lisa Beal
1985	Jenny Stevens
1986	Alison Laing
1987	Cheryl Ann Johnson
1988	Geri Lee
1989	Cindy Pearlman
1990	Jane Mulvena
1991	Maureen Taylor
1992	Judy Osborne
1993	Jamie Stowell
1994	Vicki Chesebro
1995	Kerri Reeder
1996	Pamela Geddes
1997	Miqqi Gilbert

1975 No Recipient 197 1976 No Recipient 197 1977 Sharon Rueth 197

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Ms. Femininity

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1977	Sharon Rueth		197
1978	Holly Leather		197
1979	Bobbie Bodhan		197
1980	Elaine Willey		198
1981	Jane Hoffman		198
1982	Sandy Machin		198
1983	Kristie Ferreira		198
1984	Pam Van Buren		198
1985	Iris Hanna		198
1986	Jennifer Broadbent		198
1987	Kay Metsger		198
1988	Tamarac Delarosa		198
1989	Christine Howie		198
1990	Tracy Ryan		199
1991	Laura Skaer		199
1992	Nancy Nangeroni		199
1993	Dale Benedict		199
1994	Kali Havican		199
1995	Robin Cowart		199
1996	Lindsey Smith		199
1997	Diane Sutton		199

Past Award Recipients

Ms. Best Dressed

1975 Elanda Merz 1976 Kathy Guerin 1977 Angela Stuber 1978 Patricia Wells 1979 Michelle Williams Michelle Williams 1980 Michelle Green 1981 1982 Anne Macadam 1983 Laura Karchuta **Eve Burchert** 1984 Mara Guzman 1985 1986 **Gladys Fernandez** 1987 Jennifer Broadbent Sheila Kirk 1988 Michelle Green 1989 1990 Angela Ochoa 1991 Angela Ochoa 1992 Anne Leslie Leanette Grosso 1993 1994 Angela Ochoa 1995 Georgette Coulson **Janet Williams** 1996 1997 Rhonda Medina

Ms. Most Helpful

1975	Brandy Alexander
1976	No Recipient
1977	No Recipient
1978	Merissa Sherrill Lynn
1979	Maxine McDonald
1980	Jenny Charvat
1981	Delores Carter
1982	Dede Jones
1983	Elayne Coyle
1984	Sheila Kirk
1985	Charlene Byrd
1986	Gerri Lee
1987	Linda Walker
1988	Cheryl Thompson
1989	Emily Sheldon
1990	Alexandria Irving
1991	Helen Garfinkle
1992	Kerri Reeder
1993	Anne Forrester
1994	Joanne White
1995	Janet Green
1996	Brenda Viola

Jayne Robinson

1997

Ms. Fantasia Fair

1975	No Recipient
1976	No Recipient
1977	Winnie Brant
1978	Jackie Hanifin
1979	Julia Lafaye
1980	Betty Ann Lind
1981	Francis Gibson
1982	Janna Page
1983	Naomi Owen
1984	Paula Neilson
1985	Eve Burchert
1986	Ramona Miller
1987	Maureen Taylor
1988	Penny North
1989	Laura Caldwell
1990	Sheila Kirk
1991	Barbara Cragg
1992	Alison Laing
1993	Christine Howey
1994	Andrea Susan
1995	Cindy Pearlman
1004	Jamia Stowall

- 1996 Jamie Stowell
- 1997 Judy Osborne



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Yes, there **is** a place for us and it's not...somewhere over the rainbow, but in a wondrous town nestled between the beeches and dunes on the shores of the Atlantic and the charming waters of Cape Cod Bay. It is a place where closets and labels are for clothes, and diversity is not just tolerated or accepted, but embraced and celebrated! Provincetown is a place were we are greeted with open arms and hearts, a place where we are encouraged to come as we are and dare to be who we want to be.

No hotel or resort can offers the venue as good as the whole town of Provincetown for an event like Fantasia Fair. With 23 years of successful events to build on, Fantasia Fair, held every October, is without a doubt the very best opportunity to make a quantum leap in our journey of personal growth and have the time of our lives as well.

There are dozens of programs, workshops and seminars; special events every evening. But the precious moments come from late night talks with a new friend, or, the revealing discussion at lunch with a nationally known gender specialist, or getting to know the clerk at a special shop. You may also find that a walk on the beach, or a visit to a gallery alone, may give you time to consolidate your emotions.

Like a festive buffet dinner, there will be so much to chose from, in this all too short week. Take care to balance your plate to meet all you different needs in education, relaxation, recreation and reflection.

Let me invite you and welcome you to warm your heart, soothe your soul, sharpen your mind and tickle your funny bone. Have the time of your life at this special place for us, Fantasia Fair 1998 in Provincetown, Cape Cod, Massachusetts! With caring love to you all-

Alison Laing, Director, Fantasia Fair 1998

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